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I know that you have received lots of letters of appreciation for your series on the Presidents but I will add one more to the list. Last afternoon, you did the one about Reagan and of the entire series, that is the one that was the most moving. You chose to do the program live in the late afternoon and as the shadows of the setting sun started to fall across the acres, it gave me a sort of melancholy to know that the shadows of the man have fallen across his life. The analogy almost caused tears and of the series, I do think that this was the one that I really liked best. It was tender moving, almost obituary-like remembrance of a person who served the Oval Office admirably and with honor. It was done with reverence and tenderness.

My vote for the president under whom I would liked to lived under is still TR or Teddy. He set an example that is sadly missing today. I thought his was the most interesting.

The most misunderstood: Coolidge and the program about his life gave his information that was so little known. Being a quilter, I really like seeing the one he made when he was 10 years old (and that is a difficult pattern!). I knew about the loss of his boy but didn't know the circumstances.

The least important: Buchanan and perhaps Taft for they seemed to serve simply as pause points in the march of history. Perhaps we needed Taft for a quiet breath between Teddy and Wilson. Here is where I wish that some of the information had been about Wilson's domestic policy. There was nothing about the incursion of the Mexicans and Pershing's chase of them back across the border. Maybe we ought to add Ford for he served as an interim after the Watergate and the country needed to get another breather.

The most corrupt : Well I think that the current Moral Midget ought to win the prize. Harding was a piker in comparison and one of his cabinet committed suicide interestingly enough. Kennedy died before his activities became known so it is difficult to judge what might have been had they become public knowledge. The corruption in the Grant/Harding administrations was betrayal of public trust--not personal corruption. Tell me what you do in private life

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and I will tell you what kind of a person you are. That is the real truth. I might add that Lyndon Johnson would be on this list. I have read the Caro books and have discovered what an awful personality he was. That was an old adage that is as true today as the day it was first written.

I avoided Carter just as I will the last installment. I would not spend three minutes on the subject! Sorry about that but I sincerely hope that the 43rd man will be the chlorox that the office will need.

Thank you for making each one of the men a real person in information about their personalities, their wives and the daily living. There were so many with the tragedy of losing their children before maturity; I loved looking at the change of wall paper(and architecture) from the imported French paper at the first presidents to the heavy wooden door frames of the late 19th century; giving us the view from the cupola atop Mt. Vernon where the ordinary tourist cannot go--it was splendid and having been there, I really appreciate it. The slavery problem took over some the substance of many of the programs thanks in part to some of the callers directing the conversation in that direction and I was glad when it was finished business. We owe a lot to Dolly Madison, Abigail Adams would have been a wonderful lady to have known; I appreciated also the information about the First Lady as so little is really published about them.

Goleta is an adjunct to Santa Barbara and the ranch is just up the road a bit. We used to have the Helicopters fly over the house when Reagan went there and they sort of shook the house. We would be in direct line to the ranch from the airport. Those are the memories.

Thank you all and bless you for your good work.



I was tickled at the comment for Brian Lamb made as he was standing outside without an outside coat and as the shadows of the day began to fall, he said that it does get cold in CA when the sun goes down==spoken like a true Easterner. We have snow atop the mountains in the back of us every year--yes, you do need a coat in the evenings except maybe is you are inboard and it is summer time