

[REDACTED]
Kentfield, CA 94904
September 19, 1993

Mr. Brian Lamb
c/o C-Span
400 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, D C. 20001

Dear Mr Lamb:

I am writing in response to a remark you made on the JOURNALISTS' ROUNDTABLE broadcast of Friday, September 17th. (I'm not masochist enough to get up at 5:00 AM; I watch the re-plays and so could not 'phone in at the time.)

You were amazed that C-Span had received no calls after the Peace Treaty signing ceremony on Monday. That circumstance is perfectly clear to me: there was no objection that could be made.

I have noticed for some time, with regret, that your call-ins attract primarily the professional mal-contents whose burden of invective and scorn have probably long-since alienated family and friends! A national hook-up satifies that longing to be objectionable while appearing to be thinking.

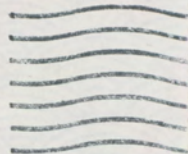
A case in point is that, after the President's State of the Union address in February, C-Span received only negative reports by 'phone, while national polls showed overwhelming approval. Sad but true, call-ins are meat and drink to the obsessed.

This is not to say, however, that I do not enjoy C-Span; I dote on it, and really do not know how we ever got along without it! I have learned a great deal from your broadcasts of entire events and speeches - it's amazing what is left out when the other networks edit their offerings. I also enjoy the Journalists themselves, despite airs of nihilism and knowingness. (Wolfe Blitzer, on your companion CNN, is a good example; he really should run for office sometime and give the nation the benefit of his expertise on all matters, foreign and domestic.)

But, all in all, C-Span is a joy and you are the best Moderator in the business! I thank all of you for excellent programming.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

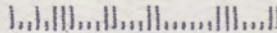
P.S Why does C-Span always say "President Bill Clinton"? Isn't "President Clinton" sufficient?



Mr. Brian Lamb
c/o C-Span
400 North Capitol Street, N W.
Washington, D.C.

20001

000000 0000



[REDACTED]
KENTFIELD CA 94904-2540

002534 OCT 1993