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Att: Cathryn M Dorsey, Viewer Info Coordinator

Ms Dorsey:

I am a great fan of C-Span and write you periodically.

I am writing to make a few comments on things that are really upsetting to the people back home. On a scale of 1 to 10 I give our present people in office in Washington a minus 3.

I have just heard that mr poindexter received a 6 month jail term and a minimal fine for his part in the corrupt Iran-Contra affair. This whole affair was a disgrace and all those involved even in a small way should be in prison. The money wasted on the trials that were decided before going to court could have been spent on the problems we face today. I firmly believe reagan, bush and the rest of those in office at that time were in the thick of it.

I fear there is a disease in Washington called "Incumbentitis". These men have been there much too long accepting raises they do not deserve, getting fringe benefits all the time complaining how tough it is...What a joke. Our city has a slogan "Remember November" and encouraging voters to get rid of all incumbents good or bad. We may lose a good one now and then but we will get rid of the bad ones....

I have watched all the hearings on the HUD affair. I have been impressed with Rep Lantos and the way he has called a spade a spade. (I enjoyed Brian Lamb interviewing him on Book Notes also.) What a shame he is not in the position of pronouncing sentence on them. These arrogant, greedy people who have benefited at the expense of poor people should have to live in a housing project without protection for a few years. They have no conscience. I will be impressed with Jack Kemp when I see these people sentenced to jail. Until then it will be business as usual for these thieves.

Next, the S&L scandal. I watched these hearings too and Mr Gonzalez is doing a fine job but the odds are against him. My theory?? More than the Keating five are involved and that is why Congress will not allow all the dirt to come out...they all benefited somehow in this fiasco. I would like to quote from an article written by Richard Reeves a columnist for the Universal Press Syndicate.

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"The appointment of an obscure local lawyer named Timothy Ryan this month as the director of the new federal agency to supervise the country's savings and loan assoc is the latest, sadist little note in a ten year chain of events that represents nothing less than a declaration of bankruptcy by the U S Govt. Is Ryan the best we could do in a financial collapse and scandal that will apparently cost American taxpayers between \$500 billion and \$1 trillion? Obviously not, but he does serve the purpose of the people who run the country: For at least 10 years, presidents, cabinet members and most of the congress have concentrated on deceiving the American people about how rotten the mess really is. The appointment of Timothy Ryan whoever he is, is just another pathetic attempt to keep enough kites and balloons in the air until pres b ush and his congressional co-conspirators are safely re-elected in 1992. It is also a declaration that either Americans really don't think they owe much to their presidents anymore or that presidents really don't give a damn what they think". This is only a part of the article but it will give you an idea of his opinion. I agree with him.

Mr Rostenkowski - now theres a gem... To listen to him you would think he had really suffered through his long term in Washington. He who will never have to worry about finances. he who travels all over the world at taxpayers expense, he takes all the perks he can get and worse will take his Social Security when he retires whether he needs it or not. He is telling the poorest of taxpayers who are really paying the highest taxes (they have no expensive lawyers to find loop holes he can hide behind) that they should tighten their belts more and take a cut in their Social Security. This is a brave and bold step on his part to speak out and "tell it as it is". If he really wanted to help he would suggest cutting down on that billion dollar surplus that was found at the Pentagon. The waste with all the govt spending the pst 8 years when ronnie was going wild making sure all his rich friends were getting richer. What did mr r have to say about that??

Do I sound disgusted?? Well I am. We are no longer a country of two parties. The democrats and republicans have decided together what will be put on the table for discussion. They have already decided no mention of the S&L scandal will be made in the upcoming election. You don't tell on me and I won't tell on you... The last election was one of the dirtiest campaigns I have ever encountered and I am a Senior Citizen. Had been a loyal democrat for years. Now I do not see where the difference is.

I am enclosing a couple of articles you might find interesting. Thanks for C-Span, keep up the good work you do all of us at home an invaluable service.

Sincerely,

PS- if I have not capitalized certain names etc it is because I have little respect for those I mention..