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Dear Brian:

I'm bitterly disappointed in C-SPAN's decision to not cover this week's Whitewater news conferences held by Senators Bob Dole and Alfonse D'Amato.

I was told today by C-SPAN customer service that not only will C-SPAN not air the press conferences tonight, but because C-SPAN cameras weren't present, they won't even be shown this weekend. When I expressed my dismay, the operator sarcastically asked what I was complaining about since C-SPAN has already covered Whitewater "in the past."

True, C-SPAN did have some call-in shows on Whitewater several weeks ago and did air the recent Senate Budget Committee meeting in which Whitewater was discussed. But using your operator's logic, why bother showing daily updates of the C-SPAN School Bus instead of just its departure from Washington, DC? The reason, of course, is that the school bus travels to a new location every day, and C-SPAN considers each stop newsworthy. I agree. But so are breaking stories on Whitewater.

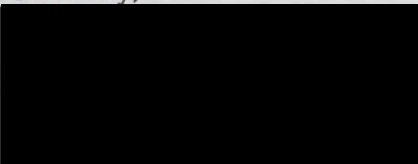
The latest furor is over unethical meetings on Whitewater held between the White House, the Resolution Trust Corporation, and the Treasury Department. The public has a right to hear both sides of these damaging revelations, not just Clinton's whitewashed rendition. But since neither news conference was covered by C-SPAN, Clinton's side was all we heard.

The mainstream press continues to downplay or ignore Republican protests about Congress's refusal to investigate Whitewater. Hardly surprising. But C-SPAN's refusal to cover breaking events on Whitewater is a real shock.

I realize that C-SPAN only has six camera crews. However, in light of damaging new disclosures on Whitewater—and since press conferences rarely exceed 30 minutes—surely one camera could have been spared to cover these events. Surely Whitewater ranks among the top six issues of the day.

C-SPAN is our only source for *balanced* coverage. Please don't let us down, Brian. We're counting on you.

Sincerely,



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