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Attention: Brian Lamb

Gentlemen:

I appreciate your instructive program which usually informs the public of vital issues. Unfortunately, the information regarding NAFTA has been substandard. While both sides have adequately discussed their views of the agreement, the actual merits of this document are not being discussed. Those citizens who wish to stay informed have neither the time nor the ability to determine just who is telling the truth.

Fortunately, in the "grass roots" organization of United We Stand America of Alabama several people have taken the initiative to actually read this document. While there are parts of this document mankind was never intended to understand, for the most part the NAFTA committee has adequately informed the specifics of the document to anyone who will listen. For instance, the agreement according to the Pro-NAFTA proponents will allow the free movement of all goods and services after a fifteen-year period. This simply is not true. If you will read volume two, page I-M-28, you will find that the American Petroleum Industry is prevented from selling their products in Mexico at any time. The phase-out period is "none" and also non-negotiable. This circumvents the phrase "free trade." The second example that has been cited by our informed committee is "Reciprocity." The granting of reciprocity which is found in chapter 16, Vol. 1 has been kept virtually a secret. This granting of equality of professional credentials of sixty-three professions such as librarians, registered nurses, architects, disaster claims adjusters for insurance companies, etc. may seem appropriate. However, the problem with this is (1) the professionals who may be adversely affected by this will not have the opportunity to air their objections or opinions to Congress regarding this aspect of the agreement. (2) The sham here is that reciprocity is not granted by Mexico to these professions. Only Mexican Nationals may be licensed in professions which require a professional license. (Vol. 2, Page I-M-45)

I have mentioned just a few of the many pitfalls as described by Don Casey the individual who exemplifies the epitome of "grass roots" in America today. Don actually purchased the agreement (\$44)-not the Summary - several months ago and set about the tremendous task to read and study the document. Since he is a steel worker in Birmingham and knows that free trade is vital not only for his employer but also for the

economic growth of our country, his interest is more than justifiable. During a recent meeting with Congressman Bachus,

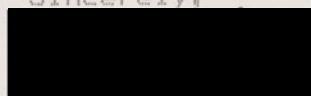
Don's knowledge concerning NAFTA impressed the Congressman so much that he instructed his NAFTA specialist to fly from Washington to Birmingham to discuss the agreement with Don. Don went chapter by chapter defining restrictions to America's free flow of goods and highlighting specific paragraphs and discussing the document in detail.

It has been very obvious to our group that very few people that discuss the agreement publicly have never seen this document much less have read or studied it. Having someone like Don Casey appear on your show would not only be representative of the various grass roots efforts springing up over our country but his interpretation and approach would be quite refreshing and inspiring to all Americans who also love their country and just simply want what is best for it.

I understand that there are other UWSA groups in various states who have undertaken this tremendous task. Perhaps a panel of "grassroots" and their views would make an interesting program.

NAFTA - is it best for the American people? I think not! Thank you for your attention in this matter and for your continued efforts for objective reporting to the American people.

Sincerely,



Volunteer and

Member of UWSA

P. S. I have taught for 18 years in the Language Arts and believe I know the makings of a good program when I see one.