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Happy New Year. I've written to you each individually & the letters seem to be passed around & on occasion I get a personal letter back. I don't call at SAM; not because I don't have a comment or question, but I don't like telephones much. I do write, not only to you people, but also to the people you interview.

I called once & got into the program in 30 seconds.

I've thought up a program for you. Like Spain, I grew up in S.E. Pennsylvania & was led to believe that no one but Philistines lived west of the Appalachians. I knew where the Appalachians were & are, but I also grew up in an a-religious if not anti-religious family, so knew nothing about Philistines.

In 1946 I was 17 years old & left the Quaker environment I grew up in & ended (that's a new word) up in Alaska. Not to worry I'm on track. In Alaska everyone is suspicious of anyone who lives ~~west~~ east of Washington State.

To get to the point - I live in WA & we're outlanders for everyone west of the the Appalachians & now to the point - "the Beltline," alas, the Beltline. Only Philistines live outside that concrete noose around Washington now.

Even on C-SPAN - people come on & imply, if not state, that only inside the Beltline is anyone aware.

In time; were 3 hours behind you; in thought 3 milliseconds.

Why do all (no, most) of the Senators & Rep. think that knowledge & wisdom exist only inside the Beltline? Alan Simpson & I disagree.

I wouldn't line inside the Beltline.
 I don't want, need, or tolerate that
 kind of spastic haste. But that
 doesn't deprive me of thought or
 knowledge. And if I have to get
 some of that at 0500 on C-SPAN, then
 I do. I'm 61 on disability retire-
 ment & 0500 is a good time for
 me. I seldom miss or call. I listen
 & occasionally, write, & rarely call.
 It has been well over a year since
 I called.

You do a commendable job &
 I listen a lot; esp. at 0500.

I hear our local PBS station
 in Seattle is covering up the net-
 work news by moving to 6: PM
 That will be interesting & I sus-
 pect won't last very long. McNeil
 Leher on top of Rather et. al..
 Someone's going to give.

I listen to a lot of news & as the
 graphs show, less is from networks.

First, network news is already 3 hours old when we get it. Same on CBC & CTV. "Canada AM" here 0630 - read in Toronto 3 hours earlier. I don't listen to those network variety programs in the AM that purport to be news. I was sorry to see Deborah Norville go from NBC "Sunrise News" to replace Jane Pauley. A step down (up to her I guess).

More & more I get my TV news from C-SPAN & CNN. No wonder the Sec. of State finds out what's on in the world through Turner. As I wrote about the coverage of the S.F. earthquake: ABC first because they were coming a baseball game; then CNN took over & never got caught. Same in Panama. ABC first; then CNN took it.

It's New Year's Day & I'm not about to put a car on the road, so I may as well natter off into other

things.

Do you have biographies of your personnel?

You often state the age, university qualifications & experience of your guests.

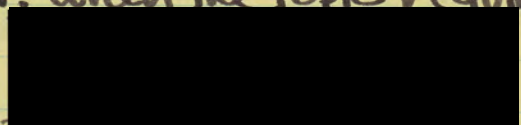
Can we learn that about you?

I'd like to learn the biography of some of your personnel. Age, College training, previous work for

1. Susan Swian
2. Connie Deb....!
3. Bryan Lamb

Brian - I hear a lot of people complaining about not being able to "get in". I don't do that! A phone is both uninteresting & intrusive.

I'll call; when the topic requires



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