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Dear Brian,

I tuned into C-SPAN this a.m. (it's 10:30) and you had a person from Time Magazine on who was accepting phone calls. At a point in the conversation he said "It's horrible that the FBI agents" (Starr's agents) raw data files were shown to the moderate Republicans before the impeachment vote." The Time man claimed these files contained testimony of Bill Clinton's "activities" (I'd assume they were sexual liaisons) with four women in Arkansas. The Time guy's "it's horrible" phrase indicated to me how low we have sunk, and are sinking, in the morass that is Bill Clinton! The man's "it's horrible" statement implied that the Bureau agents shouldn't have been delving into Clinton's "personal" behavior. As a former criminal investigator, I would certainly be out there looking for a "pattern of behavior" in a case like this -- such investigative requirements are simply basic technique.

But that's not what troubles me here! What bothers me is that "Mr. Time Magazine" and others like him, clearly accept the Governor of one of our States acting like an irresponsible person (i.e., Mom used to call folks like this "alley cats.") Here is a Governor going from trust to distrust, and everyone of his State Troopers protecting him as he went. The moral issue here is one thing. But as a cop, I have to ask about the security and blackmail issues. This man Clinton could never pass a security check with this kind of background if it applied to him in the Armed Forces or Civil Service -- and yet he is tossing missiles into Iraq and is sending service people all over the world.

I am talking about behavior patterns that would have gotten me fired during my 26 years as an Army Officer, and ^{during} the past seven years I have served in the Senior Executive

Service. It is a singly ^{an} amazing phenomenon!

What concerns me most is the "buy in" of many Americans to the "BIG LIE." The "big lie" I'm talking about is the idea that the Republican Radical Christian Right is behind the efforts to oust Bill Clinton from office. I'm a Jew from South Philly whose parents were Democratic Committee people in our voting ward. Although I've voted Republican in the last few elections, I try to call 'em as I see 'em and vote for the individual candidate. Bill Clinton strikes me as the antithesis of an honorable ~~man~~ and decent man. And yet he remains relatively popular. Is there any way you can explain this on C-SPAN? I'm looking for one show - a specific feature hour or two - that can address how a person who has lied, to varying degrees, throughout his career, has been able to prosper and continue to survive. It's the darndest spectacle I've witnessed in my 55 years on this Earth.

At the end of the Revolutionary War at Yorktown, history tells us, the British musicians played the tune "The World Turned Upside Down," as their fellow soldiers surrendered to George Washington. Am I nuts, or has "the world turned upside down" in the case of this presidency and the majority view we as a people are taking towards it? Maybe C-SPAN can explain this.

Sincerely,

