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Correspondent: **MR. M. R. NAIDU**

Subject/Description: **THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM GREETING AND THE
LOVELY FLOWERS WHEN I ARRIVED AT ACHARYA N.G.
RANGA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY. PHOTOS ALSO
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THE WHITE HOUSE

March 22, 2006

Mr. M. R. Naidu
Dean of Student Affairs
Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University
Hyderabad
India

Dear Professor Naidu,

Thank you for your warm greeting and the lovely flowers when I arrived at Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University. I appreciate your hospitality, as well as your good company during my visit.

The performance by the National Service Scheme students was delightful. Please tell them how much I enjoyed their welcoming song. The tambourine they presented will always remind me of this special occasion.

I am glad we met, and I am grateful to you for hosting the Freedom Foundation event.

With best wishes,

Laura Bush

Encl: Flowers Photos

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Mr. M. R. Naidu
Dean of Student Affairs
Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University
c/o Beth Hogan
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**EVENT CLOSURE
HIV/AIDS EVENT
Agricultural University Briefing
Freedom Foundation Event
Friday, March 3, 2006
10:35 am – 11:35 am
Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University
Hyderabad, India
Lindsey Lineweaver**

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“Dear Professor Naidu,”
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Dr. Troy Cunningham, Manager, Projects, Freedom Foundation- activity moderator After Mrs. Bush’s briefing, she was able to see the positive effects of Freedom Foundation firsthand when 17, 9-12 year old HIV positive students shared their drawings with Mrs. Bush of their own support networks. They drew pictures that were symbolic of the significant people and things in their daily lives that help them cope with HIV. At the end of the activity, the students presented Mrs. Bush with a framed picture of one of their drawings and a white scarf trimmed in the symbolic HIV red ribbons. Please thank Dr. Cunningham for moderating the activity and for his dedication to children with HIV through the Freedom Foundation and please thank the children via Dr. Cunningham for the lovely painting and the special scarf.

“Dear Dr. Cunningham,”

Dr. Troy Cunningham
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Ms. Chandana Mairipally, Project Manger, Freedom Foundation – discussion moderator

After the activity with the children sharing their drawings, Mrs. Bush participated in a roundtable with women living with HIV. The women told their personal stories and how they contracted the disease and how they are now lived purpose filled lives with the disease. Most of the ladies lost their husbands to the disease and are supporting their children as single parents. With so many obstacles in their lives, they held their heads hi and seemed so hopeful and were candid and forthcoming with Mrs. Bush about their stories. At the end of the discussion the women presented Mrs. Bush with a handmade bed cover and pillow cases. Please thank Ms. Mairipally for moderating the discussion and for her hard work with Freedom Foundation and please thank the ladies via Ms. Mairipally for the lovely bed cover and pillow cases.

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PURPOSE

To highlight the Administration's commitment to HIV/AIDS by visiting a prevention and treatment facility funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

MESSAGE

- Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the people of the United States support treatment for over 400,000 men, women, and children in more than 120 nations around the world.
- In 2005, the United States provided \$43 million in HIV/AIDS assistance to India. This funding supports prevention, care and treatment programs for people affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as research to help one day end the disease. Last year the Emergency Plan supported treatment for 2,150 people in India, and we expect to help more than 21,000 people in India this year.
- The United States will continue to work with India, and with other countries, to help overcome the stigma of HIV/AIDS and give hope to people living with the disease.

PRESS PLAN

Pool Press – Performance

Pool Press – Visit with Children

Pool at Top (Writers Remain) – Informal Discussion

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:35 am MRS. BUSH arrives Acharya N.G. Ranga Agriculture University Auditorium and proceeds to Rabing Hall.

Met by: Professor M.R. Naidu [Nie-doo], *Dean of Student Affairs, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University*
Ms. Dabbiru [Dab-ee-roo] Swathi [Swa-tee] “Dabbiru,” *Student and National Service Scheme (NSS) Leader*
Dr. I.V. Subba Rao, IAS, *Principal Secretary, Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh*

Note: Professor M.R. Naidu will present MRS. BUSH with flowers on arrival.

Note: On arrival MRS. BUSH will be greeted by Freedom Foundation child participants. The seven child participants will sing a welcome song, *We Shall Overcome*, to MRS. BUSH.

Marshall, Misty C.

From: Lineweaver, Lindsey M.
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 12:27 PM
To: Marshall, Misty C.
Subject: RE: India Event Closures

male! thanks!

From: Marshall, Misty C.
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from Ag Univ Briefing info -- Is Professor M.R. Naidu a male or female?

From: Lineweaver, Lindsey M.
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 10:22 AM
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MM, do you think these might be able to move close to the top of your priority list?? sorry to be a pest!

From: Brakebill, Elizabeth B.
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Thanks!