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To solve our national problems we have to make the most of cable and C-Span. The contribution to solutions is substantial; much ahead of other forms of communication so essential.

Freedom of trade alone can hardly be sustained without freedom of thought also and effective use of the ballot. Contribution of cable and C-Span to these is remarkable.

These thoughts occur to me as I observe the need for more clarification of our processes that lead to decision-making. Something is missing. Now that the campaign for presidency is over, politics becomes less pertinent and the president shifts to governing. But the people covering the White House during the campaign seem to be continuing to highlight politics while the president is trying to emphasize governing. It is time for political analysis to take a back seat.

We seem to need some change in the assignees in line with that needed shift. We are getting too much political analysis and too little governmental subject-matter and public-affairs type economics. National interest gets a very low priority in laissez faire alone. We get much opinionating, and too little fact. The economy is lost in the shuffle, and I refer to the economic system.

In more recent years we refer to the federal debt as the national debt. National means all of us, and 'all of use' owe about \$14 trillions (including federal government, state and local governments, business debt, and personal debt). The annual interest on \$14 trillions plus makes a big part of the annual national income before considering what is left for dividends and labor share. (That was how we saw it in the early 1980s.)

We are ^{not} scrutinizing the public sector, as though it exists apart from the private sector. National problems originating in the private sector don't get attention. We have painted ourselves into a corner.

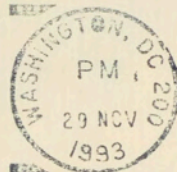
Economic news in the media is aimed at private pursuit of money, and the public affairs aspect of it is not being covered as much as is necessary aside from direct public sector problems alone, as though the private sector is not contributing to national problems.

The people assigned to the White House are mainly political analysis people. We need to shift to emphasis on the non-political aspects of public affairs with assignees to suit. And cable and C-Span have an important part to play when developing programs.

P.S. We need more SUBJECT-MATTER journalists. The campaign is OVER. We are in GOVERNING phase now.

Sincerely,
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