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To the Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to agree with the quote from Hyattsville, Md. in the C-Span Update, Jan. 14th, page 7 under the column titled, "The Callers' Reaction. "Since the invasion of Panama, C-Span has not had anyone on who opposed the invasion". This is also true of the newspeople appearing on C-Span, which is exactly the reason I wrote a letter to Brian Lamb, including an ~~an~~ article written by George Reeves, nationally syndicated columnist, asking that Mr. Reeves be invited to appear on an interview or call-in show on C-Span.

The by-line was: "U.S. should be ashamed for Panama debacle - We have been reduced to the lowest denominator of international bullying." The main points of his article say: "He (Noriega) was our guy in May 1984 - on the payroll of the Central Intelligence Agency - when we joined him in stealing an election because neither of us liked the result, an apparent leftist populist victory by 82 year old former president of Panama, Arnulfo Arias Madrid."



The declared winner was Nicolas ~~Ardito~~<sup>Ar</sup> Barletta, "a rather distinguished young economist who was both student and assistant to a former University of Chicago professor named George Shults, who was then our secretary of state." Problem! Panamanians voted against Ardito Barletta- - so "Noriega ordered the ballot boxes seized and nine days later declared Barletta the winner by 1,713 votes. He was cheered on by the American Embassy in Panama City. Let's hear it for restoring democracy in Panama, one of the reasons for the invasion(my comment)!

Sincerely,

