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Dear Brian:

Dispairing of ever getting through to your Friday Roundtable again I am taking to the mails. I did get through back during the build-up and conduct of Desert Storm but even with my new re-dialing phone I have had no luck since. So, I have built up a bit of a backlog, some of which - unlike most of your fans - does concern the overall operation of C-SPAN.

Could you tell your callers when you are hanging up? On both occasions when I did get thru I was posing some questions after having turned down the volume on the TV. When I realized that the phone was dead, and then turned up the volume, you had gone on to another caller. I heard none of the comments and all I really got out of my call was the phone bill.

More on my costs : Daily, it seems, C-SPAN shows an add by the Cable Companys. It generally says that the Cable Companys finance C-SPAN. I do not believe that Corporations in general practice much in the way of altruistic endeavors. The costs involved must be either added to the subscriber's rates and/or considered a cost of doing business and carried as a tax deduction. It certainly is not paid out of the CEO's salary account. I think that truth in advertising dictates that "AND CABLE SUBSCRIBERS" be added to the add.

Now to my major request: During the recent presidential campaign you frequently evacuated the confines of the Beltway and went on the road. Your broadcast from New Hampshire was particularly refreshing. And I seem to recall you got a call from a friend in Australia recommending a periodic change of location. If not every other week then at least once a month you might 'hit the road'. My support for doing so are as follows.

1) Much of the Washington Press Corps(WPC) seem to be nothing but symbiotic sycophants(servile self-seeking flatterers) attached to the current crop of governmental incumbents. In addition, some come across not only as ignorant of events and values outside the Beltway but they also reflect a certain rudeness. Last fall a woman from Phoenix called and expressed her views as to local opinions and conditions. One of your Press Corps Pundits without the benefit of having been there, responded with words to the effect that; "She just does not know what she is talking about".

2) During the last campaign the WPC sounded a lot like a Clinton soundboard. Clinton/Gore would say; "The economy is bad", and the Beltway Bleaters would echo; "The economy is baaaaaaaddddd". As it

turned out it was not so bad.

3) So many of the WPC are opposed to Term Limitations. Some of this, no doubt, goes back to item 1) above. They depend on the incumbents for their sources - sort of a form of Journalistic Socialism. But I also think that there is more involved. Could you start a running poll term limitations during your Friday shows? Just who is for and who is against it? Personally, I believe that the Media Heads should impose term limits on their Washington reporters.

In closing out this subject, I would disagree with that woman caller who harps on the need for 'more political balance'. I am harping harp for more 'geographical balance'.

On Friday last there was some discussion regarding Sen. Byrd. Some of it involved the word "integrity". No mention was made about Sen. Byrd using the Washington definition of integrity which means, "The fine art of not getting caught". You also asked one caller if Byrd's overt actions to to smother his state with Pork was in any way a criminal act. When the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee tells another state's congressional Senator or Rep. that a No vote on Byrd's pork is a No vote for their pork, that becomes "Extortion"!!!! In some places, other than congress, extortion is a criminal act.

One final thrust: Every time I hear the President, or one of his minions, launch a verbal reponse with: "The twelve years of Reaganomics trashed our economy..." I wish for a trailer at the bottom of the screen that states;

[WHILE POLITICALLY POPULAR, THE TERM "TWELVE YEARS OF REAGANOMICS..." IS HISTORICALLY INACCURATE. AT BEST "REAGANOMICS LASTED FOR ABOUT 8.5 YEARS, AND FOSTERED A MAJOR ECONOMIC BOOM.]

In the interest of plain old fashioned objective reporting why not inject such a trailer of truth, and advise your guests that if they use the phrase the trailer will be shown?

I base my view of the longevity of Reaganomics on the following:

1) It did not launch itself, fully fledged, the day Pres. Carter left office. It took about 18 months to get passed by Congress.

2) It did not last until Pres. Clinton took office. It was strangled to death in 1990 by the First \$500 Billion Deficit Reduction Scam.

Please not think that I view your program with disfavor. I really look forward to it but have just about had my fill of the smug and the smugger.

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