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Dear Mr. Paris,

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I listen briefly to some of your comments on C-SPAN Monday 14, 1999 on the subject of one of our Presidents and veering off on the subject of SLAVERY.

Let me tell you Mr. Paris, and I am sorry to say this, but American History is not being taught in our school today. Much of what is being taught is not accurate.

Allow me to explain what I was taught in the grades over 50 years ago. We were taught that the African Traders-Jungle Chiefs sold their people to traders of the British Colonies in North America, for money. Is this true or false?

We were also taught that these traders, then sold these people who you refer to as slaves, to farmers and Plantation owners throughout the Southeast, Southwest and South Central parts of what is now the United States of America. These people were bought to tend the crops and harvest the grain. As we all know mechanized farm machinery was not available in those days. Is this true or false?

The news and information learned, from friends who have traveled to certain parts of Africa, that Slavery is still being practiced against their own people. Is this true or false?

I could write much, much more on subject matter but the Ultra-Liberal News media would twist it around and the truth would not be reconized.

In conclusion I wish to add two things. I grew up on a farm in South Central Kentucky, (small farm). Our closest neighbors were colored Africans. They were not black. I will never forget, they helped my Dad get his crops in before the winter and my dad and brothers would go and help the COOKS get their crops in. Cook was their name. I never will forget the statement that WOOD COOK made, and he said, had it not been for what they call slavery, I would not be in America today. Recent as 8-10 years ago our real close friend who retired from the Armed Forces. We were discussing Kentucky History and got on the subject of American History, Joe comes out with a statement and says you know, if it had not been for what they call slavery, I would not be here to day. I thought for a moment and I then told Joe what another Colored African had told my family when I was a small boy.

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You see the young African Americans have not been told the truth by their parents or grand-parents about slavery nor has it been taught in our schools. [redacted] The radicals still place the blame on white Americans, to this day and this is wrong.

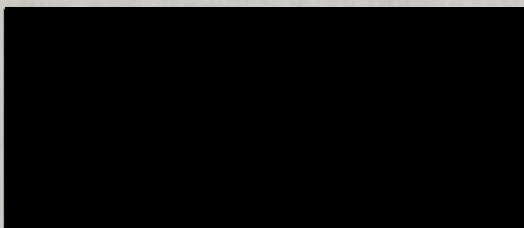
You appear to me to be one of those individuals who would still blame the white man and especially the South.

Are you aware that many many slaves as you call them, were left [redacted] Plantations, Farms and blocks of land. Were you aware that many stayed on the farms and Plantations after 1865?

The Civil War was about States Rights not about slavery.

The friction caused today over slavery is caused by people [redacted] to cause trouble between the races. And isn't it strange genocide, murder and rape still continues in Africa. The radicals should be asked, since Africa is a thousand years older than the United States of America shouldn't they really be advanced more in everything? With their weather climates they should lead the world in food crops, but instead we the United States of America is feeding them and this is a disgrace.

Your reply is welcome.



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