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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Thank you for C-Span.

Yesterday I watched Rolf Ekeus, the Swedish Ambassador to the U.S. and former UN Iraqi weapons investigator/inspector, on C-Span. In fact, I watched him twice.

If his presentation was any indication of the quality of the inspection program and the effectiveness of the UN bureaucracy, the U.S. should not participate in either. Mr. Ekeus presented no hard evidence that the inspectors have really found and destroyed any weapons. He told one story about finding and destroying a chicken feed factory that was being used for chemical/biological weapons manufacturing. That was just a tale, not hard evidence. But that was the only one.

Last Sunday, Secy of Defense Cohen, who has a very difficult job which he is not performing very well, was on TV as he tried to convince the Germans that the UN search and destroy efforts in Iraq have been successful. He said that the inspectors have found and destroyed "thousands" of weapons of mass destruction since the Gulf War. Mr. Ekeus certainly didn't say that, nor did he even indicate that. In fact, he didn't come close to claiming that the inspectors have been that successful, or even a little successful. If Mr. Ekeus can be believed, the UN inspectors, for the first five years of their program, were extremely ineffective. They were frustrated because Hussein claimed that he destroyed weapons in secret and provided no evidence of that. That went on for five years! According to Mr. Ekeus, the inspectors really hadn't collected much information, nor had they found and destroyed many weapons, if any, until S. Hussein's son-in-law defected and gave them some information. Even after that, they weren't effective.

If the UN people have been successful, and, in fact, have destroyed "thousands" of weapons in Iraq, why don't we see the evidence on TV, in magazines, or in the newspapers? The finding and destruction of weapons, as a follow-up to the Gulf War, should be of major interest to Americans, who are financing the UN peace-keeping (wars) and the search and destroy operations. The inspectors/destroyers must have recorded their successful inspections and destruction activities on tape and with photographs. Why aren't the American people provided that information? The UN and the U.S. inspectors would have insisted that the information be broadcast to the American public and the World, as a means of demonstrating how successful and necessary they are. Politically, they would have insisted that the evidence be presented.

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The U.S. should not even be considering bombing Iraq. Iraq is a nation of about 20-million people. Their "soldiers" don't even have uniforms. Obviously they are no threat to the U.S. They have no effective air force, nor navy, and no significant hi-tech weapons delivery systems. It bothers me that we have Lott, Daschle, and Gingrich insisting that Iraq is a world-class military power, a threat to the world. There is no evidence to that effect. Bombing Iraq is an act of war. I hate to see the U.S. become the was arm of the UN. Why is the U.S. leadership so insistent on declaring war on Iraq? Is it because of the Zionists in our government, other nations, and the UN?

I hate to see our elected leaders, Daschle, Lott, and Gingrich promoting the bombing of Iraq in the name of "International Law". If "International Law" rules, then we are truly losing our sovereignty. We should get out of the UN and we should stop entering into and participating in international trade agreements, environmental treaties, and international financial institutions.