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Memorandum

To Marvin Kalb

From [REDACTED]

Re C-Span appearance

Dear Mr. Kalb,

I, too, cast my first vote for Adlai Stevenson. Now you know my age and my ² political affiliation. Thank you for defending Democrats today on C-Span's Washington Journal. You did it with substance ~~and~~ and dignity which was unlike the opponent's ugly hyperbole.

Observations:

1. Values I was glad to hear you assert that liberals have family values. Indeed we do. We're just not self-righteous about them. I read last week that the late Commerce Secretary said the finest family value a man could have was a job. Is there a better one? We don't revel in peering into people's bedrooms.

2. Drawing erroneous conclusions - Regarding Bob Jaw's shameful description of the President's demeanor at Arlington Cemetery (Brown interment)
Since I am retired, I ~~or~~ read a lot

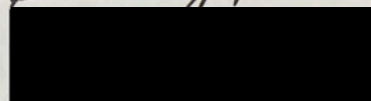
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and watch a lot of television. I saw the live coverage of the Arlington ceremony and have seen clip reruns 4 or 5 times. My initial impression was (and still is) the President was fighting hard to keep back the tears. He was visibly moved when the 33 flag-draped coffins arrived at Dover AFBase and at National Cathedral a week later when he gave a eulogy for ^{his} Cabinet member. In the meantime he and the First Lady had made a trip to Oklahoma City to commemorate the memory of fallen bomb victims. It had been a wrenching week.

To claim the President was playing to the cameras was a despicable presumption on the part of Mr. Law. Anyone who has ever grieved can tell the difference between real and fake tears. I hope NBC takes him to task.

I cried freely last week. Wouldn't he surprised if you did also, Mr. Kelb.

Sincerely,



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