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Attention: Brian Lamb

Dear Brian,

This letter is in reference to your September 3, 1993 episode of the Journalists Roundtable. You had a caller, towards the end of the program, who mentioned the issue surrounding aid to Cuba, specifically the incident in Laredo, Texas, involving the school bus and the hunger strikers.

This story was covered extensively by the Pacifica News Service and I heard the Berkeley, CA, Pacifica Channel, KPFA, report daily on this story while it was happening. I heard nothing mentioned in the mainstream media about this, but that was not surprising. So therefore, I was not surprised to hear the three panelists on today's show say that they knew nothing of this story.

I mention this to you because it demonstrates so clearly that the Beltway Boys (and Girls) that you assemble weekly on the Journalists Roundtable program, have their heads buried in the Washington sand. While this pathetic cast of establishment-media personnel are paraded weekly on your hi-brow friday morning show, giving us their spin or interpretation on the latest set of phoney numbers, figures, proposals, and programs that the politicians are feeding them this week, serious stories covered by serious journalists are never broached by these clowns, or unfortunately, by the most beloved roundtable host in the country....Brian Lamb.

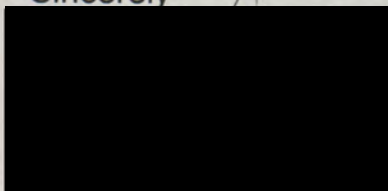
This was pointed out on your June 14, 1991 show in which this writer phoned in from Santa Cruz, CA, and began the conversation by saying, "All we ever see assembled on this program are members of the mainstream, corporate owned, government friendly press"... I'm sure you remember it well Brian, and I appreciated all the time you gave me during that phone call to stress my point. You'll recall that the "October Surprise" was the hot topic that week, demonstrated by the overwhelming percentage of callers who discussed it, but you, the host, said nothing of it during the half-hour lead-in to the calls. Hmm.

Time revealed what many of us already knew would happen...
...the October Surprise story was swept neatly under a Congressional rug, in the guise of a careful review by a Task Force with more conflicts of interest than the number of raisins found in a box of Raisin Bran.

The point I am making here, is that regardless of how often you have Christopher Hitchens, or Alexander Cockburn on your other shows, their point of view needs to be represented on your Journalists Roundtable program. There is no balance to the point of views expressed on that friday morning show, or perhaps I should say that there seldom is. Ray Suarez was an exception, but NPR is the establishment, so ~~not~~ little changed with his first appearance. The Roundtable program is a Washington Spin game. Get Don Rush from Pacifica on the Roundtable (he would have known about the outrageous behavior of the U.S. Customs service in relation to the bus incident in Laredo), or Hitchens, or Cockburn, or David Corn.

Thanks for listening.

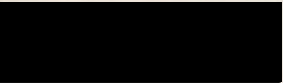
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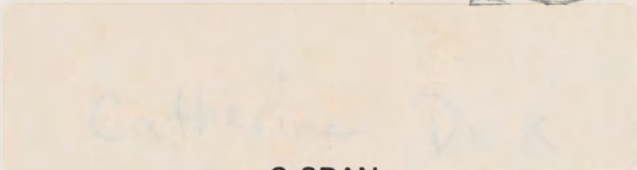
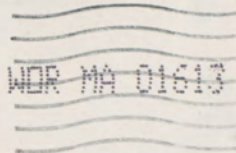






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