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Please excuse my not knowing your last name, though I'm a faithful watcher of your broadcast. I am writing this letter because my husband would be angry at a call to Washington on our bill.

I am enclosing a part of our local newspaper regarding a poll. This is the evening edition which is purportedly the Republican issue, and they publish a morning edition, (The Intelligencer Journal) purportedly the Democratic issue.

I have long questioned the "polls", I have never been polled by telephone or otherwise, and since October 1987 when I retired and am more available have not ever been polled for anything. Note: George Bush said on TV "he pays no attention to polls", but I read that he employs a full time Pollster at over \$1 million per year--paid by the taxpayer.

Note the headline, "Countians applaud Bush but fear war, poll results show." 176 people responded to this poll, with a circulation of 55,212----!! Is this an example of the approval ratings as shown by "polls" around the US? For a large number of years we have been inundated by poll results--I think it is time they are investigated--where were the polls taken, how many people were polled and if it is a political poll, what is the predominant politics of the area polled. When 176 out of 55,212 people respond to a poll, that is not applausal of G. Bush, that is apathy, indifference and disgust with Washington. By the way, I note the article does not list the circulation figure which would present a true picture. (I called the executive offices of the newspaper to get the figure). Many Americans are influenced by poll results as published and are unduly influenced to agree with them.

Mr. Bush has created a "war fervor" and the news media, with their constant coverage has "fired up" the people to a scary pitch. People think it is un-American to disagree with the President--where does it state in the constitution that he infallable?

When "he" invaded Panama many of the news media said he was no longer a wimp..causing death and poverty to Panamanians and death to our soldiers certainly isn't to his credit. To capture his former friend Noreiga, who like the Marcos will live to enjoy many years of the wealth they received from unknowing American people, he caused untold misery. If G. Bush or one of his sons went to the frontlines of Panama or Iraq then I might reconsider his "wimp" image.

If G. Bush was sincere about Kuwait, why didn't he first confer with Japan and Germany before he brashly sent our faithful troops there? I think he is grand-standing and wants to be the supreme ruler. The American people would rather have young lives than oil. We can and do conserve oil. G. Bush certainly doesn't--travelling 200,000 miles in 20 months in office. I, for one, am tired of seeing a president continually waving from a helicopter--he wanted to be president for years, and now he is seldom in Washington...if we wanted a travelling salesman we should have hired one..as president he should spend at least 90% of his time in Washington! During the election the Democrats asked where was G. Bush, during Iran

Contra dealings, now, we can constantly ask where is he, because he certainly spends as little time as possible in Washington. We are paying high priced help to do his "running" there is no excuse for his constant travelling!

I fear, that G. Bush is playing politics at the expense of YOUNG American lives, I hope I am wrong, because the thought scares me, that he would have the power to go into Panama to divert the American people from his son and the S & L scandal, and that fiasco didn't work so now we have another little country invaded. G. Bush, as in the past will, if no lives are lost, come out smelling like a rose and win reelection and perhaps again detour the thinking people 's minds from the deficit and his son and the S & L.

I write continually to Pennsylvania's representative Bob Walker and many other Washington people. Mr. Walker 99 9/10% of the time supports his president. Walker is a republican in a republican community, who runs virtually unopposed and will have his job for life. Walker is noted for his support of the president and has no conception of the middle class persons needs and thoughts. However, I still write to him much to my frustration. I will shortly be writing to G. Bush and Walker asking them to forgive my income tax for several years since G. Bush EGYPT magnanimously, without consulting the people or Congress will forgive their \$6 to \$7 billion debt--what a help to the budget his misguided generosity will be.

Finally, I think it is shameful for the US to send US troops anywhere. We are supposed to be a peace loving, non aggressive country. The lame excuses for invading Grenada, Panama and now Iraq create an image to the rest of the world that we are not a "kind and gentler" country. It says that our leaders will make war or invade on a selective basis when it suits them. With all the intelligent (I hope) people we subsidize in Washington they certainly should be able to make peace, not war. Also, no President should be permitted to deploy troops, declare war or send a so-called "peace keeping" force without the approval of both houses of congress.

Thank you for reading my lengthy letter.

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