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C-Span 400 North Capitol Street
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I had been intending to write to you before this concerning the large number of calls which allude to the Trilateral Commission and the World Bank. This attempt to make the case for a great conspiracy working against the United States is readily identifiable with the John Birch Society. I would not be surprised if a number of the homey-sounding callers who raise this concern are acting as spokesmen for this discredited group.

I was watching a repeat program on Sunday, August 29, when a caller contended that Rush Limbaugh and Roger Ailes have arranged a computer network on which they signal conservative supporters to call in to talk programs with common themes from one day to the next. The attempt to call Bill Clinton a "pathological liar," would probably have been one of their tricks.

Whether you will have two organized call-in groups or one, the most natural response from liberals will likely be to organized callers for our side. In that case, the town meeting nature of the programs will be lost and anyone attempting to use the program to see what ordinary people are concerned about will be frustrated.

It would not be a violation of freedom of speech to screen the calls you receive. I do not have a clear procedure about how to do it, but if an organized group calls in on the theme on their network, it should be quite easy for your producer to refuse that person's call, simply saying that he producer does not want the program to be pre-arranged by an outside group. Your organization could obtain whatever information is available from the computer networks to ascertain what is coming up.

Until now, the C-Span programs have appeared to me to be the most thoughtful and the most impartial aside from "Talk of the Nation" on NPR. I hope that character can be maintained.




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