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Dear Mr. Lamb:

In all the recent coverage C-SPAN has had on the "Impeachment." I culled four gems, only one of which was associated with the majority of your coverage.

- 1) I was enthralled by the **Thanksgiving call-in for people who were not born in this country**, but who had become or were about to become citizens. Virtually all said this was a great country and were most appreciative of the freedom of opportunity.

Obviously, this appreciation was generated by comparison to conditions in countries from which they came. I see this appreciation in a shrinking number of "born here" Americans; my conclusion is that appreciation of opportunity is diminishing and being replaced by an entitlement attitude, accompanied by withdrawal from personal (political) involvement and knowledge. ^a

It was a heartwarming program. Curiously the INS came off very badly.

- 2) Yesterday's program from Vermont, with **Charles Kernaghan, Exec. Director of the National Labor Committee**. What energy this man has, and what a great cause. And what a sad commentary on the people and corporations whose **ONLY** objective is \$\$\$\$\$, regardless of pain caused to those working in the cheap labor factories (prisons) and those in this country who worked in the factories no longer here.
- 3) The program on **Cyberspace Terrorism** (I did not see the whole program and hope it will be rebroadcast today). The thought that foreign terrorists can shut down large areas of services in the U.S., I'm certain, has not entered the consciousness of the vast majority of people. Most do not understand the Y2K problem, both **much** more important than extra-curricular activity in the White House.
- 4) Unavoidable on C-SPAN was Impeachment coverage, but the **Town Hall of Chris Shays** (R-Conn. 14th Dist) was a level approach, due in large measure to the Congressman's standing (applauded by both pro and con audience members) and an audience of generally above-average intelligence. (I can't imagine a similar meeting in Bob Barr's district.)

a This was very noticeable in today's call-program on "for or against Impeachment," when Connie asked the callers who their Representatives were. A surprising [?] number of callers did not know, but had very strong pro or con opinion on Impeachment.

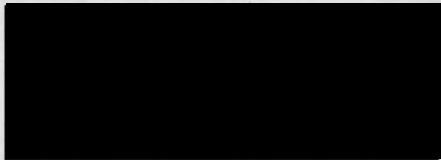
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I learned a lot about the process. I also learned that the majority of people do not understand the process.

Mr. Shays had an interesting comment on Washington "scuttlebutt," that even if Clinton tells you something he'll do, you can't believe it.^b

I hope C-SPAN continues. It is my only TV source for news.

Yours sincerely,



^b I came to this conclusion some time ago. I voted for Clinton, but only once. The conclusion that "no one is above the law," as a reason for Impeachment by many is a confused interpretation of the Constitution. I believe no one is above the law, but Impeachment is not a "law," but a device for removal of the President who endangers the welfare of the nation. I am against Impeachment. I do not believe Clinton. I also do not believe Ken Starr is an "Independent" Counsel. In Brill's Content (Dec. '98-Jan. '99) page 31 there is strong indication that Starr "has violated federal criminal rule 6(e) by leaking grand jury information to the press on several occasions." It will be interesting to see how the criminal cases are pursued after Clinton is out of office, regardless of how or when this takes place.

It also will be interesting to see how the results of the Impeachment, and/or Senate actions, if it gets involved, will affect future Independent Counsel (law revision and selection of), elections, news coverage, the inside-the-Beltway mindset.