

TO C-SPAN (Brian Lamb - ^{re} March 15
program)

I would like to register a complaint
about how a question was handled by you

and the biographer of Washington,

Gerald Norton Smith, on Monday

Monday
Morning, March 15, (to me,

C-SPAN is almost sacrosanct. I have

never had another complaint in years

of listening.) And had hundreds

of hours of great listening

A few minutes ago, a listener

asked what about Washington's slaves?

How do you explain his having slaves?

(or something like that.)

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A perfectly legitimate question.

But you couldn't handle it.

You and Mr Smith, instead of facing the fact that Washington ~~has~~ probably had a flaw in this respect, (although everyone had slaves then)

asked questions like "Don't

you think people should honor

Washington for all his accomplishments?"

"Or do you think people should not

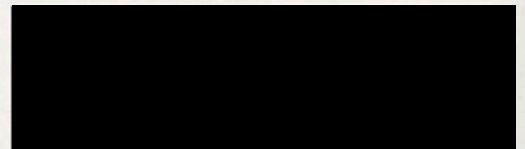
visit ~~Washington~~ Mount Vernon?"

This was probably a black man who was calling. Your

and almost belligerent ^{very}
defensive, attitude was not appropriate.

I didn't think.

Sincerely yours,



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Later on, someone

Said that 123000 slaves

were freed ^{at Mt Vernon} ~~but~~ I didn't quite

get who freed them.

Was it Washington?