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Dear Sirs:

In total frustration I watch your Journalist Round table.

My frustration arises from the tenor of all the remarks which seem to ignore the Senate + House inquiritors and join the chorus of Congressional voices asserting "lying". The same hazzard occurred yesterday with a Rep. King and Gutierrez being interviewed.

King continually asserted Mr Altman was "lying". I, object, and think you and yesterday's interviewers have a responsibility to inquire if "perjury charges" are being prepared?

If your attempt at "no comment" simply defer to allowing unwarranted allegations and gain to be perpetuated then your criterion for reporting have collapsed.

The only liars I have really seen are Senators D'Amato and Gramm and Representative Leach, King, and others. And, as usual, Sen Hatch was there to perform his usual "hatch-ett job". Yes I watched until all hours of the morning. Forced, by C-SPAN's non-coverage, to rely on PBS, until your coverage (C-SPAN I) returned in the night so the part I "missed" was covered during MacNeil/Keher news hour.

If Mr Altman is forced to resign, I will for the first time abandon my support of the Clinton Admin. If anyone should resign, I suggest it is those who have made a quagmire an

elephant.

Knowing that you don't take calls for 20 minutes, or more after the program begins. (I only have an obsolete "dial" phone.) And of course your line was totally busy. So much for "calling in".

Following up on a dialogue between Deborah? + Cragg? on the press biases, the best example of her comments was the very dialogue itself. Once again, I suggest that all "tolerance" in Govt. is done. For example. When Reagan and Bush were elected their proposals and budgets were passed with Democratic support. Now assuming the Gingrich/Dole plans mature - we can have two years of gross greedlock. Then, if Clinton is defeated, and Democrats get the House, the country should enjoy no Govt at all - with the press "gleefully" finding fault with everyone.

Enough of my nit-picking. At 70 yrs of age I can recall civility in Govt. Now I expect the "gang behavior" of the streets to appear in Congress. It might be called "reflecting popular will". And it might be fun to watch some of these jerks shoot it out on the floor. After all it will only be a return to earlier practices. (One senator beating another with a cane comes to mind readily.)

Have Fun