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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Let me begin by complimenting you on Booknotes; it is a splendid program. In all the months I have listened, I did not find a presentation I didn't like — until last night.

Mr. Robert Leekie and Ohinawa were well below the uniformly high standard you have set. My own impression is that Mr. Leekie is pretty shallow.

Almost always, you can draw a reticent author out in spite of himself with splendid results. Not so last night; Mr. Leekie

kept dodging and weaving in a way that was painful to watch. We really didn't find out much about Okinawa.

Let me compliment you, however, on so many brilliant selections. My favorite was Sherry Foote. Then too, having heard The Nightingale's Song, I bought it the next day. It's splendid, except that its portrait of the Naval Academy does not describe the much brighter side of a school that I experienced, and enjoyed. Even so, I also bought Mr. Webb's A Sense of Honor and The Killing Fields.

And now I look forward to Robert E. Lee next week. What could be more inviting?

Sincerely yours,


Capt, USN (Ret.)