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Dear Brian Lamb,

I am sending you some questions I have for Jerry Brown. I honestly think these questions would advance the public debate around the candidates and would love to be able to ask them, but I can not think of a way to do so. If you find any merit in these questions, please feel free to use them in any way whatsoever, in any forum whatsoever, or to pass them on to anyone you know who might be in a position to put any or all of them to Governor Brown. I trust your judgment completely as to whether or not these questions merit attention and whether they can gain any attention. I see no need for any direct response from you unless you do.

Let me add that C-SPAN performs a wonderful service for our democracy and is one of the few changes of the 1980s that give me hope. I find the shows you do in the evening at various conferences and forums of particular value and wish every voter could have watched the New Hampshire campaign in depth on C-SPAN as I did. I formed quite different opinions of most of the candidates after seeing them for half hour at a time with my own eyes than I did reading about them in newspapers.

When our local cable company's contract comes up for renewal next year, I am going to campaign vigorously with our city council to make continued 24-hour 2-channel C-SPAN coverage a condition for renewal. My parents on Long Island, New York get at least 37 sports channels, including one that covering Argentinian junior high school one-handed volley ball, but they only get one C-SPAN channel and that only part-time.

Keep up the good work and I hope you can find some way to get my questions to Governor Brown.

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An Open Letter to Jerry Brown

from a fellow Buddhist and one of his earlier \$100 contributors

Dear Jerry,

In recent weeks, the emphasis in your campaign has shifted away from your intriguing ideas for revitalizing our economy and society into attacks on your Democratic rival. You have called Governor Clinton "a scandal a week". Do you consider all the allegations made against him equally serious scandals? Is he perhaps guilty in some cases and innocent in others? Are all the "scandals" of equal weight or are some serious and others trivial? Do you consider the issue of Governor Clinton's draft record a scandal even though you yourself (and I too) opposed that war?

Is the mass media part of our current morass or our saviors? If, as the ultimate recipients of much of the money raised from the \$1000 and up gang, they are part of the problem, should an "insurgency" rely on every allegation made by the media as gospel truth?

Is there any way Governor Clinton could earn forgiveness for playing at that all-white golf club? Since apologizing is inadequate, is there anything he could do?

In short, is the problem the entire money-based system of prostituted politics or is the problem just "Slick Willy"? At a certain point, does emphasis on his alleged corruption imply the latter even if you explicitly identify the problem as the former? Is there some way you could use discussion of Governor Clinton's wheelings and dealing to educate the electorate about exactly how big money subverts our democracy?

Does emphasis on the negative encourage people to participate, to work for restoring our democracy or does it discourage them, make them wash their hands of the whole stinking mess, and leave the field open for villains, thieves, and scoundrel?

Finally, the question that I think is critical for all of us. Is your current campaigning style what an insurgency to restore democracy really needs? Is it the kind of campaign that fits a man with the courage to go sit Zen in Japan and work with Mother Theresa and develop his wisdom, compassion, and understanding? Or, in your understandable zeal to give of yourself for this vital mission, which I support whole-heartedly, have you slipped back into methods appropriate for the average politician but inappropriate for the man you have grown into in your path through the world?

I submit these questions to you in the sincere hope they may be of some help. The questions are for you, but the answers are critical to our country

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