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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

As a regular listener to BOOKNOTES
(and other appearances of yourself on TV), I
feel obliged to call your attention to
a real "bomb", Mr. John Toland.

He struck me as a hyperinflated
windbag, consumed with a monumental
ego, and very economical with the truth.

As a New Englander, I find it difficult
to believe the offers which he said were held
out to him by Harvard, Yale, and Dartmouth
at the same time.

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Equally unconvincing were his references to informants from the Navy ~~Dept.~~ Dept. and the "Dutch admiral". I say this as a retired officer of the regular Navy.

If someone criticizes Mr. Toland (Clay Blair and The Washington Post for example), it's because they have always had it in for him.

And so forth. But the real question is how did Toland get through your quality control processes.

For the first time, Mr. Lamb, I felt that you were clearly ill at ease in listening to this guy's vapid, self-serving soliloquies.

This said, may I thank you ~~for~~ for many great hours with authors like Gertrude Hammelford and Shelby Foote.

Sincerely yours,

CAPT USN (Ret.)