



THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB

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Dear Brian:

On behalf of the members of the Union League Club, I would like to thank you for generously spending your evening with us last night. I have had the privilege of attending and organizing many events here at the club, but none had the overall "success" as your visit with us. I know that you rarely place yourself in the spotlight for fear of the "Heisenberg effect" as we discussed, but I want you to know how much we respect you for what you do and how you do it. Somehow, I do not think you need to worry about becoming "the story" - your integrity and character are so strongly evident. You simply are a fine person. We are most respectful of your having spent time with us and we hope you found the Union League a warm and collegial place - a place where ideas and timeless principles - love of God, love of family and love of country, still matter.

Personally, I will continue to watch you and learn from you. I think you helped to re-affirm that in the United States, hard work and the indomitable human spirit, guided by wisdom, is the key to being able to make a positive difference in the world. Over the years of watching you and C-SPAN, I have learned not just what to read, but *how and why* to read. I don't think I would have read and *highlighted* works like *The Federalist Papers*, *Democracy in America* or have developed a deep interest in the writings of Russell Kirk, for instance, without your influence. And this, despite a "liberal arts" education at Columbia! Again, thank you dearly.

We hope you will think of your new "friends" at the Union League Club and perhaps visit with us again at some point. Rest assured, you will remain in our thoughts and go with our prayers for many future successes.

My best,

