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Dear Mr. Lamb:

2/6/92

I watched C-SPAN today as a "caller" suggested you have people (like him & I) appear once in a while. I agree that the politicians (& such) who panel your show seem to all have "pat answers." We (viewers) would like the change suggested today....

(ENCL: MY RECENT LTR.) Sincerely,
"Cap'n [REDACTED]"

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January 31, 1992

C-SPAN (Mr. Brian Lamb)
400 North Capital Street #650
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Lamb:

When I first entered merchant marine training as an Apprentice Seaman in the U.S. Maritime Service at age 16 back in Nov. 1946, we were taught U.S. maritime history. As we got to the 20th Century segment our instructor said that it was quite evident in his mind that a drastic reduction of the U.S. merchant fleet after World War I led to the Great Depression. Even at age 16, to me that was quite a profound statement. But as Al Smith used to say, "let's look at the record." History has sure repeated itself in recession after recession - since World War II ended. Just "...look at the record...."

The big push to reduce our merchant fleet came in 1954. I was a 24 year old licensed officer laid-off from federal marine service (with a family) unable to get any kind of suitable work in the maritime field. The down-slide in our economy had begun in earnest. While I was lucky in being able to apply my skill in another area of the maritime field (in civil service) our Congress quickly gave our maritime trade entities away to our former enemies - and the rest of the world too....

So here we are at the threshold of economic disaster. Mr. Lamb, if we are to survive, the U.S. Merchant Marine must be resuscitated. The first step, and perhaps the most important, has got to be a 15% "cargo preference" measure which mandates that a certain amount of (15%) U.S. cargo must be carried on U.S. ships. At the present U.S. ships carry about 4%.... A proportionate inland waters and shoreside support industry must be established as well.

I think you folks in the media should start looking into my proposal - as outlined in the enclosed piece which I've been circulating around. How about running this on your AM "call-in" show?

P.S. I would like to serve as a panel member, as Assistant Editor for SIDELIGHTS, in discussing the above matter. Also, I feel someone from the general public (like myself) should be present during all of your panel discussions....

Sincerely,

CAPT [REDACTED], USMM (RET)

ENCL: "PEACE DIVIDEND MINUS ONE"



Deer Park, NY 11729

February 5, 1992

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

(Thru: Roman Popadiuk, Deputy Ass't.)

Dear President Bush:

I think I once heard someone say "hard times require bold action." It's obvious that hard times are upon us. As a "bold" first step, I propose that an unsalaried "Senior Management Volunteer Executive Advisory Corps" be established (totally free of political influence, viz., no "yes-men") made up of "seniors" (like myself) who are not actively engaged in their professions, due to retirement, etc., anymore.

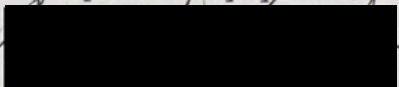
I left federal civil service in 1986, after serving 6½ years as a shipboard manager (licensed USMM shipmaster), and also Captain-in-Charge of a multi-vessel federal marine operation. My active maritime career spanned some 35 years as a licensed/certified member of the U.S. Merchant Marine.

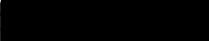
With this letter I wish to be the first to volunteer in my proposed "Senior Volunteer Executive Advisory Corps" (SVEAC) as an expert in maritime affairs, and also in U.S./Ukraine activities by virtue of my active association in the Ukrainian American community. I consider myself a well-read Ukrainian-ologist, having co-authored a widely distributed self-published "Ukraine; A Brief History of:" - a copy of which was sent to you as a 1991 Ukrainian Christmas gift (thru Roman Popadiuk, as this letter is too).

While it's not the purpose of this letter to outline some of my own "bold" proposals, it is hoped it will stimulate your interest in initiating a White House-level "Senior Volunteer Executive Advisory Corps."

Your most expeditious (& affirmative) response to all of the above is respectfully requested. I eagerly await your reply.

Respectfully yours,


CAPT, USMM (RET) -
03, USCGR (RET) too!

ENCL: "A Brief Biography: CAPT , USMM (Ret.)"
cc: C-SPAN (Brian Lamb), AMRA & other retiree groups....