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Dear Brian:

I am always impressed with the special programs which you air, as was the case this morning on the Presidents. Tried to get through, but unsuccessfully to share some trivia with you, your guests and the viewers. I was most impressed with Master Joshua Peet and must say, if he is any indication of what we can expect from our youth of today, America has a very bright future. There is no doubt in my mind, that this is one young man who will leave a positive mark on our history.

Now to the point of this letter. Sixty-six years ago I was born and brought up in the Bronx. Within a five to seven mile area there were three bridges all bearing the name of "Washington". We lived on University Avenue. Up the block from us was a foot bridge which was called the "Washington Bridge", which connected the Bronx with Manhattan, spanned over the Harlem River. Approximately eight blocks along is another "Washington Bridge" which carries both traffic and foot, also spanning the Harlem and connecting the Bronx with Manhattan at 181st Street. If you continue to cross Manhattan at 181st Street you will come upon the "George Washington Bridge" which crosses the Hudson River and connects Manhattan to Jersey. We lived at 168th Street, so between 168th and 181st is the entrance to the "Washington Foot Bridge". When you are in New York, it would be worth your while to visit this very unique and beautiful historic structure. As I recall on the Manhattan side there is a small quaint park. I do not recall if there was a park on the Bronx side. I recall with great fondness walking across this bridge quite often. Since it has been many, many years since I lived in that area - left at age 18, I don't know the condition of that bridge, but I am sure you could find out. (See attached addendum for further information)

I would also like to tell you I went through the public school system - first P.S. 11 and on to Walton (all girls) Public High School. I received one of the finest educations possible, gauging by today's standards, it would be comparable to a college education. The teachers not only taught the subjects, but, fine tuned them. Some of the famous alumnae were Bella Abzug, Penny Marshall and Carol Lindley. Yes, I do remember all of my teachers - P.S. 11, History, Ms. Mahoney and History at Walton was Ms. Whitney.

Good Luck with your Historic Tour and keep up the good work.

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Re: A D D E N D U M to Letter

After searching the archives of my brain, I recalled several other unique features of this beautiful foot bridge. The construction was of small red brick and on the Manhattan side there was a massive water tower which had a cone shaped top, body of which was round. From the ground it extended well over 50 feet into the sky. I think the construction material was either of the red brick, as that of the bridge or a gray stone (after fifty years that part is a bit fuzzy). I seem to recall a statue of Washington in the park, but not necessarily that park. I was a history buff and spent my weekends as a teenager divided between The Museum of Natural History, the Bronx Zoo and the Planetarium. On occasion I would visit the Museum of Art, at which my grandfather worked in the "Tombs" restoring the Egyptian statues. I have magazines which date back to the 1920's showing Pop working on a statue - magazine was published periodically by the museum.

Since I am reflecting, I must tell you how influential my teachers were with me, in every aspect of my education. I might also note that I had a photographic memory. Now to my story. Every morning before History would start, Ms. Whitney would go down the row and each student would take a turn telling the class the day and date. To my chagrin, I was called upon on February 1st. I don't recall the day, but I said: "Feb U ary 1st. Ms. Whitney asked that I repeat the day and date, to which I complied. She then informed me that I was incorrect and inquired if I or any of my classmates knew the mistake. Thank goodness, no one picked up on the mistake. Ms. Whitney informed me that the word was pronounced: "Feb RU ary" and that for the rest of the month I would be the student to announce the day and date. I cannot tell you how aware of this word and how many persons mis-pronounce February - at least 75%.

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,
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P.S. Is it possible to
secure TRANSCRIPTS
of any of the C-SPAN PROGRAMS - Am currently interested
in the Joshua Peet segment - Also the up-and-
coming "Presidents" PROGRAMS. Please Advise.
I do not own a Computer.