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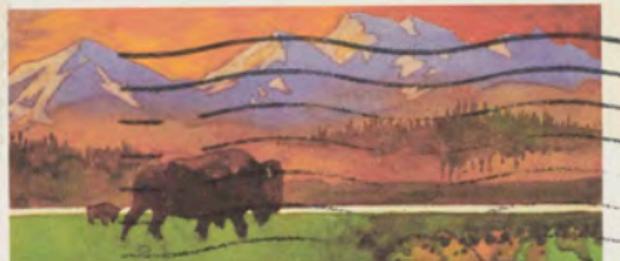
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DEAR STEVE: I AM A GREAT FAN OF C-SPAN AND OF YOURS, SPECIFICALLY. YOUR SUNDAY JOURNAL IS, FAR AND AWAY, THE BEST OF THE SUNDAY SHOWS. I HAVE COMPLAINED BEFORE, HOWEVER, ^{ABOUT} YOUR (? YOUR?) CHOICE OF GUESTS. YOUR CHOICE OF RD MURKIN IN Oct. 30 WAS PERFECTLY DISGRADFUL (8 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY, NO LESS). HE WAS AN IMPORTANT NATIONAL REPUBLICAN FIGURE SPREADING HIS STRONGLY PARTISAN VIEWS. WHERE WAS THE BALANCE? TIM O'BRIEN WAS JUST FINE BUT IT WAS NOT THE EQUIVALENT OF MURKIN AND ^{THIS} LEAD TO A BROSS PRO-REPUBLICAN EMPHASIS. ONE GETS THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THE CHOICE OF GUESTS (SUCH AS MURKIN AND WEINBERGER) STems FROM OLD POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS (? BRIAN'S). WE KNOW YOU AIM FOR BALANCE AND FAIR DISCUSSIONS IN YOUR PROGRAMMING. BUT... THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN ACHIEVE THAT WHEN, AS IN THIS CASE, YOU HAVE A PARTISAN POLITICIAN BALANCED BY A NON-PARTISAN (IF VERY ABLE) NEWS REPORTER. STEVE, YOU CAN DO BETTER. MOST CORDIALLY, H.Z.



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