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Date: 05-09-94
From: [REDACTED]
To: Brian Lamb
C-SPAN
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Re: Speakers from the "Left"

Dear Mr. Lamb:

In your discussion with William Greider and P. J. O'Rourke last week, I understood you to say, "We [C-SPAN] can't get the Left to talk" - or words to that effect.

May I suggest that there are serious and articulate representatives of the Left in this country, and that you should make an effort to recruit them for your programs. You did mention the most important member of this group - Noam Chomsky - and one whom you've had on the air on several occasions - Christopher Hitchens. Alexander Cockburn of the Nation is another. The names of Perry Anderson and Robert Brenner of the UCLA history department, Peter Linebaugh of Boston, Doug Henshaw of the Left Business Observer, and many of the people associated with journals like Monthly Review and Z Magazine just begin a list that could easily be extended. Few of these people are adverse to talking.

If you're really scraping the bottom of the barrel, I would suggest myself and my colleague, Paul Mueth. We do a weekly one-hour radio program called "News from Neptune" on a community station (WEFT-FM) here in central Illinois. The program's name comes from a remark Jeff Greenfield made when asked why Chomsky didn't appear on Nightline: "He [Chomsky] is wacko, he sounds like he comes from Neptune." Hence "News from Neptune" (although we have at least once been mistaken for a program on maritime phenomena).

I am taking the liberty of attaching a brief resume. I do hope you succeed in getting the Left to talk...

Sincerely,

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RESUME:

Urbana IL 61801;

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EDUCATION:

TEACHING POSITIONS:

RECENT PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- "The Beginning of All Criticism": Christianity and Historical Materialism," Colloquium, Unit for Criticism, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992.
- "Anarchism: The Conclusion of Liberalism," Friday Forum Series, Champaign IL, 1992.
- "Christianity and Development," Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, UIUC, 1992.
- "Opus Dei: Work of God or...?" Roncalli Society, Peoria IL, 1991.
- "'Though This Be Madness': Method in the Study of Religion," Centre for Religious Studies, U. Toronto, 1991.
- "Reflections on Liberation Theology," public lecture sponsored by the Religious Studies Program, UIUC, 1990.
- "America and the Coming Reformation: Christianity and Capitalism at the (Third) Millennium," Ford Foundation seminar, Religion and Society, Wesleyan University, Middletown CT, 1989.
- "Politics is Structured Like a Language": Lacan, Chomsky, and the Ethics of Psychoanalysis," Contributions to Social and Political Science, Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Group Relations, Oxford 1988 (Washington DC: A. K. Rice Institute, 1989), pp. 43-52.
- "The Modern Significance of von Humboldt's Idea of the University," Religion and Culture in the University: The Founding of the University of Berlin and the Scientific Study of Religion, U. Toronto, 1987.
- "Historical Materialism and Reformation Theology," Renaissance Colloquium, UIUC, 1987.
- Various newspaper articles for Common Sense (Notre Dame, Indiana), The Catholic Free Press (Worcester, Massachusetts), Unbound (Urbana, Illinois), etc., 1986-present.

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS:

Annual Award of the Students' Association: University of Rochester, New York
Fellowship, Southeastern Institute of Medieval and Renaissance Studies: Duke University
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship: Brown University
Graduate Prize Fellowship, Dillaway Fellowship (highest honor in modern history in Harvard College), Harvard National Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship: Harvard University

MISCELLANEOUS:

Friday Forum Committee (open lecture series on public affairs), University YMCA, Champaign IL 1992-present
Chair, Faculty Committee for panel series "Religion and Society," Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992-93
A weekly hour of political commentary, WEFT-FM, Champaign IL, 1990-present
Board of Directors, Roncalli Society (organization of Roman Catholics, Diocese of Peoria), 1990-present
Board of Directors and Treasurer, Prairie Air, Inc. (WEFT-FM), Champaign IL, 1990-91
Outreach Committee, Champaign-Urbana Ecumenical Committee on Sanctuary, 1988-91
Board of Directors and Secretary, Illinois Disciples' Foundation, Champaign IL, 1988-91
Founding member, Center for the Study of Groups and Social Systems, Boston, 1983-86
Roles in theatrical productions and films, Massachusetts and Illinois, 1981-present
Peace and Justice Commission, Archdiocese of Boston, 1977-78
Advisory Committee, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Experimental School System, 1973
Founding member, Melville-Park Association (neighborhood association in Boston's Dorchester district), 1973
Association for the Rights of Children, South Bend IN and Boston, 1970-72

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