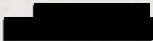




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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I was delighted with your series on the Rhodes Scholars. This Sunday (January 10) your interviews with George Will and the vice chancellor of Oxford University were most rewarding. Then you wrapped it up and, I think, shot yourself in the foot with coverage of Ronald Reagan's discourse on the virtues of the university. He lauded the university as a place where the unpopular view could challenge the conventional. This was from the man who as governor could not himself communicate with the University of California without engaging in shouting matches. He created havoc within the University, and rather than support it he seriously appeared to be trying to diminish it.

Barring an unlikely revelation in his old age I regard his talk as merely the product of some fanciful speechwriter and by no means related to Ronald Reagan's true feelings. Since the Oxford vice chancellor spent a year at Berkeley, he undoubtedly was aware of Reagan's historic confrontations with the University and higher education in general. He must have cringed at the contradiction of Reagan's mouthings and his record on the subject. Also, I assume there was no question and answer period.

Having gotten this off my chest, I wish you and C-SPAN continued success with your superb programming.

Sincerely yours,

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