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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this for the first time and hope you will find the enclosed items of some interest to you. These are thoughts that I call Reflections on matters that come up from day to day.

I watch your channel all the time and think that we the people get a chance to be heard, which is an opportunity that has not been given often.

Keep the programs coming. I would hope that you would consider responding to my efforts. I find the call-in to be very good but it is hard for me to express my self over a phone.

I know that these are sometime lengthy but these are issues that I feel important to me.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

sincerely,

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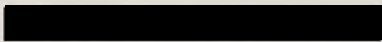
As a retired, disabled person I wish to say that I do not consider myself a sacred cow. I have always been willing to pay my own way, and still willing to pay my fare share for any relief in our financial problems. I resent the fact that because I am retired, that I am somehow are being taken care of. I do not and never have, been any burden or wanted to become a liability to anyone. There are many retired who, receive benefits and can well afford the increased assessment's, as well as anything else. There are many more, who for them it will be a hardship. If I understand the purposes correctly, not only will we pay an increase in premiums, but beyond that, benefits will also be reduced and in most cases, doctors will no longer accept these assignments, and this will become a severe problem to most. There are so many stories passed about this and it is hard to know what is and what isn't fact about this Bill.

It is very confusing to me to understand why we are always in a quandary over money. I have known many people who spend money before they earn it. For some this is successful and others disasterous. My limited mathematical experience tells me that as a nation we seem to spend uncontrolled, and poorly managed money, and it has turned into a nightmare. With all the math wizards around you would think one of them could find a simple answer.

For the life of me I cannot understand why if I earn \$1.00 or \$1,000,000.00 personal income, that an equal percentage of that money can't be payed for taxes, by everyone across the board. What is so complicated? If there are to be concessions they should also be fare, and let them be for those who improve and up grade. Those individuals and businesses that do not do anything but take profits from their firms should pay the personel income taxes and eliminate all the tax shelters that exist to help them become richer. Who would have suspected that you could go into bankruptcy, and come out better off than before? This is but one example of the ability of wizards and we need not discuss saving institutions. I am sure that there will be those who will say this is much to simplistic. I don't think it is necessary to continue with the who are's and why not's list. An old expression said "if the shoe fits, wear it." I think many of our financial scholars must think, the big bag of money that everyone dipped into for years is still here. It may be, but it got a hole in it many years ago. We can no longer afford to be our brothers keeper free of charge. Everyone must pay but it should not always come from the same backs and shoulders.

There are many, humanitarian projects and we are bombarded with tons of very worth while endeavors, asking for support, we must decide which. There are far to many to support them all. They should include every military, medical, scientific, or any other gadget that can be dreamt up, including the answer to the common cold.

We really need long range planning, not fly by night projects that might be great politically but economically a disaster. Whatever happened to our Officials pledge to uphold the Constitution? Who are this Countries people? Is it just a select few, many, or all? I don't feel that those who, (like the wheel), squawks the loudest should always get the benefits. I think that some of our legislatures, and The President, forget about all the people. It must be remembered that if it weren't for working people, rich people wouldn't be rich. It takes all levels to make it work. "No man is an island." No middle class citizen wants a free ride, only a fare one.



(10/1/90) We don't jump we leap from one crisis to another quicker than the blink of an eye, due to world network television. We are now informed that yet another horror weapon is in the arsenal of this rather small and ruthless Country of Iraq. Again I say that if we are not prepared to go all the way, we should take our best shot, and cut our loses, or be prepared to take this to a military conclusion, as soon as possible.

(10/3/90) Has anyone watched MTV? The other side of youth. The side who have still got the boom boxes glued to their ears. Reminds me of some of my high school class mates, who to this day, are still sitting in the bars, talking about their exploits on the football field. Such a waste. The world around them doesn't seem to exist, and I am not really sure if they care. The only concerns that they seem to have is wild music, vulgar Rap, questionable art, clean needles, aids, and will there will be a draft? Well they do have a commercial that should interest the politicians, it is called, **"Rock the Vote."** How does that grab you?

(10/3/90) There is an element that say that we should limit terms of office to our elected officials. If they are doing the job that they were elected to do, and satisfying their constituents. I feel that District alone, should determine how long anyone should serve. It seems that we are telling them that they are being discriminated against, much like when any individual is told that because of age they can no longer serve. This is simply a campaign effort of those who are unsuccessful in un-seating these individuals. I truly wish that many of our news commentators had limited terms, but we know that will never happen.

(10/5/90) Isn't it comical to hear all the reasons we should accept all the tax increases that have been suggested. Taxes on gas, tobacco, beer, and Social Security, and so on. Hell if we tax clean air, and sex think of all the money that can be saved with these programs alone.

(10/8/90) In the last few days, I have heard all these eloquent speeches expressing how much concern there is for the poor and what little contribution our rich have made to create the problems before us today. I do not think that this is a rich, poor issue. Being neither rich, nor poor, I feel like a pawn in a chess game. I have heard these statements over and over again, both for and against. It is a national problem and there is certainly plenty of blame to go around on all sides. What aggravates me the most is the constant lies about the economic climate and who is to blame. The Senate is talking about the Rape of the Social Security and the President calmly telling the news media that he is tired of listening to this wheel that squeaks and that he is directing his attention to the needs of other matters of this nation, as he travels the Country campaigning, I am beginning to think that nobody really cares about anyone but themselves. This being the case, I hope that maybe we will finally get voters out to vote their convictions in numbers that show how many and what kind of voters they are and that they refuse to be taken for granted. The problem is not to elect anyone who normally promise the moon and deliver only the promises, but to elect those who will do what is necessary to straighten out this neglect that will take years to correct.

(10/9/90) Not only have we lost reportedly, 4 planes in practice, and an unknown number of helicopters, we now are told that the poison gas equipment and uniforms, issued our young men in the desert is a 1956 issue and will not be effective. Really scary. Makes one wonder if our leaders are really on top of things? If these reports are true or not, I think it is high time for the media to stop these scare articles. These alone will cause us unnecessary anguish.

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(10/10/90) Today Congress has heard officially of the horror that has been inflicted by Iraqi soldiers, on the Kuwaiti people. As always we listen but what will be done is anybody's guess. I don't understand why these hearings are held here and not through the UN. The world should be concerned enough to join together. So far we seem to be the world. It is confusing to me that these Arabian countries that are suppose to be so holy and so concerned with human life, and children, are so vicious in the way they treat people. It reminds me of how ancient people treated each other. Maybe we need to use old fashion methods instead of the high tech approach. Like the Afganistans fought the Russians and the North Vietnam fought us. It is remarkable that we, who are suppose to be the greatest nation on earth with as much or at least enough of the resources needed to fight any power on earth, have trouble with a nation who is bankrupt, yet has enough to sustain a 1 million man army complete with food, clothing. weapons, ammunition, and an arsenal of God knows what else, while we go around begging for money to sustain us for 2 or 3 months. This should be enough to embarrass even the most timid American.

It seems to me that this Country has done more for the Israeli people than any Country on the face of this earth, To create more resentment, and embarrassment by using deadly force is unreal. There are guards through out the world, that protect many shrines and the like, and have never had any incidents such as this. Most are specially trained for this work. Is this real, or is this yet another plot to divert attention from one crisis to another?

(10/11/90) I will be 62 years old in November and for the first time I am becoming uncomfortable with our whole system of government. It is like a huge conspiracy has taken over or even some sort of curse. Congress is struggling with the budget, the President touring the Country blasting every Democrat that exists. I thought that a President was suppose to lead, not be a campaign fund raiser? The Senate thanking their fellow members for the outstanding job that each is doing. The news media is printing every fear related story that can be put to film and paper, the government employee not knowing from day to day what to expect. Unemployment is becoming a concern. The kids might have the right idea. Tune into MTV, **Don't worry, be happy.** Maybe it is time for someone to take the **Bull** by the **horn** and show some metal. It must be remembered that, with leadership goes responsibility as well as title. We can no longer depend on political advisors to make major decisions that effect so many, no Willie Horton B/S just to look good. We need hard answers now, not after it is to late.

(10/12/90) Most Congressional Committee's quote articles from major news papers when conducting these hearings. This is one of the few times when the checks and balances in our system works. To challenge the agency that maybe responsible for the matter is when our news service is really doing it's job. Whether or not any good comes of this process however remains to be proven. Quoting and resolving are two quite different responses.

(10/14/90) Our news media is reporting that our forces will attack on a moon lit night in November. If it is true I hope the b----- or b---- that released it burns in hell. Our news media have never known war or what should and shouldn't become public knowledge. We might have intelligent but not very smart or responsible reporters. A war world II slogan was the slip of a lip sinks a ship, and we sure got a lot of big mouths around.

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(10/16/90) I listen to the Congress attacking each other over the tax issue and how to reduce the huge deficit that confronts today. If the new tax offer, is as bad as the Republican say, I find it peculiar that they oppose this legislation. If it is as said then I would think the November election would solve this. It has been the policy of Republicans to support and protect the wealthy. Until now, there has been little to no concern for the middle class on either side. There would be no battle with smoke and mirrors necessary if taxes were fare from the beginning. Let's face it, if huge spending had not been approved this issue, that is strangling our ability to run an efficient and responsible government, would have never come to be. Lets eliminate this veil and resolve this before it destroys us. "A nation divided".

(10/19/90) If we are not sucessful in our ability to educate our youth and use their talent and have the intelligence to avoid the pitfalls, then we better be prepared to becoming a 3rd world power. We seem to be developing several generations of burn outs of one sort or the other, and soon we will be unable to compete in the world market, when our wealthy sell off their holdings. Foreign investors are buying them. As soon as they break up these investments and drain all the value from them I am sure that they will also discard them as we are witnessing, with mergers, Chapter 11's, saving and loan investments. God knows what is in store with banks, and insurance holdings?

With all the happenings of the last few days we now have a new crisis. As peaceful as is was we had a demonstration about blood and it's safety. Was this worth the grief that was caused those who through no fault of their own had to be subjected to the aggravation. No concern was given to those who had to wait for this to disburse, and no appologies given. Under other circumstances many would have been thrown in jail. If for no other reason than not having a permit. I sometime wonder if we are watching the death of a nation protecting it's Constitution?