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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Very recently got "hooked" on C-Span after ignoring it for some time.

Thoroughly enjoyed this mornings (Friday) segment with John Cocoran, R.W. Apple and Paul Gigot. I've seen the latter on PBS's McNeil-Lehrer Newshour-Mr. Corcoran on ABC segments; but on your program format-even though it was early in the morning-they seemed much more relaxed.

Whatever your background I find you one of the more relaxed hosts on a morning show-which I'm sure you really can't be-given the many things you have to watch as the program progresses.

Visiting with you and them, via C-Span, was the nearest to being at breakfast or lunch with a bunch of thinking, smart, verbal people-a rarity anywhere these days!!

I'm a former newspaper person having worked at one of Mr. Gigot's employer's newspaper groups-Ottoway Newspapers-in Middletown, N.Y.; but it's been many years since I've been with or near people like you and had forgotten what a pleasure it is to be with such people.

It was even more fun watching Mr. Gigot and Mr. Apple fall into their accustomed roles as newspaper people-first when Secty. Glickman came from a remote and they asked questions; then when Mr. Apple gave a bigoted caller an inspired response to his remarks about "Jews".

Also noticed something Mr. Apple may not be aware of-he speaks like the New York Times editorial style reads-he always prefaced male names with Mr!!

Even though I'm aware of how many newspeople feel about the "dumbing down" of Americans-their seeming unawareness of what's going on in the politics of our country-their response was most polite and gentle when asked about it by a caller.

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Coming from a time when the New York Times and James Reston was a daily staple of reading I'm happy to find some journalists today worthy of a profession that was once typified by people the likes of Lippman, Reston, McCormick, etc.

While not the greatest fan of the cable tv companies their financing of your channel, with you as the host on the morning show, deserves much praise.

Morning C-Span now has a special place in our day; when we can't watch it on the tv screen, the sound is pumped through speakers throughout my apartment, so we can follow it as we move around before our day starts.

