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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I turned on C-SPAN at 6:00 A.M. on January 14th, and was surprised to see the lead question, "Do you trust the Red Cross?" What a question!

Professor Lakoff, in his book, "Don't Think of an elephant," called this a frame. And a frame it is. It was a frame for all the questions that came in from the callers. It opened the lines to all the petty saying the Red Cross has been here to, as far back as World War I.

All this because the President of the Red Cross has retired. The President is a figurehead, how does her retirement mean the Red Cross is not trustworthy?

As to the callers, isn't it too bad somebody didn't get a freebee, or that each person didn't get exactly what was wanted? Surely one can expect some things to go awry in such a monumental disaster situation.

My husband gave 37 years to the Red Cross, in the area of First Aid and Water Safety. However, he and all staff members were required to drop everything else, and report to any emergency or disaster area immediately.

Sometimes the calls came on holidays, but personal affairs took second place.

With a leave of absence, for a tour of duty, during World War II, as a Reserve Officer, my husband's life was dedicated to the Red Cross and its principles.

He died in January, 2004, at the age of 101. It would have been distressful to him to witness the C-SPAN program of Dec. 14, 2005.

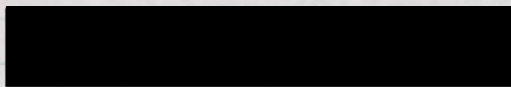
Considering all the good the Red Cross has done, since Clara Barton conceived it, it is

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said to have self-centered detractors of the Red Cross given him space.

On my next birthday I shall be 100 years old. I have seen many politicians come and go. It has been my pleasure to watch C-SPAN, for its well planned, and presented news programs. I was disappointed in the one I have mentioned and sincerely hope, if its effect can't be corrected, it won't happen again.

Sincerely,

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