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Dear Programming Manager:

Natnl. Trustees

Congratulations! Today's program on Occupied Ireland constitutes an historic partial breakthrough of the American black-out on truthful news from there. It is a great start. But rather than re-run this 4 hour and 24 minute show we beg you to produce another one; one taking the next step, into the heart of the matter. Your mix of interviewees, allotted time, and questions asked, favored the status quo and covered up all core facts including the following:

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1) Terrorism: The RUC/Army have been involved in the assassinations of far more civilians than have the IRA (though the IRA have killed more armed enemies than have the Brits). Yet C-Span remained silent while RUC Supt. Bill Scott, the spokesman for the terrorist RUC, repeatedly referred to others as terrorists. Also; no serious interviewer of an RUC spokesman would fail so to ask questions re Brian Nelson, John Stalker, Amnesty International, the Helsinki Watch Group, and the vile doings in Castlereagh Barracks.

2) Torture: Not the IRA, but the RUC/Army, since 1969, have earned Britain first place in Western Europe for convictions by the Court of Human Rights for torture of (Irish) prisoners.

3) Job Discrimination targets Catholics exclusively as required by a strongly enforced British law (the 1690 Act of Royal Succession) which disqualifies all Catholics and spouses of Catholics from ever getting, or getting in line for, the nation's top job. The Rev. Dr. Ian Paisley (honorary doctorate from federally-disaccredited Bob Jones University) publicly insists that he and his Loyalist followers remain loyal to Britain for only so long as its Head of State officially symbolizes and promotes Anti-Catholicism.

4) Unilateral Bigotry: The bigotry is loyalist against republican; not vice-versa. The proof of this can be readily verified by interviewing 26-County Protestants as to how well they are treated.

5) Derry/Londonderry: On January 28, 1984, as soon as the newly-enfranchised Occupied Irish majority in Londonderry were free to do so, its City Council abolished "Londonderry" and restored "Derry." Believers in democracy cannot be ambiguous about Derry's name. Note how all other 6-County official bodies, their airport and highway signs, the parliament in London, and most of the British news media retain the anti-democratic (and illegal) name of "Londonderry." Is C-Span equally solicitous toward the name-change trauma suffered by the Ex-Nomenklatura in St. Petersburg and by BritCols in Zimbabwe?

6) Irish Violence: You covered up the watershed event of Bloody Sunday; 1972; when violent British paratroopers rendered Irish nonviolent protest suicidal by murdering fourteen, mostly shot in the back, and the fact that the ranking perpetrator, Col. Derek Wilford, was consequently awarded the OBE by the queen mother. Are you so sure that our Minute-Men and George Washington were terrorists for trying to create a republic, just like the IRA, whose terrorism quotient (t.q.) is a very commendable 36.1%?

7) British violence: You covered up all British violence, and the fact that the large majority of unarmed, peaceful victims were murdered by British forces. British forces in Occupied Ireland commits far worse deeds than the complaints listed against them in our Declaration of Independence. Their t.q. is a grotesque 78.8%.

8) The MacBride Principles for Fair Employment in Northern Ireland constitutes the only alternative to the violence we deplore. It promotes efficiency; hiring according to ability rather than by membership in secret societies. But C-Span's opposition to it was effective; so how honest is C-Span's commitment to nonviolence?

9) The respected Congressional Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs was blacked out of your report which allowed an interviewee to promote the far fewer (and misnamed) "Friends of Ireland."

10) The SDLP's massive funding from British and U.S. governments was covered up as was the fact of British government murders, harassments, and censorings of Sinn Fein officials and supporters who, despite such terrorism, still comprise 30% of Catholic voters.

11) The Judiciary's perversion was covered up. You failed to report on the pervasive frame-ups and long sentences imposed upon innocents suspected of republicanism. You covered up the British War Manual for Northern Ireland, by Gen. Kitson, which sets out as government policy the subversion of the judiciary and the news media to military purposes. Is it that C-Span is unaware of this, and of the myriad proofs of its successful implementation?

These undisputed facts, all omitted by C-Span, expose your report as a covert attack against America and democracy. Yet your methodology was promising. Democracy will grow in Ireland if you grant as much time to Fr. Desmond Wilson (who advocates the same Constitution/Bill of Rights republic that Americans cherish) as you did to apparatchiks and enforcers of Constitutionless British semi-monarchism. Come on C-Span; join the Republic of the United States of America! At least stop disinforming it. Please reply.

Sincerely;

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