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Mr. Lamb:

Just wanted to make sure you saw the enclosed.

Frankly, I don't think you need to bother with the Republican line. I placed a call in late 1996 and Feb. 1997, both times I was put on hold and after a while was disconnected. For a time I even saved the telephone bills to send you to prove that I had called and then after awhile was hung up on. Followed ALL of your rules.



Cable-ready

Brian Lamb, CEO of C-SPAN, was recently discussing the plight of C-SPAN with Barry Farber on Mr. Farber's radio talk show. Mr. Lamb was concerned that the decision by the Supreme Court that requires cable companies to carry local stations could result in some cable markets dropping C-SPAN from their lineup. Mr. Lamb suggested that calls to the local cable provider would help keep C-SPAN on the air.

The local cable companies might take the action that C-SPAN opted for. To maintain a "balance" of callers to the cable company, three phone numbers could be provided, one for "yes" callers, one for "no" callers, and the other for "who cares" callers.

Perhaps Mr. Lamb would then understand why conservatives have taken C-SPAN to task over its attempt to "balance" Republican, Democratic and other callers to his program.

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Al Gore with Jorge
Cabrera, \$20,000 donor
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