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Dear Brian - This is not a
letter to C-SPAN, (or the "mail
room analysts," as I believe
they are called!) It is for
your "background thinking" -
we "have got to," in the overboard,
drop the overworked refractions
and try some new songs!

Regards,

October 5, 1990

*Reporters
and
B. Lomb.*
Because I could not speak with C-SPAN this morning, I am writing each of you ^{the} comments I wanted to make. They are important -- because the media, too, needs to listen more to the people! You (collective "you") give stock answers back far too often, in the same way Congressmen instruct bored and disinterested staff to crank out purposefully vague position papers to send to anyone who raises questions they don't want to face. Change in thinking is uncomfortable, but as you so often mentioned this morning, unpleasant facts must be swallowed if things are to improve. Goes for you, too!

If you think that special interests don't elect Congressmen, then start giving fresher thinking a voice, start giving out specifics in news releases, and give the thinking public a chance to realize there are more of "us" than there are of them. Stop giving a free ride to all the special interests to air their ideas in public!

That said, here's what I wanted to call in:

- (1) If Congress listened to the people individually all through the year, instead of just at grandstand voting times like budget votes yesterday, we wouldn't be in such a mess!
- (2) If we took one issue at a time, instead of lumping all sorts of unrelated riders on every vote taken, day in and day out in Congress, we wouldn't be in such a mess!
- (3) If the media steered people away from concentrating on "rich" vs. "poor," and started hammering away at HOW some "rich" get rich, and HOW some rich manipulate certain public laws and public funds to not only become richer but to write off most of their riches, we wouldn't be in such a mess with budgets and deficits. (It wouldn't hurt to tell how some rich spend their money as opposed to how some other rich use their money to drive up the cost of real estate, medicine, and everything else!
- (4) If media steered people away from concentrating on "poor" as a group, and zeroed in on WHY some "poor" are poor because of addictions, lawless behavior and lack of responsibility, while others are "poor" because of factors beyond their control, maybe we could get off dead center of "rich" vs. "poor" and actually try to fix things! Safe generalizations are unbecoming people who claim to be analysts and journalists!

- (5) How many government programs in the budget make the "rich" richer and the "poor" poorer all the while everyone is blatting about the middle class and the poor taking unfair hits in the budget compromises?

The budget is unworkable because everything that has gone before has been made into such a tangled mess that no budget is workable under the system.

Swallow the compromises if we have to. But don't end it there!!

Now that the heat has been turned on Congress, keep the heat on! Keep attention focused on REALLY fixing things instead of having a lot of fun ho-ha-ing over whose ox is gored more and who is always hollering, and then turning to the sports page!

Emphasize that the pay raise is a smokescreen, and that putting it out with a water bomb will be fun, but pointless.

MOVE ON and get at the real job of fixing America before it goes under in a sea of debt, a battle of special interest SWAT teams, and a capitulation to the soon-to-come inevitability of the end of our Republic in favor of the anarchy of nihilist democratic practices of everyone fighting to the death to preserve their perks and "riches" against the equally "to the death" gimme groups!

Callers repeatedly tell you that the American public is smarter than it's given credit for. Listen to them!

The media needs to join us, instead of aping Congressmen with the posture of bored disdain towards those who see a broader picture--one of very sharp rocks just below the surface of the smooth sailing we've had in America. Everything is just a tick of the pendulum away from swinging so far out of alignment that tearing down and rebuilding everything simultaneously will be the only avenue of repair open to us.

You're only slightly less guilty than Congress and the President and the special interest groups of holing up in your little clicques and pulling the shades, locking the doors and dealing yourself in to the only games permitted in town!

We didn't get here the day the budget committee tooled over to the O-Club at Andrews for a retreat. (The same people who have crucified military people for their "lavish" but non-appropriated funds facilities couldn't wait to scarf up!)

Roll up your sleeves and get to work! America's party is OVER!