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Dear Brian:

Re: the 8:00 a.m. journalists call-in program you hosted this morning with guests Strobe Talbot & the fellow from Germany, one of those 2 mentioned something about his anticipating the onset of some sort of a world government. I wanted to call in to mention that Mortimer Adelman writes at length about his anticipation of world government & his projection as to a workable form that world government might take in his book Have with and Have not. I was not able to get through on the show, so I am writing you this letter (something I have wanted to do for some time) to complement you for the great job you do on

on C-SPAN with your various
interviews & to make some comments about
C-SPAN & some suggestions.

I appreciate & enjoy C-SPAN, but it
frustrates me due to my inability
to get through on the phone. C-SPAN,
while it has opened up Government
to the people & allows some people
in - out via the call in program,
it still tends to be superficial
as to the people's need for
in - depth discussion of the
issues. Just take the economy
for example! This must be one of
the most misunderstood issues of
all time. I believe that a key
factor behind the current on-
going recession (particularly in
California) was the pre-1986
tax reform unlimited mortgage
interest Federal tax deduction.
that item caused terrific demand
in the real estate industry
that drove housing costs thru
the roof & the high housing
costs affected even other areas
of the economy & led to the

Problem of homelessness & the
S&C crisis + the Congressional
pay raises.

C-SPAN could really do the
NATION a service if it could
provide a Forum for really
in-depth discussion of all
major issues with the opportunity
for people to write in, not
just call in. Ross Perot
seemed to be heading toward
that, until he got cold feet.
Incidentally, most if not all
journalists, were not listening,
or, if they were listening,
to Perot, they missed what
he actually said about his
electronic town hall meetings. It was
not going to be government by
electronic referendum, it was to be education
of the people who then would communicate
with their congress persons &
senators to get them to vote

in a way that would be in
the best interest of the country
as a whole. Conservatives are
tight & liberals are loose &
ideologies are emotional & the
truth gets lost in the midst
of the excess sound & fury. Since
Perot has apparently dropped
the ball on the Electronic
Town Hall, maybe C-SPAN
can pick up the ball.

What do you think?

Very truly yours,

