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Mr. Brian Lamb  
Chairman, C-Span  
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Washington, D.C. 40001

Dear Brian Lamb:

About two months ago, finally, my building was wired for cable. My life has been made richer as a result, mostly because of C-Span One and C-Span Two. I am a busy political junkie and watch with fascination these two channels, especially addresses before the National Press Club, Congress in session, the British Parliament and The Road to the White House series, among other excellent programs on your two channels.

I am becoming more disenchanted with the major print and TV journalists, as increasingly they seem to have been co-opted by the government. As just one example among endless others I could cite, in my humble opinion it was inexcusable during the U.N.-Iraq-U.S. hostilities not to caption certain TV footage as being censored by the U.S. government, as was the case with footage by Peter Arnett on Ted Turner's channel, which was captioned as "censored by the Iraqi government."

It is most useful for you to supply the addresses of key people and organizations along with your footage. I wrote to a number of those you interviewed and, as a result, have a busy correspondence with some of them.

In my opinion Jefferson would turn in his grave if he could see how increasingly constricted the major American print and electronic media have become. Then he would mutter, as I have many times, "Thank God for C-Span."

Enclosed are a few pieces you may find of interest.

With best regards,

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Executive Director

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Mr. Steven Scully  
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Steve Scully,

After we spoke on the phone a while back, I mailed you a copy of the letter I sent to key Democratic leaders protesting the turn to nationalism by some Democratic Party leaders.

The reason for contacting you now is to make a suggestion, hoping I am not pressing my luck.

That suggestion is that C-Span cover a portion of the humongous environmental convocation being held in the District next weekend. The conference is sponsored by about 100 national organizations and likely will have over one thousand attending. The hope is that C-Span would cover a small portion of the events. That small portion would be Friday night, February 7, 8:15 to about 10:15, in the Grand Ballroom of the J.W. Marriot Hotel, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Then the heavy hitters will speak. Among other things they will tell of the significance of what many consider the bravest, most comprehensive and most authoritative plan for peace presented in recent decades, namely the Stockholm Initiative. The speakers Friday night include former Presidential candidate John Anderson, La Donna Harris who ran for Vice President, Brad Morse, the former head of the U.N. Development Program, and Stephen Lewis, formerly the Canadian Ambassador to the U.N. and usually a stunning stemwinder. Also speaking will be Chief Leon Shenadoan, head of the six nation Iroquois Federation.

If C-Span could not cover this two-hour engagement, an alternative would be to cover the address Saturday, February 8, 8:30 a.m., at the Marriot by Professor Louis Sohn. Many, myself included, consider Professor Sohn the leading authority in the world on the structural requirements for world peace. He will be speaking on the need to establish a special international court to handle disputes over polluting the planet.

Should you have questions about the speakers mentioned, you might call Joan McKinney, the Convocation coordinator in Washington at 833-9585.

For a safer, saner world,

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Executive Director

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German Information Center

Willy Brandt—convenor of the Stockholm Initiative

## Global Governance Gets Big Boost From Key World Leaders

The movement for a governed globe may have received its greatest boost in four decades this year from 36 respected world leaders. In the Stockholm Initiative of April 22, they did not mince their words. In one of 28 specific recommendations they declared:

"We propose that a World Summit on Global Governance be called, similar to the meetings in San Francisco and Bretton Woods in the 1940's."

Among the global statespeople explicitly calling for a governed globe are: Jimmy Carter, Edward Shevardnadze, Willy Brandt, Robert McNamara, Vaclav Havel, Edward Heath, Benazir Bhutto and Gro Harlem Brundtland.

Significantly, a large proportion of the signers of the initiative are incumbents, such as Havel, the President of Czechoslovakia, Patricio Aylwin Azocar, the President of Chile, and Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister of Sweden. Their recommendations probably constitute the bravest, most comprehensive and most authoritative plans ever advanced for the survival of the planet. They touch virtually all major areas of global concern, including population, development, environment, human rights, empowerment of the U.N. and global governance. (See page 3 for selected highlights of the initiative.)

Some may ask why they are just now learning of this momentous development. The reason is related to journalistic somnambulism. Two back-to-back, widely publicized press conferences in New York on May 10 and 11 by Willy Brandt and Sir Shridath Ramphal informed the media of the Stockholm Initiative. Although the key Euro-

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## Stockholm Initiative (continued from page one)

pean papers reported on it, to our knowledge only one U.S. national medium, namely *The Christian Science Monitor* of May 28, devoted coverage to it, but carefully avoided mention of the call for global governance.

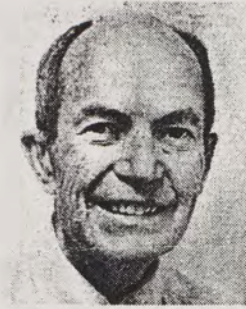
During the 1980's there were four important independent commissions—the North-South Commission (the Brandt Commission), the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues (the Palme Commission), the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Brundtland Commission) and the South Commission (the Nyerere Commission). In early 1990 Willy Brandt assembled members of his commission along with representatives from the other three commissions for a meeting at Konigswinter, outside Bonn. The purpose was to review the 1980's and outline prospects for the 1990's. They agreed that coordinated multilateral actions were needed. As a result three people were asked to form a working group—Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson, Sir Shridath Ramphal of Guyana, British Commonwealth Secretary 1975-90, and Jan Pronk, The Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation. Their assignment was "to make an assessment of the new opportunities and to suggest major areas for multilateral action." The result was the Stockholm Initiative.

Of the 28 specific recommendations, about half relate directly to upgrading the U.N. or rationalizing its procedures and organizational structures. In the preface to the initiative it is noted regarding the invasion of Kuwait that the U.N. "was neither in a position to prevent the crisis nor to solve it in a peaceful manner." Also in the preface, the issue of sovereignty is confronted directly and courageously: "a system of security, on global and regional levels, must build on principles of sovereignty and universality. We need the vision of being one global neighborhood. That is the idea of international solidarity, without which humankind might not survive the next century."

One of many indications of the boldness of the signers of the Stockholm Initiative can be seen in the expanded view of U.N. peacekeeping, suggesting its scope be expanded to deal with gross violations of human rights and environmental catastrophes.

WFA is undertaking efforts to publicize the Stockholm Initiative through chapter activity, initiatives by members, and contacts with members of Congress and national organizations.





**PHIL DUFF**  
EX-EDITOR

## What's wrong with Democrats?

Nationally speaking, what's the matter with Democrats?

A friend of mine — a very high-minded fellow who is both a Washington lobbyist and a practicing Democrat himself — answers this question with a memo that he has mailed this fall to America's leading Democrats; that is, to the party's topmost leaders like Speaker Tom Foley and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and the men seeking the party's nomination for president in 1992: Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas, Gov. Doug Wilder of Virginia, ex-Gov. Jerry Brown of California, etc.

My friend, who speaks with a lot of authoritative, "inside" knowledge, complains of four Democratic shortcomings, to wit:

1) **FREE TRADE** — "Of late, it seems that many Democrats in office, and possibly most of them, favor protectionism. Worse yet, some of these protectionist views are presented with hints of racial or ethnic prejudice.

"Some key Democrats have in effect been warning that the Japanese are coming. Such warnings are related to the Japanese purchasing various assets in the U.S.

"It turns out, however, that the British own more U.S. assets than

the Japanese, and the Dutch own about as much as the Japanese. Are key Democrats warning that the British or Dutch are coming? No they are not. Possibly, the Brits and the Dutch are not warned about because in the main they are white and western.

"Or possibly some key Democrats resent the fact that the Japanese are efficient, well educated, and hard working. If so, a better response would be to emulate these fine traits rather than to be threatened by them."

The unlamented Smoot-Hawley tariff of very early in the 1930s, my friend adds, is credited with bringing on the world-wide depression. If there's one thing economists generally agree upon, it's that free trade is good for everybody — good economically and good culturally, in promoting world peace.

2) **FUNDING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS** — Despite control of Congress, Democrats have been busy "zapping" both the United Nations and the Organization of American States outrageously. "The U.S. is the number one deadbeat to both the U.N. and the OAS, although contributions to their regular budgets represent legal treaty obligations..."

Republicans are also guilty of similar "financial irresponsibility," my friend adds, but "the above illustrates one of my problems with the Democratic Party. I strongly believe in internationalism in our increasingly interdependent world..."

3) **INTERNATIONAL LAW** — "As an internationalist, I favor full U.S. support of international law. When Pres. Reagan withdrew U.S. participation in the International Court of Justice, there was little opposition from the Democratic Party.

"Indeed, there is evidence that Republicans in Congress are taking the initiative in promoting international law. GOP Cong. Jim Leach and Republican Sens. Grassley and

Specter are probably the three members of Congress who most strongly and effectively promote international law..."

4) **SCANDALS IN PURCHASE OF WEAPONS** — "I am an Army veteran, and... I want a lean, mean defense posture. Our nation has had the opposite. Our defense posture has been extravagant, inefficient, wasteful, and remains an open scandal.

"I recall one Democratic senator who had gumption enough to end a similar scandal in his time: Sen. Harry S. Truman from Missouri..."

"I ask you, who today in Congress has the courage to point out that the U.S. taxpayer gets only about 30 cents on the dollar on defense expenditures? Probably Republican Sen. Charles Grassley is the most outspoken in this regard..."

"I don't know of one Democrat — there must be a few — who is strongly and courageously outspoken on the present, continuing scandal in defense procurement..."

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From any internationalist standpoint, my friend's indictment of his fellow Democrats above should be enough. Of course, he's not easy on Republicans, either, as two quotations from his report in another context will show.

"ITEM: In Congress, Democrats vote overwhelmingly in favor of foreign aid and Republicans overwhelmingly against it..."

"ITEM:irate citizens and peeved members of Congress may force the President to make his four appointments to the U.S. Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the U.N. Thirty-five House members wrote the secretary of state on May 20 asking why the President was not obeying the law.

"Three months later, on August 22, the White House responded with a curt letter from Chase Untermeyer observing, 'Your suggestion will be taken into account when we decide this matter...'..."