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DEAR MR LAMB,

I HAVE LIVED IN WINCHESTER, VA SINCE JUNE 1999 AFTER LIVING IN THE D.C. AREA FOR FIFTY YEARS PLUS. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A BIG C-SPAN FAN AND HAVE LONG ADMIRERD YOUR WORK.

SINCE COMING TO WINCHESTER I HAVE DONE MUCH RESEARCH CONCERNING THE TOWN'S HISTORY. ONE THING REALLY PUZZLES ME AND THAT IS THAT WHENEVER THERE IS A PROGRAM ON TV THAT DEALS WITH THE LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER IS VERY SELDOM EVEN MENTIONED. THIS TOWN AND THIS AREA HELPED SHAPE THE MAN'S LIFE. GEORGE WASHINGTON FIRST ARRIVED IN THIS TOWN WHEN HE WAS JUST SIXTEEN AS A YOUNG SURVEYOR FOR LORD FAIRFAX. HE LEARNED TO BE A COMMANDER OF TROOPS HERE AND AROUND WINCHESTER. HE BUILT A FORT HERE TO PROTECT THE TOWN FROM THE FRENCH AND INDIANS. HE OWNED PROPERTY IN TOWN. HE WAS ELECTED TO HIS FIRST POLITICAL OFFICE HERE IN WINCHESTER.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON SPENT A GOOD PART OF TEN YEARS HERE IN/AROUND WINCHESTER SO WHY DO YOU THINK THAT ALL THE HISTORIANS ONLY SPEAK OF MOUNT VERNON, FERRY FARM, POLK'S CREEK AND HARDLY EVER MENTION WINCHESTER? I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT BUT PERHAPS YOU DO.

ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS IS [REDACTED] WHO KNEW YOU WHEN YOU WERE A WHITE HOUSE MILITARY AIDE. [REDACTED] WORKED BETWEEN THE PENTAGON AND THE WHITE HOUSE AND ALWAYS HAD NICE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT YOU. WE HAD A SMALL GROUP WHO MET EACH MORNING IN ALEXANDRIA FOR COFFEE, [REDACTED] WAS A PART OF THE GROUP. HE JUST PURCHASED A CUSTOM BUILT COMPUTER AND IS LEARNING TO USE IT BUT KNOWING HIM AS I DO HE WILL SOON BE AN EXPERT IN COMPUTER OPERATION. HE SAID ONCE HE WOULD CALL YOU TO JUST SAY HELLO. HIS NUMBER IS [REDACTED]

ANY THOUGHTS ON THE WINCHESTER-WASHINGTON CONNECTION?

