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Dear Brian:

I have written to you before to compliment you on the extraordinarily fine service rendered by C-Span to the governmental process, but I have never been as certain of that conclusion as I am after watching the Senate hearings on the charges leveled at Clarence Thomas. Having just read your fine article on the Editorial page of the Wall Street Journal, I wish also to compliment you on the thoughts embodied there, all of which I echo.

I don't know whether anyone has ever mentioned it before, but in case they haven't I should tell you that I have found a remarkable thing about C-Span. After important events such as the Bush-Dukakis debates, the Thomas hearings, etc., I have the practice of preparing a tally of the sentiments echoed by the people who phone in to C-Span, in three columns P, C and?. P being for Pro, C for Con and ? for can't determine.

I did this Sunday night after the Thomas marathon ended. The results were two to one for Thomas with a couple of ?s. This corresponds to the results before the charges and hearings related thereto and those being registered now. It was an accurate predictor of the results of polls taken during the '88 Presidential campaign. This poses a question. Since I have tried unendingly to get through to C-Span and have never not gotten a busy. I conclude that those who get to express their views on C-Span must hang on the line (at not inconsiderable expense) for some time before you bring them on. If this is true, they are prequalified in the sense that the views are expressed by people seriously enough committed to the governmental process, and well enough heeled to be willing to pay up to express their views. I would ordinarily conclude that this fact would cause their views to be a less reliable predictor than they have appeared to be by my informal testing.

I had my own show on Ch.22-KWHY, Los Angeles, the nation's first all-financial channel for twelve years and had a good following for the entire period because I used my background as a partner in a NYSE firm to give insights into financial and monetary matters most establishment people had a vested interest in suppressing. The show was very popular and proved a lucrative method of reaching people inclined to financial unorthodoxy, my desired market. It has, perhaps, led me to think in a way which causes me to pose a problem for myself in interpreting results I

see borne out by tallying the sentiments of your viewers.

I am sure you recognize that the American and overseas reaction to the Thomas hearings can only be interpreted as a Constitutional crisis. How it will play out, I cannot predict, but one thing is certain, C-Span points the way to the importance of unbiased coverage in the media.

You interviewed a most impressive person, Sam Gerdano, former legal counsel (?) to Senator Grassley. He and I have similar backgrounds though I am much older than he, we both apparently come from upstate New York, both attorneys, both committed to the political process. I was a professional fund raiser for the New York Republican State Committee when a younger man and a long time fund raiser both for the Republicans and for charities such as the Red Cross. I serve as Development Director of the Central Utah Chapter of Red Cross now and am devoted to this as well as other charitable causes. I served as legal counsel to the late H.C. Patterson, member of the S.E.C. during the Eisenhower administration and am no stranger to the government regulatory process.

Would you be good enough to give me an address and phone number at which I can reach Mr. Gerdano. I would like to share with him some of the ideas I have as to potential solutions to the Constitutional impasse in which the country presently stands. If something isn't done, I fear no worthy candidates will be willing to volunteer for governmental service.

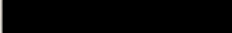
Please continue the outstanding work! Many thanks for whatever assistance you care to give me.

Kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,



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