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Mr. Brian Lamb  
C-Span Bus  
Little Rock, AR

Dear Mr. Lamb:

I wrote the enclosed letter almost a year ago suggesting that you ask Jay Sekulow to be on one of your shows to present an unrepresented viewpoint. I was remiss in not sending the letter at the time, but perhaps I can correct the omission now. After a lapse of one year, I have just taken ten minutes to find out how to contact him if you want to (mea culpa): You can call Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] if you want to have Jay Sekulow on any of your shows. (My letter explains why you might.)

I hope you are enjoying your visit to Arkansas. I loved the pictures of the steam coming up from the springs at Hot Springs yesterday. I am sorry Little Rock is welcoming you with a more mundanely gloomy day. Thank you for your attention to this letter and for all the work you do at C-Span.

Sincerely yours,  
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February 16, 1993

Mr. Brian Lamb  
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

From time to time you are deluged on your call-in show with complaints from people who want you to twist Noam Chomsky's arm to make him appear on C-Span and to bring in more alternative voices, i.e., Mother Earth News and company. You have often said very graciously that you are interested in getting representatives of the significant but extreme views expressed by such people but that it has been difficult to convince them to appear.

Although such people might be interesting, their views are not totally unheard on your airwaves, witness the occasional sound of Christopher Hitchens' voice. The alternative voice of what is known pejoratively as the "Religious Right," however, has no outlet that I am familiar with on your shows, and there is now an absolutely fascinating spokesman for it: Jay Sekulow. He is a lawyer, the head of The American Center for Law and Justice (part, I believe, of Regent University), an Evangelical converted from Judaism, who has successfully argued several cases in front of the Supreme Court, and who is making big news that the major outlets do not report.

The first time I heard him was by chance when I was flicking through the channels and was whisking by a local "Christian" station when a fifty-something woman in too many frills and too much purple hair was interviewing him. I admit that I stayed on the channel from a cruel, voyeuristic impulse, but the interview she and others had with Sekulow was compelling: if what he was saying was true, freedom of religion was clearly in trouble in this country. I could not quite believe in this source even though he was very convincing. He kept talking about appearing before the Supreme Court, yet I, loyal C-Span viewer, had never heard of him. Well, one day this winter you set your C-Span camera up in front of the Supreme Court to pick up whatever happened after a case had been argued, and there was Jay Sekulow. He was not making it up! I have since then always stopped at the Christian channels when I see that he is on, because the issues he raises are vital and unreported elsewhere.

C-Span's great achievement has been to give us information and views that are important but largely unavailable elsewhere. (Remember Congressgate in the 80's?)



I am not an Evangelical but an Episcopalian (of sorts), yet the issues of equal treatment for Christians (and others who are presently not socially or politically acceptable) that Sekulow raises would involve your listeners in an educational process I have been putting myself through by listening to him (i.e., did you know that in Metropolis, Iowa--honest to goodness--the school authorities had high school students arrested for praying on school grounds? They were not disturbing anyone, but they were arrested! He had videotape of it.)

Today you were reviewing all sorts of information about what lawyers do and who the bigwigs are; I did not see all of it, but I know that an interview, or better yet call-in, with Jay Sekulow would offer a new dimension to the segment that would be as timely as it is interesting and eye-opening. He is apparently appearing before the Supreme Court again on Feb. 24 to argue the case of Lamb's Chapel vs. Center Moriches in which he will defend the right of religious groups to rent municipal buildings under the same arrangements non-religious groups use to rent them. I am genuinely shocked by the kinds of cases he has to use legal muscle on; they never should come up at all, but since they are coming up and the major media are not reporting on them, C-Span can let us have a dialogue about our religious rights and whether we really believe our religious standing should limit our freedom of speech or freedom of the press.

I am a conservative, but I am not a member of the Religious Right, "badly educated" or not. I am an honors graduate of [REDACTED] (in the sixties when it was highly selective and insistently liberal), and I have a Ph.D. in English from [REDACTED]. I do not follow easily, and I frequently find Pat Robertson very embarrassing and quite wrong. My husband also finds Sekulow fascinating; my husband is a graduate of [REDACTED] (one year ahead of [REDACTED] and of [REDACTED]). Other people like us, who are more typical of C-Span viewers than of 700 Club viewers, would find a great deal of food for thought in what Mr. Sekulow has to say. As you know, having someone representing Sekulow's point of view will be controversial, but you are tough and he is pursuing issues of vital importance to our constitutional government. Please work as hard to get Sekulow as you do to get someone from Mother Earth News.

Sincerely yours,

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