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Dear Mr. Lamb:

My first letter to C-SPAN was in reference to a videotape and I did not address it to anyone in particular but this time I have a couple of comments and they both involve you to a certain extent.

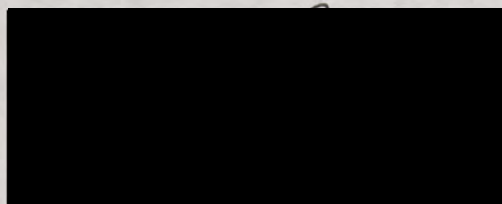
A few weeks ago I happened to tune in to an interview you had with Lewis Puller, Jr. At first I did not realize it was from 1992 nor did I notice his disability. He had an excellent speaking voice, seemed very intelligent and his story fascinated me. I don't exactly know why because there have been many stories from the Vietnam era. After the interview was over I got up to turn the television off and a statement was made that he committed suicide in 1994. I cannot express how I felt after hearing that information. I have since read his book but cannot understand after all he went through why he would give up his life at that particular time. I will find out somehow, but he was such a fighter for so long that I feel something must have hurt him so deeply that he was not able to survive it. At any rate, it effected me profoundly and I do thank you for that interview.

O. B. Puller

My second comment is about the change in your guest lineup. I am not complaining because you must do whatever the majority of the people want. I for one like the way it was several months ago. The debates provided a challenge on issues, policies, etc. In fact four of the most interesting guests you have had in my opinion was Camille Paglia/Bay Buchanan and Rep. James Traficant/J. D. Haworth. They were intelligent, had something to offer and did it in a way that I could relate to. No fighting, no calling of names, just different views. Now if the person you have as a guest for 45 minutes, an hour or more is a boring speaker, I have to shut it off. If the person speaks with ah, ah, ah, ah, with every other word I must shut it off. It is one thing to listen to different views being debated but when the speaker's views are entirely different from mine I cannot listen for a whole hour or even for 30 minutes without having someone challenge a statement that might be wrong. Maybe it might be possible to change the format to include both types of programs.

I am enjoying the President's series. Thank you verymuch.

Sincerely,

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