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Mr. Lamb:

I really enjoy your coverage and am a C-SPAN junkie. You have done more for VCR sales than any other factor. I really enjoy James Carville and Michael Barone and Sarah McLendon when they are on as guests.

But I believe you are overlooking one key area of American politics and that is the NAACP. There is a whole lot more to this great national organization than Benjamin Hooks. One of the most talented and charismatic NAACP leaders is their Texas president Gary Bledsoe. He is absolutely fearless and a person of absolute integrity.

Bledsoe shatters all stereotypical notions of an "NAACP lawyer." A West Texan by birth, he wears a White Stetson, cowboy boots, and a bolo tie. I have worked as a paid staffer for the past 25 years in many levels of the Democratic Party in Texas and I have never met a more intelligent person or one that was more unselfish.

The NAACP made a massive effort to get-out-the-vote in Texas. Much of the "street money" that they two parties had pumped into ward heelers and activists in the past was directed through the NAACP in a well organized manner. This is a testimony to the integrity of Bledsoe and his ability to work with both parties.

The NAACP effort dramatically increased turnout in both the Black and Hispanic community. Strickly non-partisan in every way but certainly to the inevitable benefit of the Democratic Party.

The Republicans flooded the Black districts with literature from Leon Sullivan and Tony Brown urging them to vote Republican and send a message to the Democrats that they "would not be taken for granted any longer." They also flooded the white East Texas regions with flyers showing Clinton embracing Jesse Jackson and predicting that Jackson would get a top level appointment if B.C. was elected and that increasing affirmative action enforcement would be a top priority of a Clinton administration.

I am certain this blitz of "buy-and-lie" flyers and radio spots had great effect and contributed heavily to Ross Perot's good showing.

Gary Bledsoe would make an excellent guest on your show. You will never find Gary trying to push himself or promote his career as you will others. When C-SPAN was here in Texas last year there was no interest apparently in interviewing either Bledsoe or Garry Mauro, the state campaign chair for Clinton. These are the two finest political minds in the state. In basketball, you would call them the "go to" guys.

NationsBank has just opened a regional center here to help minorities get loans to start businesses. Bledsoe was largely responsible for getting this located here. He is a remarkable young man of great wit and intelligence and he deserves to be brought to the attention of your audience.



This is one man scandal will never touch.

Gary is also chairman of the Travis County Democratic Party here in Austin - the first Black to ever be elected party chairman in Texas.

This is an exceptional man of the highest qualities and I would hope you will consider him for a guest. He can be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] at home.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I just spent the last thirteen months working as a volunteer in the Clinton campaign. We got involved with him the day he announced and never waivered and never lost faith. Clinton is a good man and will be a fine president.

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