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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I purposely waited a week or so before writing you concerning your interview with historian Paul Jensen. Time, I thought would cool down my temper, at what I perceived was <sup>your</sup> downright hostility towards Mr. Jensen because of his conservative views.

Yes, people will read all 980 pages and, in my case, after a year or two, I'll go back and read it again and, in doing this, the reader will pick up a lot of data and insight that one misses the first time. I find Jensen's



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narrative style, much like Shelby  
Foote's, enlightening because your  
attention and concentration is not dis-  
tracted by a plethora of footnotes.  
And speaking of Shelby Foote, I've  
read and re-read all 2842 pages of  
his super-classic trilogy (I guess you'd  
call it that) The Civil War - a narrative,  
and treasured every minute, every page.

Historians, like all humans,  
are found to make mistakes, as you  
pointed out. I've also found mistakes  
in David M<sup>r</sup> Callaghan's great books



'Truman', published several years ago. One has to acknowledge that a writer, in accumulating and assimilating all this enormous volume of dates, names, places, quotes, data and information over a long time span, that errors are bound to be made.

But still I'm glad that you heard Mr. Johnson on Booknote even though you kept throwing verbal darts at him. Perhaps you were having a bad day or perhaps you didn't feel well. Anyway, we conservatives



P. C.

can overlook these things and I'll  
happily continue watching C. Spain and  
Boabnotee and All About Books, too,  
And yes, I too am a practicing Catholic,  
I admire Mr. Tom Sowell highly and  
I subscribe to American Spectator.

Sincerely yours,

