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Dear Reader of Mailings,

(WHOMEVER SHE may be) I have not gone away, and note my 24th letter to C-SPAN was on 032092.

I have directed my inquiries to: The Hill; The Executive Branch; Mr. Clinton's Little Rock Office!

This letter is a riposte to Mr. Kondracke's commentary on The Dictionary remarks by a Caller this morning. I own four(4)dictionaries. An ancient Random House Collegiate first published in 1900, and(per my issue revised 1980; A GENUINE Webster's Unabridged(it aint); A newer Collegiate TITLED: Random House Webster's Collegiate copyrighted 1991 and a unique issue titled: Reader's Digest Illustrated REVERSE DICTIO-NARY.

Mr. Kondracke challenged the Caller to the extent there(had to be)[inferred or implied by Your Guest]a more flattering definition than the one chosen by Your Caller!

I will avoid The Reverse Dictionary since it treats on THREE TYPES only: MUGWUMP; WHIP & PORK BARREL. MY Webster's begins with one definition under a separate heading as : 1). Cunning; using artifice; 2). Pertaining to politicians or the methods of politics. Each definition qualified as (RARE).

The Second Heading(Still using POLITICIAN with its root; Fr. politicien LUMPS 4 definitions without providing Numeric Separations, the least derogatory being: As opposed to statesman, which suggests able, far seeing, principled conduct of public affairs. It concludes with a final definition parenthetically qualified as RARE: a person skilled or experienced in practical politics or political science.

There are further headings(with definitions)for: politicize(2); politicist; politically; politico(2); politics(o definitions) & polity.

My ANCIENT COLLEGIATE begins with: politic and runs: political; political economy; political science; politician; politicise; politicize; politick; politicking; politico; politics & polity and I direct Mr. Kondracke to Random House's 1980 Revision. There are a host of definitions. One of which The Caller quoted, and some less derogatory, and one I like particularly [under a subheading as SYN. 3] POLITICIAN is often more derogatory, and STATESMAN laudatory.

