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Gentlemen,

As a champion of competition and checks and balances, I am not unhappy about the recent elections in spite of my registration as a Republican.

I thank C-SPAN for the meticulous coverage of the election. It has been an education to me and I hope to voters generally.

The many subjects covered proves again to me that we live in a most complicated system. I think it is the best system and I feel smart Americans will bring about the "Changes" the voters are demanding.

I heard many hours of discussion but I heard little about Research and Development - both long and short term.

If indeed the flat economy is the main reason for our need for change, then to "create" new jobs we need new products.

The U.S. has always led the way in discovery and producing new products. It must continue if we are to enjoy the changes we look for.

1 However, discovering new products which the public will buy, requires considerable investment - most of which is unproductive to the government within a prescribed period of time. The private sector is reducing funds formerly devoted to R & D.

We all recognize the need to "bite the bullet" to reduce the national debt but I believe if the public understood separate funds for the purpose of research, programs like the Space Program would be enhanced.

Thank you again for educating me about my country - keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours
