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Attn: Mr. Timothy J. Russert, Moderator

Dear Mr. Russert:

On the 7-9-93 C-SPAN morning panel program John O'Sullivan referred to Rush Limbaugh as a journalist. I refer you to your 5-5-93 enclosed letter wherein you disclaimed journalism credentials for Limbaugh. By word and expression you and O'Sullivan were sympathetic to Limbaugh. I must conclude you and O'Sullivan are Limbaugh sycophants.

The caller describing the panel as wealthy revealed interesting insights. You in particular strongly disavowed wealthy status. When compared to Gates, Perot, Walton and Forbes you are probably far down the line in wealth status. However, anyone with a annual salary in excess of \$1,000,000 must be considered wealthy in comparison to a middle class worker with earnings less than \$50,000. The caller raised the obvious point that you well paid journalist, more aptly TV performers, are against the Clinton taxes and you will do everything in your power to poison your readership and viewers against it.

Charlie McDowell displayed the only objective approach to deficit reduction by suggesting Medicare should be means tested. As a 67 year old retiree, I share McDowell's views and believe that Social Security should also be means tested.

I resent non-citizen O'Sullivan's employment as a journalist producing conservative Thatcherite claptrap to an American reading public. His employment at National Review is consistent with Buckley's love affair for people and things Brit.

Enclosed is my recent letter to Rush Limbaugh.

Yours very truly,
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c: John O'Sullivan - National Review
Charles McDowell - Richmond Times Dispatch
Brian Lamb - CSPAN

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Rush Limbaugh
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Dear Sir:

Permit me to respond to your continuing diatribe of 7-9-93. You cite The Wall Street Journal's Paul Gigot as putting the lie to Clinton-Democrat-Liberals. Gigot claims the "rich" paid less taxes in 1991 than previous. Look at the record vis 1993 World Almanac.

	FY 1990	FY 1991
Individual Income Taxes (rich and poor)	\$ 466.9 billion	\$ 467.8 billion
Corporate Income Taxes	\$ 93.5 billion	\$ 98.1 billion
Employee Compensation (rich and poor)	\$3290.3 billion	\$3388.3 billion

Gigot plays a numbers game, from sources he does not identify, in which he attempts to prove the "rich" tax burden decreased while that of the "poor" increased. If tax receipts for the "rich" fell by \$6.5 billion and tax receipts for the "poor" increased \$3.3 billion, a \$3.2 billion decrease for FY 1991, how could the overall FY 1991 individual tax receipts reported in the 1993 World Almanac increase \$.9 billion? Who are liars — Clinton or Gigot-Limbaugh?

Let us further analyze lying? During and after the 1980 election, Reagan promised reduced taxes, a balanced budget in five years and a strong military. After twelve years of Reagan, the deficit increased from \$74 billion to \$150 billion and the debt increased from \$91 billion to 2.6 trillion.

In addition Reagan attempted emasculation of the Constitution with his efforts to subvert the Nicaraguan government and a show war waged on Grenada. We are now the proud owners of discredited "star wars," defective B1 bombers and countless unneeded nuclear warheads and missiles. Our cities now lay in ruins. Our transportation systems are in shambles. Our schools are deplorable. Our environment has deteriorated to point where it is difficult to salvage. Our middle class standard of living has deteriorated.

During the 1988 election, Bush (read my lips) again promised a balanced budget. After four years of Bush, the deficit increased from \$150 billion to \$267 billion and the debt increased from \$2.6 trillion to 4.2 trillion. Who is (was) lying?

Was not the debt increase under Bush partly due to Reagan complicity in the S&L debacle? Was not the debt increase under Bush partly due to the borrow and spend Reagan policies? Was not the debt increase under Bush partly due to Reagan's mismanagement? Was not the debt increase under

Bush partly due to the inordinate increase of health care? Was not the debt increase under Bush partly due to recession?

You constantly speak of class warfare. It is not we, the 95 percent of the population who toil for annual wages less than \$50000, who are engaged in class warfare. It is you and radical Republicans of your ilk who yearn to return to the pre New Deal days of child labor, starvation wages, 80 hour work week, work-till-you-drop sweatshop working conditions and relish the destruction of the middle class.

We are confronted with a \$300 billion deficit and \$4.2 trillion debt, the result of Reagan and Bush policies with an assist from Congress. We are confronted with a mounting debt service that now exceeds \$250 billion. It is obvious that our beloved country is heading toward bankruptcy, where your millions and our paltry savings will be worthless.

Clinton is attempting to reverse the laissez-faire, borrow and spend, hedonistic Reagan-Bush economic policies — an odd combination of supply side and Keynesian economics. His plan has flaws, but on balance it is possible that it will reverse our economic slide.

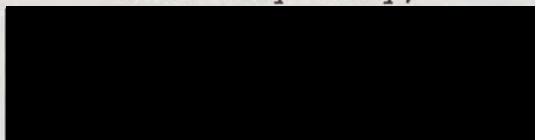
We, the unwashed masses, do not wish your wealth confiscated. In His infinite wisdom our Creator did not endow everyone at birth with equal financial, physical and intellectual resources. Life's playing field is indeed not level. We learned at our mother's knee the salutary value of charity and kindness to neighbors. No doubt you were deprived of this nurturing. Most Americans subscribe to the Christian value of Noblesse Oblige.

Prior to Clinton's departure to Tokyo, you pontificated that Clinton would create a distasteful situation (lifting the military gay ban or again bombing Saddam or nominate a controversial cabinet appointment) and split. By God you were right. Clinton created the Mississippi floods, the eastern heat wave and skipped the country!

Approximately a year ago you volunteered on radio that you were rejected for Army duty in the Viet Nam era because of a football knee and Pilonidal Sinus. The Stein and Day International Medical Encyclopedia describe Pilonidal Sinus as "a small abnormal opening in the skin in the mid-line about 3 cm behind the anus, which contain dead hairs. It is often infected and becomes painful and swollen. Never seen in children, its development is in some way dependent on the growth of body hair, but the precise way in which it forms is obscure. It may be like the sinuses which form on the hands of barbers because hairs are driven into the skin; it may be congenital; treatment is surgical removal."

In view of your obvious dislike and denigration of females, does your difficulty with Pilonidal Sinus stem from causes as yet not identified? The obvious question begs an answer.

Yours very truly,

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c: Paul Gigot - Wall Street Journal

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter regarding Rush Limbaugh's recent appearance on *Meet the Press*.

Mr. Limbaugh participated in our roundtable segment as a political observer, not as a journalist. In the past, I have asked Larry King, Cal Thomas, William Safire, Mary McGrory, David Gergen, etc. Some are journalists, some are columnists, some are radio and television talk show hosts. Some are liberal, some are moderate, some are conservative -- all have opinions. I think it's important that the American people have an opportunity to hear representatives of all ideologies and divergent political views. I have every confidence they will be discerning about the source and content.

Thanks for writing and please keep watching.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Russert".

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