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Re: Don Imus Show

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have just witnessed a public defecation. The broadcast of the Don Imus 'program' on C-Span this morning was the single most offensive and repulsive thing I have ever seen on television.

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[REDACTED] My great interest in watching C-Span is the marvelous exposition of truth the network has always been known for. I have bragged about C-Span to all my friends, and recommended you to my readers.

Here is a short article on C-Span which appeared in my newspaper column about a year ago:

WHAT DO YOU WATCH?

If you found the mass media to be one-sided, this last time we elected a Congress and president, maybe you're ready to hear about a source of news that allows you an unfiltered look at what is actually taking place in Washington: C-Span.

Your TV cable company can carry C-Span (gavel-to-gavel coverage of the House, plus hearings, and call-in shows) if it chooses to do so. The companion channel, C-Span2, covers all sessions of the U.S. Senate. Both usually are part of a "Basic Cable" package for home viewers. Both perform a matchless service: all sides of a controversy, over time, are examined with great fairness.

C-Span offers incidental information of great value. Just now, I came across a note I made several weeks ago, and it is a good example of a money outlay you may not know about. From C-Span, 12:50 PDT, 31 May 1993: "The average working budget for Congressional offices is \$537,000 a year. The average salary for workers within each office is \$76,000 annually." There are 535 members of Congress, plus five 'delegates' from the District of Columbia and Guam. In all the talk about budget-cutting, there is NO mention of limiting these sky-high "expenses" in Congressional offices.

Again, from C-Span - Sept 1, this year, during Joint Committee on Organization of Congress hearings: "A Congressional Committee found that, had Congress been subjected to the same occupational safety laws now in effect for all other Americans, the fines would have amounted to approximately a million dollars." So said

Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia.

During a radio talk show (Irv Homer, in Philadelphia) rebroadcast on C-Span September 3rd, Rep. Robert Andrews (D, NJ) volunteered the fact that there are more US Agriculture employees than there are farmers. (Nevada is typical: 65 Agriculture employees, 44 farmers statewide.)

If you already are able to view C-Span channels, I really encourage you, as a responsible citizen, to treat yourself to a session of the House or Senate -- AND THEN watch the major network newscasts to see how things changed, somehow, between events and their reportage.

It is fascinating to contemplate: did the networks, betting that the makeup of Congress wouldn't change, give themselves during the election to those politicians in the best position to advance network interests? After all, Congress and the administration, via the FCC, rule on such matters as cable regulation, program royalties, residual payments, and copyrights.

Whew! It is a jaw-dropping experience to watch Your Congress At Work. Tune in. Bet you get an earful! And, I wager you'll be a more informed voter, the next time you need to be.

As you see, I am a friend.

I wish to suggest that the Don Imus 'program' should never again be seen or mentioned on C-Span. Of course I realize that this piece of alcoholic excrement gave you no idea what he had planned for the broadcast, and that you were as shocked and appalled as our family was by the bogus Rush Limbaugh song he presented, with a straight intro. There was not a single group he did not seek to offend, using Limbaugh's name: jews, blacks, gays -- you name it -- he gave everybody a backhanded, insulting slap in the face.

Vain. Mean-spirited. Unfunny. Duplicitous. Libido-ridden. More time was spent on Mr. Excrement's looks than nearly anything else. I have written, directed and performed in several media; in my considered opinion, not only was this the WORST piece of crap ever presented on the air -- it was deliberately intended to shock us in order to gain audiences, just as Howard Stern has clawed his way to ratings with intrusions on your shows talking about his penis. C-Span, you have been screwed without a kiss.

I expect the stink of this episode to hang over C-Span for a long time unless an apology and explanation are made. Mr. Crap could ruin C-Span, and all you stand for -- unless you disclaim this friend of the Clintons for what he is: a tasteless, ignorant, unwashed, unprincipled and monstrous purveyor of GARBAGE.

And -- in case you missed it -- he dumped upon Mr. Lamb by telling him to keep away from the Imus Show. Wonderful advice! Tell Mr. S--- to crawl back into his bottle. C-Span is no church, but it's no toilet either.

Sincerely,
