

June 2, 1992

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Attn: Mr. Terry Murphy, Program Director

Dear Mr. Murphy,

We take this time to tell you we do watch your programming, and are especially appreciative of your coverage of the Congressional Investigation: U.S. Aid to Iraq.

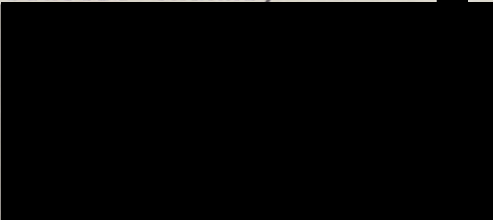

We feel a responsibility to contact others of the media; it's vitally important they cover this event, not bury it. Thank you for being an exception.

We hope you will be interested in the enclosures:

1. Letter to Rep. Gonzales to let the Legislators know we support their efforts.
2. 1st letter to the media to let them know we are opposed to their scant or non-existent coverage.

We are pro-Perot, hoping to re-establish accountability to the people and regain an active role, Perot or no, in our government.

Sincere thanks,


Sylmar, CA 91342


Encl: Letter to Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez
Letter to L.A. Times

June 2, 1992

Representative Henry B. Gonzalez
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

Subject: Congressional Investigation Committee
Pre-invasion Iraq Policy/U.S. Aid to Iraq

You might be heartened to know that we are, thanks to CSPAN, watching all the proceedings as they occur with ardent interest.

The bad news is that, with the exception of an occasional article in our L.A. Times, there is little coverage here or, in some cases, even mention of your investigation into what we call "Iraqgate". We are enclosing a letter to the Times, and target the Daily News next, then CNN, network T.V., and radio: We feel this is akin to Watergate, and should be at the top of the news, not part of the cover-up. We're letting them know we're behind your vigorous activities in our behalf.

We laud your progress to date, and support your efforts to persuade the Attorney General to appoint an independent counsel.

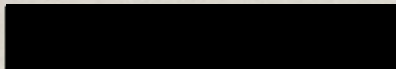
I don't know if this next will thrill you, but you may credit H. Ross Perot for our renewed interest in politics and in our elected officials. Admittedly, many of us have gaps in our knowledge, (stemming from a sense of alienation from you-all), and are now ordering one other newspaper, scouring them, cutting out articles, and doing lots of writing. Two best sources for our "re-education" are Greider's "Who Will Tell the People..." and Steel & Barlett's "America: What Went Wrong". I loved reading about your lonely, heroic efforts (S&L scandle; Impeach Reagan), but felt guilty over our non-involvement. It was a great motivation; you won't feel lonely again.

Your efforts, indeed the response of most of our Representatives, are inspiring to us. We are making notes, taking names (who is for/against the independent counsel, why); and have actually clapped or cheered in our own living room, at your confrontation of the rep's of the Executive Branches. We particularly LOVED your oh-so-gentle reproach of Commerce's Mr. Wilkie, reminding him of his responsibility-thru-heritage (or so we read it).

We laud the efforts of the committees thus far, please pass that along, and it's great getting re-acquainted! No apologies for our past passivity; the system's ethics altered, not ours. Your sincere concern was touching, Rep. Frank's humor appreciated. Forgive us if we are tremendously facinated (for these are grave events being painfully brought to light) but we are on a journey to reclaim our pride and active participation in our America. Perot or no, we will regain a voice in government.

We are proud of your patriotism, and those who are tenaciously following your example. We will write to encourage you, and do our best to inspire the media to cover this fully and honestly.

Wholeheartedly,



Sylmar, CA 91342

Encl: 1st Media letter, L.A. Times

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June 1, 1992

Mr. Thomas Plate, Ed., Editorial Pages
Los Angeles Times
Times Mirror Square
Los Angeles, CA 90053

Dear Mr. Plate,

Sunday, as we have before, we spent hours watching the Congressional Committee Investigation on CSPAN. Reading our Sunday Times afterward, we saw no mention of this vitally important event. This morning: Nothing. This should be FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES, as was Watergate.

What made front-page yesterday was Bush's request for more money to thwart Hussein. We are against this \$40 million "Ego Trip".

The Legislators investigating "Iraggate" events are not "witchhunters"; we thought Gonzalez was gentle when he addressed the Executive Branch representatives. His concern seems to lie not only with the re-creation of historical facts, but the obvious and shameful deletion of military designations, of the missing/reappearing Rafadan Bank file, blacked-out and deliberate alteration of documents, data banks changed following the Congressional request. We are seeing individuals being fired, following their testimony. All this is peripheral to the central issue, to people: A \$1 billion tab to taxpayers for the Bush Administration's stubborn, unethical support of Hussein. Funds diverted into arms sales. And availing Hussein sensitive U.S. technology. The whole thing stinks, but a co-equal Congress, and we, have a right to know!

Senator Gonzalez had a point, citing how our Federal Reserve funneled \$270 million to Iran, trading for our hostages (using a London bank). And to the BNLs (of Italian parentage) involvement in transactions with Iraq: These banks are foreign; our banking assets have little protection. To prevent further abuse, we need, he tells us, amendments to govern international banking.

So why are we writing to you, and not the other way around? Come to think of it, why are we surprised to feel you are covering this minimally? Where were you during "Irangate" and during the S&L debacle? (The price, supposed to be repaid by the S&L's, continued to grow from \$10 million to half-a-trillion to date). Now it's our debt, a decade later, and no warning from you.

Don't feel we are singling you out; we're only learning from talk-radio, and watching CSPAN, NOT the regular programming, either on radio or network or CNN. And finding out what happened retrospectively from Steel & Barlett ("America:What Went Wrong"), and William Greider ("Who Will Tell the People.."), three courageous journalists/novelists. How far does the cover-up go? And what's next: Book burning?

You did have a passive public, but we're fast becoming informed and updated. The media has always been an important part of the check-and-balance system of democracy, 'til recently. Wish we had your sincere support; the people need you.

Time to write now to others of the media; pennance for our passivity. But better late than Bush. By the way, secret policy at all levels is on the way out; Perot is on the way in. We need a voice, representation, leadership.

Sincerely,

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