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Dear C. Spar Staff,

I surely do appreciate you
and your work. You appear to be
highly intelligent. I'm sure you know
much more than I, but I live
in Texas where I can foresee
many of these same problems
which exist in Miami.

Please do what you can
to bring some of these issues
to your forum with knowledgeable
guests.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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April 4, 1997

Mr. Douglas Clifton
Miami Herald
Miami, FL

Dear Mr. Clifton,

I watched C-Span this week and heard all three days about Miami and the news there. I am taking this time to write you because I am very concerned about what is happening in Miami. Either you, or the publisher, stated that what is happening in Miami will be that of all major cities. This has frightened me; hence, my writing you.

One thing I observed during the interviews, and I have noted this all over the nation, is the lack of gratitude from the Cubans and other immigrants for all that the United States has done for them. Now, it seems, we are being severely criticized for attempting to curtail the numbers of immigrants and with good cause. We have over a 5-trillion-dollar debt! As you pointed out, by the year 2050 half the population will be what is now considered the minority. Perhaps there are many who are thankful for the United States, but it is not expressed through the media. Perhaps, too, there are individuals who are instigators of dissension. Whatever is the case, it is your responsibility to present the truth, and this problem needs to be addressed.

One obvious example of a lack of gratitude: I noted that the guest following you, who is developing a telecommunications company in Central and South America, was very proud of what he is doing. However, he never once acknowledged that the technology from which he is benefiting came from the pockets of the United States taxpayer. By the way, how did this happen?

Another concern is the need for all Americans to learn and speak English. We will become, if not already, a fragmented society if we do not all speak the same language. This is a very real concern because if we should become involved in a war, we would be severely weakened. You may be perpetuating this. The language problem is also one reason for the failure of our schools in the major cities, but when is this discussed?

Because many of the calls which came in when you were guests were discounted, I was concerned because your responsibility is to present the truth. You shrugged your shoulders when someone called regarding offering animal sacrifices for religious purposes.

Mr. Douglas Clifton

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Perhaps the news media becomes so intimately involved with those in power that they are blind to concerns which many American citizens have. Perhaps they are benefiting very well financially, but economics can turn quickly, and then what kinds of problems will we be encountering? Money can blind us, as well.

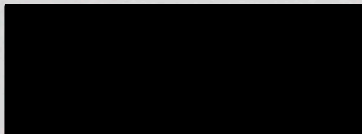
I do not intend to be judgmental toward you. What I am writing is what appeared to be and also what appear to be problems in our nation which, if not addressed and resolved, will be serious problems in the future.

I suppose my greatest worry of all is our lack of faith in the Creator by which this nation was built. Our decisions seem to be based on the Almighty Dollar now. That is not a personal criticism. I just needed to state this.

I do hope that you will consider my concerns very seriously. I am expressing what all my family members and friends feel. I am not a lone voice.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

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