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DEAR BOOK-TV / C-SPAN STAFF (OR, "BOOK-SPAN" AS ONE VIEWER TERMS IT!)

— A NOTE OF THANKS FOR YOUR NEW 3-HOUR  
SHOW WHICH Aired SUNDAY, 2/6/2000 WITH AUTHOR JOHN LUKACS;  
PLEASE DO GO FORWARD WITH THIS SERIES!

Also, MANY KUDOS TO C-SPAN FOR BOTH THE DE TOQUEVILLE  
AND AMERICAN PRESIDENTS SERIES, ALSO, FOR PROGRAMS FEATURING  
GUESTS WITH EXPERTISE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (EXEMPTING PERHAPS,  
THE ADMINISTRATION'S "EMPTY SUIT" OF 2/6 MORNING SHOW!).

AND OF COURSE, AS ALWAYS, GRATITUDE FOR MR. LAMB'S  
SUNDAY EVENING BOOK TALKS WITH NON-FICTION WRITERS.

FINALLY, MIGHT C-SPAN EVER CONSIDER  
A SERIES CONCERNING THE STORY OF OUR NATION'S EARLY  
EFFORTS ESTABLISHING A FREE PRESS — A BEGUILING ACCOUNT  
RELATED IN <sup>(\*)</sup> ISIAH THOMAS' "THE HISTORY OF PRINTING IN AMERICA"  
1810, REPRINTED BY WEATHERVANE BOOKS / CROWN, 1970 (L.C. CATALOG CARD  
# 75-100491); THIS BOOK INCLUDES FASCINATING BIOGRAPHIES OF  
INDIVIDUALS, AS WILLIAM GODDARD OF PROVIDENCE, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE  
AND ANNAPOLIS (pp. 534-540); AND OF ISIAH THOMAS HIMSELF, TOO,  
INCLUDING SUCH DIZZYING ANTICS INVOLVING HIS "MASSACHUSETTS SPY"  
(\*) FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. \* (p. 12) →

WITH THE POLITICS OF THE 1770'S, INCLUDING "THE  
NECESSITY OF RESTRAINING AN OBNOXIOUS LIBEL" BY THE GOVERNOR'S  
COUNCIL (pp. 154-170); AND, SAY, THE TRIAL OF GEORGE KEITH,  
WILLIAM BRADFORD AND JOHN MACCOMB IN 1692 PHILADELPHIA  
(pp. 340-355). OR PERHAPS A SERIES MIGHT RATHER FOCUS  
ON A COUPLE OF CITIES, AS ANNAPOLIS, 1728 AND FORWARD,  
INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION OF GENERAL CHARLES "LIGHTFOOT" LEE  
THERE, OR BOSTON'S "HELL-FIRE CLUB" IS THE NEW ENGLAND  
COURANT (pp. 234-242) ISSUED BY THE FRANKLINS,

THE CENTRALITY OF A FREE AND INDEPENDENT  
PRESS TO DEMOCRACY NEEDS NO REITERATING, OBVIOUSLY -  
BUT THE ACCIDENTS OF ITS EARLY TRAVAILS AND ESCAPADES  
ARE IRRESISTABLE!

ALL BEST WISHES,

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