

December 5, 1993

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Dear Brian:

I, for one, am delighted at your decision to begin airing "Road to the White House" during 1993. I'm pleased at the chance to start sorting through the issues this early and to follow presidential contenders as they jockey for position. The presidency is, after all, the highest office in the land. The more information I can get, and the faster I can get it, the better.

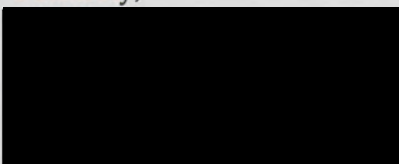
I've been concerned about C-SPAN viewers who have berated you for deciding to carry "Road to the White House" now. But I'm even more concerned that you and Steve Scully feel the need to apologize for the decision by reminding viewers that the show airs only once a month. I hope this doesn't mean you're thinking of suspending the program until later in the election cycle.

As for guests like Howard Fineman of *Newsweek* (who said today on "Sunday Journal" that he's "depressed" because C-SPAN is covering the 1996 campaign so early), I have this to say: If Mr. Fineman finds news coverage depressing simply because it starts sooner than he would like, perhaps he should consider a new line of work. Or better yet, perhaps he should call Tipper Gore's Depression Hotline. I'm sure he could find a sympathetic shoulder to cry on—and then leave the rest of us alone to follow election news whenever we choose.

"Road to the White House" is interesting and informative. It's one of the few chances the public has to track candidates from the outset to see how they and their platforms evolve over time. Please don't leave us at the mercy of the myopic media who would rather delay coverage until 1996, then unleash a feeding frenzy of conflicting rhetoric, simplistic slogans, and orchestrated photo ops designed to make candidates look good while keeping the public in the dark.

Don't let us down, Brian. Please continue airing "Road to the White House."

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Howard Fineman, *Newsweek*

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