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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am grateful that you do extended programming on the "whole show of the military" and "behind the scenes at public affairs shows".

The story of the MP company on its way to the Middle East last year was particularly challenging. I worked for U S Army from 1966 to 1968. The discrepancies between military print media, Stars and Stripes, and the New York Times, Paris edition, and what troopers said was so great that it created a certain cynicism about media in general for me. C-SPAN has done a lot to dispel my disaffection.

I loved Mr. Brinkley's comment, "what's wrong with the intellectual elite," because I suspect that I am a guarded member of that group. Mr. Jeff Biggs spoke well to the value of the McNeil-Lehrer in depth, single subject format. I visit Chicago frequently and always stop to think that 50% of the US population can be found within 500 miles of there. However, I do not subscribe to the point made on your show that no one tunes into public affairs programming as well as people in the Beltway or on Manhattan. I feel strongly that opinion makers and formers pay attention to public affairs programming in Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Phoenix, Houston, St Louis, Minneapolis, Atlanta and Chicago as well.

One person on the public affairs program surprised me with her insight and forth rightness - Liz Murphy Kloak. You and your guests are truly appreciated by viewers.

The base closure programming has sickened me because I see thousands of peoples' jobs and lives crashing around them when the commission votes. I have seen the dangers inherent in the military industrial complex since the Vietnam War, but the base closures affirm the inability of our leaders to govern justly, appropriately and compassionately. After all, family, jobs and a home are among Americans' most prized rights.

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