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Dear Sirs, I am a post-graduate student doing my thesis on AIDS as well as several other African diseases. I am an avid fan of C-SPAN - it's a great show. I understand from my research that the green monkey from whom people caught the AIDS virus is a reservoir of disease. The green monkey also harbors Ebola Valley fever. Lassa fever is also a problem in Africa. Could you please send me whatever information you may have on Lassa fever and Ebola Valley fever? Also could you send me any available figures on the dead, full-blown AIDS cases and total number of infected and projected rate of spread of AIDS in Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Haiti, The Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Canada, Ireland, Italy, France, Great Britain, Kenya, Tanzania & Mozambique.

Finally on July 20, 1991 the Associated Press released the following information in an article in the New York Times - Disease Kills 600 in Nigeria - Lagos, Nigeria July 20 (AP). An unidentified disease that is fatal in six days has killed about 600 people in southeastern Nigeria and prompted thousands of others to flee, doctors and community leaders say. The disease is "characterized by fever, general body pain, jaundice, vomiting of blood, restlessness, inability to pass urine and coma followed by death," Dr. Samuel Idiagbe told reporters on Friday. Some towns in Bendel state, including Mbiri, Igbedo, and Emuhi are recording about six deaths a day from the disease said Dr. Idiagbe medical director of Anioma Hospital in Agbor - Do you at C-SPAN have any information (over)

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on this disease? - What is it? Is it a sexually transmitted or airborne virus or something else? Is this disease something new and is it viewed as a threat to kill millions of Nigerians and later millions of Americans? Please check into this for me and send me whatever information you have on this disease.

I'm deeply appreciative of any information or assistance you can give me in the areas I have discussed. Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Do you have any information as to whether the AIDS virus mutates more or less frequently than the influenza virus? How many AIDS strains are there worldwide?

Thank you.

Also I'd like to know how many people contracted AIDS from blood transfusions, bone marrow transplants, organ transplants AND sperm banks in the U.S. In addition researchers recently found the AIDS virus resides AND multiplies in areas of the mouth - what information do you have on this? - Can kissing or oral sex be a mode of transmission for the AIDS virus?