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Dear Brian,

I write to alert you to a book that you might think was written expressly for C-SPAN. And it was written by one of my oldest friends, to get everything on the table.

It's called *If Americans Really Understood The Income Tax*. The author is John Fox, for years a tax lawyer in Washington, now an adjunct prof. at Mt. Holyoke College, where he started trying to explain the income tax to smart young women a dozen years ago, and realized that most Americans don't remotely understand what a Rube Goldberg machine their tax laws have created. In the best Lamb tradition, John is non-partisan. His target is the anomalies, inconsistencies and absurdities of the tax law, not its ideology.

At my urging, John is sending you a copy of the book. We have tried to coordinate this missive and his, so it may be on your desk at this very moment! At tax time, with the tax bill pending, the timing seems pretty good to me. Have a look.

I hope you are well. Len Downie and I are just now finishing our opus on the state of the news business in America. Knopf will publish it in January. At which point you'll be hearing from me again.

Warm regards,

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