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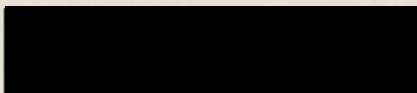
DEAR MR LAMB,

MY WIFE & I ARE LONGTIME "C-SPANNERS" AS WELL AS OCCASIONAL FRUSTRATED "CALL ATTEMPTERS". WE DO HOWEVER, ADMIRE YOUR CONSISTENTLY OUTSTANDING MODERATION IN HANDLING THE DIVERGENT OPINIONS OF CALLERS ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE GUESTS WITH EQUALLY DIVERGENT AND OCCASIONALLY OUTRAGIOUS VIEWPOINTS. IN SHORT, OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS FOR BRINGING BACK TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED APPROACH IN THE FACE OF PEOPLE OUT IN C-SPAN LAND WHO TEND TO WANT "THEIR OWN VIEWS" TO BE EMPHASIZED (INCLUDING OURSELVES, OF COURSE).

AN OBSERVATION IF YOU WILL IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE ORGANIZED "CALL-INERS" ARE STARTING TO PREDOMINATE, ESPECIALLY, THE FAR RIGHTERS, RUSHBARDS, ETC. WE SUSPECT, THO WE HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE, THAT SOME KIND OF ORGANIZED EFFORT (PROGRAMMED CALL-IN COMPUTER AIDED SYSTEMS & THE LIKE) ARE INCREASINGLY BEING USED. AT LEAST WE & MANY OTHER UNREPENTANT, UNALIGNED, LIBERAL LEANING INDIVIDUALS LIKE OURSELVES HAVE ALL BUT GIVEN UP TRYING TO REACH YOUR GUESTS. WE'RE JUST CONTENT TO WATCH & AS LONG AS YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATE MODERATORS MAINTAIN A REASONABLE BALANCE.

A SUGGESTION, TOO, IF YOU WILL ... HOW ABOUT SELECTING A "NO NAME" GUEST OR TWO FROM TIME TO TIME FROM YOUR LEGION OF CALL-INERS. IT'S TROUBLING SOMETIMES, THAT YOU HAVE TO CUT OFF SOME OF THE MORE ARTICULATE ONES WHO SEEM TO HAVE A LOT MORE TO SAY THAN TIME PERMITS. IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET THEIR NAMES & FOLLOWING A SUITABLE BACKGROUND CHECK, TO INSURE THEY ARE NOT "PLANTS", TO INVITE A COUPLE WITH DIVERGENT VIEWS TO A SHOW AS YOU NOW DO WITH KNOWN JOURNALISTS. IN ANY EVENT, CONGRATS AGAIN AND KEEP IT GOING.

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