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Dear Mark

I enclose the manuscript of a booklet, *Introducing AZT*, which I intend publishing shortly. It very fairly gives both sides of the story, as you'll see, by liberally quoting, inter alia, our country's most prominent AIDS experts and activists, alongside excerpts from the medical and scientific press. That includes you uttering a reassuring declamation on CNN for all the world to see. This may be unfair because at the time you spoke not all the horrible contradictory research findings that I cite had been published. If you've changed your mind in the light of them, let me know, and I'll delete the stale quotation.

The foetal and neonatal toxicity of AZT, and its dreadful consequences, is a subject treated in close detail in my letters to the MCC about this. You can find them in the compendium, *Poisoning our Children: AZT and nevirapine in pregnancy*, online on our website. Things get specific from the sixth letter on. Having regard to your own tragedies, I imagine you are likely to be deeply concerned.

Sincerely

ANTHONY BRINK

The **Treatment Information Group** is a public interest initiative to promote *research-based* debate of antiretroviral drug policy, alternative non-toxic treatment approaches to AIDS, and HIV testing issues in South Africa. The TIG has entered into a strategic alliance with the **Dr. Rath Health Foundation Africa** to achieve this.

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Propaganda is to democracies what violence is to dictatorships.
Noam Chomsky