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Dear Brian,

Regarding Richard Norton Smith;  
Like many Americans, I have become addicted to C-span.  
I like some of the programs, and could do without others.

I enjoyed Richard Norton Smith's interview right up until he said Thomas Jefferson was a Republican. I couldn't hear the rest of the program for all of the racket from Democrats turning over in their graves at that remark.

Washington was really non partisan although he leaned towards Federalism, as opposed to the Democratic Republican party founded by Thomas Jefferson. The Federalists became unpopular because of their aristocratic views, and later became the Whigs. The Whig party also lost favor with the voters because of their support of extreme wealth. They then adopted the name Republican in the time of Abe Lincoln, who was the first Republican president. The Democrats not wanting to identify with the Federalist-Whig element, conveniently for that group, dropped the term "Republican" from their name.

If you want to interview somebody who really knows the subject, call Dr. W. Cleon Skousen of Salt Lake City. Dr. Skousen is now near 80, and still a prolific writer of best sellers, some of which are in the field of religion.

Dr. Skousen is one of those humble geniuses who doesn't let money interfere with his work. He is a Republican, but intellectually totally honest.

He is a former FBI executive under J. Edgar Hoover, former chief of police of Salt Lake City, former university professor, founder of the institute for constitutional studies, and author of many books, including one on George Washington in which he was a co-author with Parry and Allison. The title of that volume is "The Real George Washington."

Some of his books, like "The Naked Communist", and The Naked Capitalist" were best sellers.

Skousen is such an expert on the constitution that he has lectured the congress on that subject, as they well need it. He was also called by Vaclev Havel, and other emerging East bloc countries to assist them in developing new constitutions of their own.

He is humorous, witty, and so full of information it seems impossible that he could fit another fact in his brain. He is truly a legend in his own time, and those of us who have the privilege of knowing him, love him dearly.



He is an expert on the Federal Reserve Bank, which has been increasingly under fire of late. He wrote an essay on that subject for his friend, Ronald Reagan, who promptly turned it over to those who do not want the Fed to be altered.

That perhaps would be a good subject for an interview these days. I guarantee you, if he consents to an interview, whatever the subject, it will be one of the best you ever do.

I personally lean towards the Democrats, although I am a member of the Independent Voter's Party of Massachusetts, which [REDACTED] and now directs.

Inclosed is a xerox of two photos, one of me with Skousen, and another with the man who would have made a much better president than Bush. I am the bearded one, although I have shed my beard now.

Skousen is one of those great men Emerson speaks of in his essay. He is not a world leader, but he well could have been, and at very least is a great teacher; indeed world class.

His address is;

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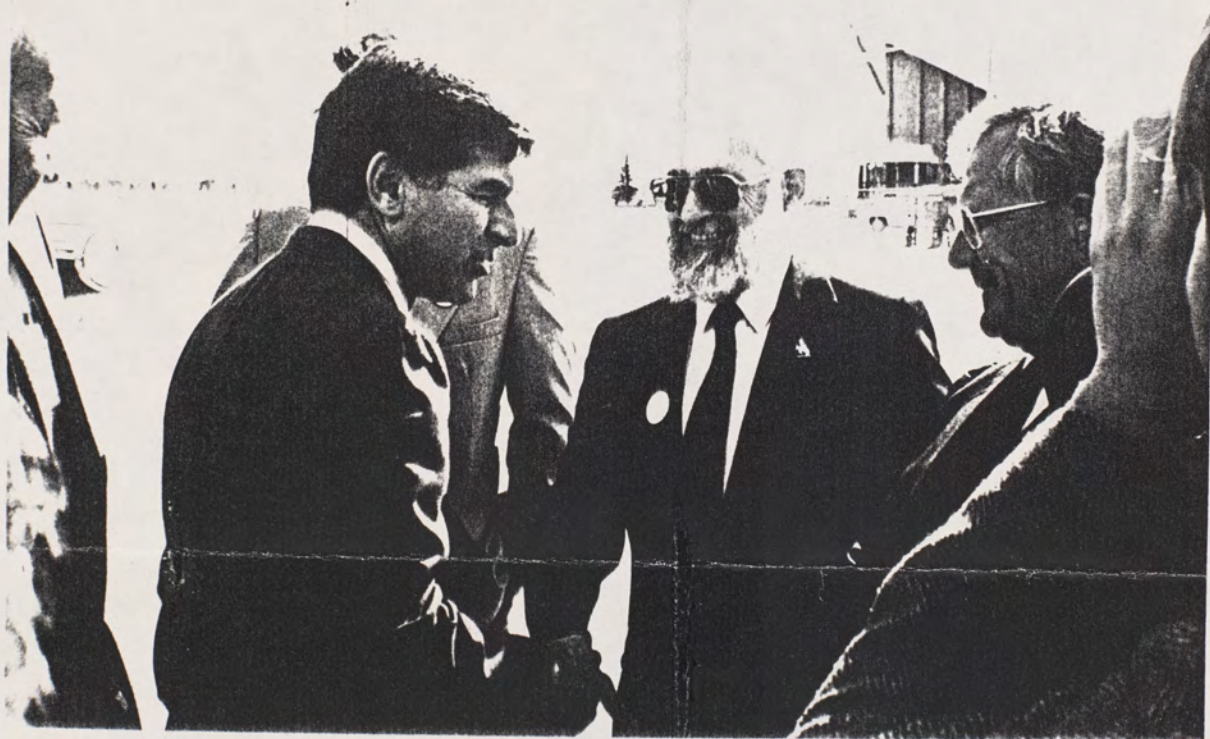
Telephone; [REDACTED]

He may not consent to an interview, but if he does, you and your audience will enjoy it.

Sincerely,

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