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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am one of the many Americans who consider C-Span a crucial factor in our troubled democracy, but I feel an obligation to call your attention to a serious lack of C-Span coverage.

I regret to say that I was virtually unaware of the the MIA/POW situation until, thanks to C-Span, I saw relatives of those MIA's who appeared in the photos that surfaced this year. Again, thanks to C-Span, I watched the sessions during which many alarming reasons were given for forming a Senate Select Committee. Also, I have done some reading.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the MIA/POW Senate Select Committee
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For that reason, I made it a point to be on the look-out for the recent MIA/POW hearings on C-Span, and I called the Hot Line many times. As far as I can determine, those hearings were shown almost not at all during the day time. Had I not stayed awake until 5 AM once, and until 2 AM another time, I would have missed them. As you know, those sessions were riveting and compelling. Admirable, dignified, articulate cream-of-the-crop, HONEST Americans were saying things their fellow countrymen need to know, and yet C-Span gave them very little coverage.

The Gates hearings were on day and night. The Thomas hearings were on day and night. And the Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill testimony received the kind of attention I feel should have been given the MIA/POW hearings. The subject matter is even more important, and the country owes that much to the men and their families. But the country doesn't know the story!

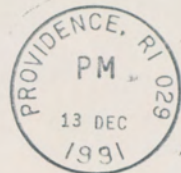
During the days when I might have expected to see the MIA hearings, some programs such as America and the Courts and a profile of Congressman Moakley were repeated six or more times. Lack of time can't be the reason the MIA hearings were not shown.

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