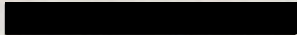


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New Port Richey, Fl., 34652

C-Span,
400 North Capitol Street, N.W.,
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Attention: Brian Lamb

Dear Mr. Lamb,

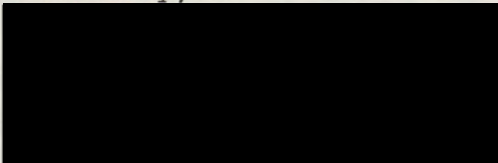
To say "thank you" for C-Span is a lame accolade for your gift to America!

I have watched since the beginning and I have joined the conversations over the years. Observing your thirty day rule has been difficult at times but I have not broken the rule.

I enjoyed your recent program on political satire. Enclosed, is a satirical piece which I wrote. It was published in The Suncoast News on December 25th. I am a political junkie, at the age of seventy-six, and find great humor in this "science" or "game".

If my "letter from mom to George W. Bush" makes you smile, consider it my gift to you, as we enter a new century.

Sincerely,



Commentary

Advice to the GOP front-runner from Mom

BY [REDACTED]

Dear George,

What in the world has gotten into you, Son? If I didn't know better, I would swear that you have hired Dan Quayle as your political consultant. Watching you in those Republican debates has become painful for your dad and me.

The pundits are asking whether you possess gravitas and the comedians are asking whether you have an IQ over 60. If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times, "Do your homework."

George, I don't expect you to know all of the world leaders by name but when you asked that uppity reporter, "Is this 50 Questions," I couldn't believe my ears. It's 20 Questions, Son. Remember how we used to play that game when we lived in the White House?

Do me a favor. The next time someone asks what you read, forget Dean Acheson. Don't try to get fancy. Say, "I read *Readers' Digest* because it's short and sweet." The voters in Middle America will love that. Besides John McCain can quote Acheson chapter and verse. Don't go there again.

I hope you aren't angry with me about my conversation with those reporters in Austin. I told the truth when I said, "George is no dummy; maybe he was a tad of a late bloomer." Now is the time for you to bloom, George; sooner rather than later. John McCain is stealing your thunder.

One more thing: Before the next debate, stand in front of a mirror and practice smiling. Put on a Happy Face. Think of all that money in your campaign chest. Think of all those Republican angels in your dad's

'One more thing: Before the next debate, stand in front of a mirror and practice smiling.'

Rolodex. Stand up there and smile like a compassionate conservative and wipe that smirk off your face. Call me if you need any further suggestions.

Love, Mom.

[REDACTED] is a New Port Richey-area resident.