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"48 Hours of Non-Fiction Books"
400 North Capital Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

Gentlemen:

I should like to express my appreciation for all of the education you are providing the American people; for Brian Lamb's extraordinary leadership in this effort, and, in particular, for "48 hours of books," which enthralls every weekend.

I am very much in favor of the sort of interview you did yesterday afternoon with John Lukacs. They were three of the most enjoyable hours I've passed in many a week. It was not only his incomparable eloquence from the political and educational side of the moment, in particular "political correctness" but the breadth of his background and world view.

What is most missing from most guests, to say nothing of the callers, is precisely a world view which permits them to separate the trivial from the tactical and strategic. I would be very appreciative of more guests such as Lukacs who have a clear understanding of where their specialty fits in to the "big picture." The three hours flew by for me as I'm sure they did for many viewers.

I would also appreciate your passing on to Mr. Lamb
my admiration for his understanding that many in the audience
will be unfamiliar with the vocabulary and general knowledge one
must be able to expect of a college graduate and will ask
his interviewee what certain words mean as to what the title
of a book such as Mein Kampf ^(sic) refers.

I thank all of you at C-SOAS for your selection.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]