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Brian Lamb,

C-Span

On Sunday, October 27,  
you were interviewing  
David Formkin. You  
asked him about

D. Eisenhower mistakes.

Mr. Formkin could  
not remember any. Well,  
here is one that  
ranks among one  
of the greatest blunders

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of World War II.

The Battle of the Bulge should never have happened. Long before the Germans attacked (over one month), reports were coming in to Eisenhower's Hdq., and others, that the Germans were assembling large forces in the Ardennes area. Such reports were ignored by Eisenhower and his staff. The world now knows



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what happened. Here  
are the statistics:

1. 600,000 Americans  
(British not actively  
involved at first)  
required to stop  
German attack.
2. 81,000 <sup>American</sup> casualties.
3. 19,000 killed
4. 15,000 captured
5. 800 tanks lost
6. Battle for taking  
Germany delayed for  
at least 6 weeks  
or more.

Based on the current  
mode of the Congress  
and the press, what

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would be Eisenhower's  
fate today?

Sincerely,

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P.S.

I was in the  
"Battle of the Bulge".

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