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Black Mountain, North Carolina
August 16, 1999

Mr. Brian Lamb
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have written to Mr. Daniel Henniger.

The caller raised an extremely important issue. You should not have allowed Mr. Henniger's curt and inadequate response to remain unchallenged.

Even if the importance of the canal to the U.S. military be disregarded (despite the warnings of the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and commander in chief of the U.S. Atlantic and Pacific fleets), its importance to U.S. security remains. Its control by hostile forces can affect U.S. trade adversely. The canal zone is within missile striking distance of the U.S. mainland. The zone can be used for drug smuggling into the U.S. Etc. et al.

Future generations will regret the transfer of the canal from U.S. control and they will condemn those of our generation who allowed it to happen. Our children and grandchildren will pay for our folly—in sweat if they're lucky, in blood and tears if they're not. You should not have allowed your guest to minimize the importance of this issue without challenge.

C-span's providing a very important service. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Daniel Henniger
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Dear Mr. Henniger:

Today, during the broadcast of Washington Journal, a caller asked your comment on the transfer of the Panama Canal from U.S. control to the control of The People's Republic of China.

Your response was curt. It appeared to indicate that you are unconcerned about this and that you consider such concern to be silly.

The caller spoke of warnings by Admiral Thomas Moorer. Such warnings, by a former commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific fleet and of the U.S. Atlantic fleet, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are to be taken very seriously.

Future generations of Americans will regret the transfer of the canal from U.S. control.

Sincerely,

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