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Dear Lois,

As a British senior citizen who spends the greater part of his time living in America I should like to pay tribute to the exceptionally high standard of your programmes. Their educational value, their breadth of serious and informed coverage of domestic and world affairs and their intellectual stimulus are beyond compare.

The presentation and conduct of the programmes owe a great deal to the skill and personalities of their anchor men and women and not least to the egregiously Brian Lamb whose charm, humour and expertise add so much to the enjoyment of the programmes.

I have one suggestion to make regarding your coverage of the British scene. Prime Minister's Question Time in the House of Commons is not something of which we are proud - quite the reverse. Leaving aside the questionable "entertainment" value of the proceedings, I am sure that American viewers must be hopelessly confused by most of the topics discussed (or shouted about) of which they can have no knowledge whatsoever. (Deprived of any press back-up I find it difficult enough myself). Would it not be preferable, therefore to hear the views of senior politicians, journalists and academics on subjects of real interest to the

So-call Anglo-U.S. "special relationship" or such topics as foreign affairs, defense and NATO, trade and fiscal policy, the EEC, ethnic minorities, the monarchy and so on? All these things are frequently discussed on British television and presumably some of the tapes are negotiable.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. Just before I was going to mail this letter I listened to your excellent programme following the opening of Parliament ceremonies. This took a lot of the wind out of my sails! Full marks - and more of the same please!