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Bill Clinton  
Governor

April 23, 1986

Woodson Walker, Chairman  
Board of Correction  
#1 Union National Bank Plaza  
Suite 990  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Woodson:

I am deeply concerned that now for a second time in recent weeks the State Medical Examiner has during the autopsy process of deceased inmates discovered undiagnosed, active cases of tuberculosis.

I strongly urge the Board of Correction to direct the consulting firm hired to assess health care in the Department to review the routine process for tuberculosis screening and treatment in the inmate population and make recommendations for improvement as needed.

Further, I have asked Dr. Saltzman, Director of the Arkansas Department of Health, to contact appropriate personnel in the Department of Correction to discuss any immediate steps to be taken for the protection of the current population.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

GRO-C

Bill Clinton

BC:km

cc: Ben Saltzman, M.D.



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May 16, 1986

Woodson Walker, Chairman  
Board of Correction  
#1 Union National Bank Plaza  
Suite 990  
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RE: Governor's Correspondence, 23 April 86

Chairman Walker:

I am in receipt of a copy of the above referenced correspondence. Governor Clinton expresses concern over recent autopsy findings compiled by the State's Medical Examiner. Specific subject matter addressed deals with, "... undiagnosed, active cases of tuberculosis."

Incidental to these cases being referred to Dr. Kalmanoff's group, I requested Mr. J. Byus, Administrator Medical Services, to look into the matter and advise me of the particulars. The following denotes these findings:

1. It is our opinion that Governor Clinton may have been referring to deceased inmates GRO-A, and GRO-A. At the time of his correspondence these two cases were the most recent deaths.
2. Inmate GRO-A had a well documented pulmonary disease history, including multiple episodes of TB evaluation and subsequent treatment for histoplasmosis, a similar disease process. Inmate GRO-A was not, however, receiving TB related therapy at the time of his death.
3. There is no record of inmate GRO-A ever demonstrating TB or TB related symptomatology. The autopsy findings of this inmates lungs did not identify 'disease' process; simply granular areas which indicates contact at some time with the TB organism.
4. Both these cases were evaluated and monitored in accordance with procedures established by the State Health Department, under the direct auspices of Dr. Wm. Stead, Director, Communicable Diseases Division.

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Mr. Chairman, we take TB serious and for that reason have long maintained the direct relationship with Health Department specialists. Nothing involved in these cases indicates that this philosophy was not adhered to by all concerned.

Sincerely,

GRO-C

A. L. Lockhart  
Director

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cc: Governor Bill Clinton  
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June 18, 1984

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Dr. F. M. Henderson  
Health Management Associates  
120 S. Walnut  
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

RE: HMA Business

Dear Dr. Henderson:

After you did not arrive in time for the meeting with Mr. Byus and I, and due to previous tardiness in attending such meetings, I feel any regularly scheduled meetings will be a waste of my time and of Mr. Byus' time. I think it will be more appropriate for me to document problems that Corrections is encountering related to HMA services and provide everyone concerned with a copy of those problems and/or concerns. Cases of emergency nature may require a planned meeting and if such a meeting is scheduled I would hope that all parties would be able to arrange their schedule to begin such a meeting promptly on time.

I clearly understand that we all have emergency situations that require our time to be taken for things other than what it is scheduled for. I would suggest we work to make that an exception rather than the rule.

Also, in response to your request for female employees within the confines of the ADC units you requested in your letter, due to the numerous problems that would be encountered I am hereby denying that request.

Sincerely,

GRO-C

A. L. Lockhart  
Director

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cc: John Byus

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