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Mr. Brian Lamb, *President*  
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

We at the University Press of Kansas would appreciate your considering for "Book Notes" our recent publication, Presidential Vetoes and Public Policy, authored by Richard A. Watson. As we understand, your program focuses particularly on books in the fields of history, politics and public policy. Professor Watson's book involves all three of those subjects.

The historical portions of his study trace the origins of the concept of a veto back to Ancient Rome and England, and its two centuries of development in the United States. The political aspects of presidential vetoes are analyzed in terms of the circumstances under which they are exercised, as well as the individuals and groups within and without the executive branch that help to influence veto decisions. The effect of vetoes on public policy is examined by determining what happens after they are cast--who wins and who loses in conflicts between the president and Congress.

Professor Watson's study--the only comprehensive one of presidential vetoes--also is highly relevant for current political issues. Chapter 6 contains an in-depth analysis of the item veto and an expedited rescission bill that passed the House in this as well as the previous session and which is presently before the Senate. In the concluding chapter, Professor Watson gives his reasons for opposing the item veto and favoring expedited rescission.

From watching your program, we know that you like to discuss authors' backgrounds. We are therefore enclosing a copy of Professor Watson's Vita that indicates his experiences, positions, publications and interests.

Professor Watson appeared on a call-in C-Span program ten years ago. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would like to be a guest on "Book Notes," which he watches regularly and admires greatly.

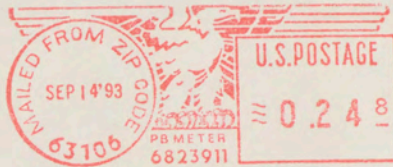
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