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Dear Mr. Brian Lamb:

Like so many other viewers I also would like to express my appreciation for being able to receive C-SPAN. It is, indeed, a very singular network.

Your diligence in presenting information that so many are eager to hear through interview is important, valuable and most interesting.

The atmosphere seems to be noticeably more relaxed when you interview.

However, there is one extremely important element present at your interviews that is taken casually but is still deplorable. And that is the license the network allows guests to have in letting them use language not found in proper English. Examples are (1) accentuating a point by expressing the name of God or the Lord. (2) Using adjectives like "damn (est)", "hell" or, once again, saying "God..".

A lady called one day to tell you she also found this practice objectionable. Your reply was you were sorry but nothing could be done as the programs are



line.

Mr. Land there is a single way to rectify the problem. Why can't each interviewer inform every guest before a program starts only English that, wouldn't offend any viewer is permitted.

That isn't hard and I would like to think even people like me who don't regularly swear are important to C-SPAN.

You will never run out of people from Congress, journalists or authors to interview. Everyone likes to be seen and/or to plug a new book.

The reason I am writing to you is I think you are by far the best interviewer on television and show a high grade of professionalism. Thank you and a reply would be appreciated.

Gratefully