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Dear Sirs,

This letter is a response to the interview of Tom Brokaw by Brian Lamb on C-SPAN. I'm not sure when the program first ran, but I saw it about 01:00 the morning of Sun 23 Aug. The two of you were obviously engaged in repair work for the news media's image in general, and Tom Brokaw's, in particular. I know all Liberals consider it unconscionable to recall a liberals past words and actions, but my conclusions are based on these past performances. I also point out that I am not basing these my opinions on any single instance, but on your unacceptable attitudes, and methods of doing business that appears to be deteriorating at an increasing rate.

I am interested in events, both world and local, and I realize I must depend on you and your colleges to inform me of happenings in the world. There is no other source of information I can even partially rely on, so there is a necessary position for you in my and most other peoples lives. What I desire most of all is accuracy, and honesty, and as Joe Friday would say, " the facts ". The one recent I point to is the almost unanimous response by the media insiders to the public reactions on your performances during the Gulf War. I didn't hear either of you make these statements, but I also haven't heard either of you say anything about those who did. The often repeated statements were, " I Don't Want to be taken for a Cheerleader for America ", and worst of all " It's not my job to serve the American People, it's my job to say and write anything I want, anyway I want ". I believe that is one time the truth escaped the editors scissors, because it has been a very long time since I felt anyone in the media was representing me, and every bit as long since I felt I could place trust in anything said or written by the press. Please notice at no time have I said " there ought to be a law " or " you should be forced " or anything resembling those thoughts.

This program was the first I have watched end to end in some time, and I once again was disappointed by the attempt to white wash both the media, and each other, but after watching this display of soft soaping, it is really not surprising the media is loosing viewers, listeners, and readers. If this is an example of your

future programming, I'm not sure how I will compensate, but I will curtail the time and money I listening to your opinions. I get most of my news from talk radio now, and, while C-SPAN does offer some good live programming, these staged productions are at their best just a watered down version of mainstream media at work. I'm still looking for that agency that does want to serve me and when I find it you will be able to feel the vacuum created by me and others like me, moving as one, to turn you off, and it on. May you prosper and live long, and may your corrupt ways change, with or without a loss of that power.

Sincerely,

