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Dear Mr. Lamb,

I see you on C SPAN, traveling over our country and talking to many people in different walks of life. I enjoy your program.

I've enclosed a \*paper that discusses conditions in the South in 1938. I was born in 1926. ~~so~~ I remember all these conditions. I was born in Houston County Alabama. I now can see all these conditions in a different light than I saw them as I lived them. It makes me sad just to think about it.  
\*This program was a big help.

Now may I take your time to get something off my mind?

The slavery problem could have been solved without a civil war. The slaves could have been bought from their owners. Then relocated, given land and educated. This may seem too simple but some variation of this idea would have worked.

Now as you may or may not know when the war ended a union officer and several soldiers went to each slave owner and told the owner and slaves they, <sup>the slaves</sup> would have to leave now. They were free to go anywhere. The slaves were upset and afraid. They told the officer they had no place to go, no food and were frightened. The officer told them they were short of food and could not share with them. Never the less the slaves were told they had to leave. The officer told them they might get some help in Atlanta. I'll go no further with this, hoping you can get the drift.

The next time outsiders came to help the Negro they integrated the schools. They mixed poor uneducated white people with poor uneducated Negroes. The Negro had not been taught from the same books. He was black and had a different social life. Especially music. Most people would know the Negro was going to suffer most. They soon began to show they did not handle discipline well. When the Jesse Jackson's of that era heard of Negro's being deciplined

Regardless of the circumstance they said the teachers were race bias. Now no doubt this was true in many cases. The point I must make is that for some reason no one really wanted to help the Negro with his education. Had they wanted to help they would have assigned extra teachers to help them cope. They should have worked with them until they could keep up with the different subjects and environment.

But NO! Every time a black student was disciplined the local black leaders complained. Then the national leaders complained - then, oh then, the air ways and print media had a field day with every complaint.

Gradually the teachers stopped any effort toward discipline. Then the white children said why should I have to do what they won't make a black student do? This idea quickly spread to the police and industry. There's no need for you to get more info. from me. You know the condition of the schools.

I know you can't say things the way I have said them. You would be destroyed! My hope is that

You might be able to pose some  
OF these questions to the right  
people AND if nothing else get  
people to ~~think~~ About their actions.

Did we Learn ANYthing when we roared  
into Somalia to feed those poor people,  
No! we are about to do the  
same thing in Haiti.

Best Regards,

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