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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am a lawyer in Hartford, Connecticut and, in the past, have been supportive of C-Span. I am writing to tell you that I have never been more angered, upset and outraged about any media coverage in my life than I was over your coverage of the Nixon funeral ceremonies. How dare you allow a journalist with such fixed and hostile views of President Nixon to have free reign for over an hour to trample upon the President's memory!? President Nixon is dead and therefore cannot defend himself. You did not place anyone else on the program to sit alongside Jules Whitcover to contest his petty and mean-spirited remarks. Given Jules Whitcover's past writings and publications, I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to figure out that Whitcover was perhaps not the right man to comment on Nixon during the man's funeral. Where are your brains? Whose bright idea was it? Yours? Bruce Collins'? Sue Swain's?

I thought Whitcover did more than, in Sue Swain's words, "offer criticism" of President Nixon. His comments hit below the belt. When Ms. Swain asked him if he had any fond memories of Nixon, Jules Whitcover related a story about how Nixon had very graciously held up a plane for Mr. Whitcover who was running late. Then Jules Whitcover made the comment that Nixon only engaged in that act of kindness because he was the only reporter they had covering them. That was a vindictive and completely unsupported comment by a journalist who clearly had a hostile, leftist agenda to advance.

I am going to investigate C-Span's source of funding from this point forward. As a lawyer I know there are always pressure points one can use against an adversary. Congratulations. You now have a lawyer in Connecticut (as well as several of my legal colleagues in New York who are equally outraged about your decision to give Whitcover air time) who

now consider it their duty to complain to those who support your network financially.

My family and I will never forget last night's program. Nor should you if you want to remain on the air for any length of time. My opinion of C-Span has been radically and forever altered by your decision to give Jules Whitcover air time last night.

Sincerely,

