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Dear Brian:

Thank you for presenting that wonderful 12-year-old (Ted, I think was his name) on Saturday's morning program (June 21). He was an exception to the rule among today's students. It was inspiring to see and hear him explain his research regarding Route 66 and its role in migration in our nation. One can't help but imagine the tremendous amount of investigation that must have gone into his project.

Although I had no knowledge of a "National History Day," it is clear to me now. I hope that other children across the country will continue to involve themselves in this effort. To know the history of their nation, helps them to realize their place in World History.

Subsequently, it was gratifying to learn that Ted chose the study of Route 66; for many students today appear to believe that only two events shaped America -- the Civil War and slavery. They ought to be given the incentive to move beyond these limitations and find out the actual beginnings of our country and proceed to the present time.

On another matter: After listening to critics who oppose the President's trip to China, I'm convinced that amateur, arm-chair, would-be know-it-all grumblers, who claim to know the future, of this country's relations with China, and any other nation, ought to stop meddling in the affairs of our Chief Executive, who has the right to decide "Foreign Policy. That's his jurisdiction; not Congress'.

But, of course, his opponents will never be satisfied. That has been the nature of the "Beast" since his tenure. They are sorry that he refuses

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to yield to that expected "lame Duck" claim that strikes every president in his last term. Thus, a constant smearing of his reputation, that adds nothing to his critics. This President remains busy, working in our interests, and, in the effort to establish peace at home and abroad. I admire this and wish him much success in China.

I must add: "conservatives" (^{many} ~~any~~ of them right wingers), who use the Democratic line to comment on the program, are dishonest, they are easily identified, especially by Democrats, and they are certainly amusing.

Sincerely yours

