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Mr. Brian Lamb
CSPAN

On January 30 I sent you a FAX discussing the questions reporters were asking at the briefings (copy attached.) I was pleased that your show this morning began to discuss this issue.

Your discussions with other news people always includes comments from those opposed to the "pool coverage" that the Pentagon and other military briefers are not telling the truth. I suggest a show analyzing the contents of one day's briefings with the stories broadcast and printed the next day. I believe you will soon discover who is telling the lies. Most stories we are hearing and reading are so out of context to what has been said. The writers must think they are great military experts and that the public is very stupid to write the kind of stories we are hearing and reading.

I am also very concerned about what I believe to be an untold story concerning the missing CBS crew. I totally believe, that due to the miserable performance of CBS the night the war started, this crew was directed to go out and get an exclusive story for CBS News. These directions would have had to come from a senior producer or anchor. This reason for the crew going out on their own should be discussed.

Very Sincerely,
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P.S. I just heard the Time magazine
Friday meeting. What a lot
of GARBAGE

cc: S. Trahern ✓

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Washington, DC

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My concern is the questions the reporters are using when interviewing people about the Gulf war particularly at the military briefings. I wish you would take just one of the Pentagon briefings and analyze the questions asked the briefer after their opening statements.

The purpose of a question is "to solicit information" not to enter into an argument or confrontation with the briefer. These reporters would do much better in obtaining information for their viewers by asking intelligent questions. They always appear, by making statements about what they think they know, to be trying to "trip-up" the person doing the briefing.

I think you should show the short clips of the questions and then have open analysis of these questions. I believe this would make a most interesting program. Have as your guests a journalism school professor and a senior news editor who would discuss the questions. Suggestions on how these reporters could improve their questioning could then be made and callers could express their views on the topic.

In my opinion the reporters covering these briefings are doing a very poor job. They continue the "Watergate" mentality that government officials are lying to them every time they make statement.

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