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Dear Mr. Lamb:

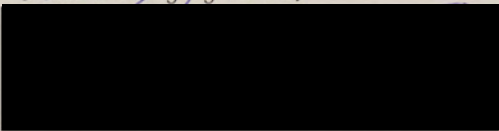
What a difference a day makes, even a week. Awaiting last Sunday's (7-19) Booknote interview with David McCullough, one wondered whether the interview was taped prior to or post Perot's announcement. For didn't we all, including you, anticipate the big question; Is/was Ross Perot the Truman re-incarnation that many believed or hoped? Would Mr. McCullough confirm that perception? Too late we realize what Mr. McCullough would not say outright---Mr. Perot is no Mr. Truman.

Perhaps to understand Perot better, an interview with a Napoleon biographer would be enlightening. As you focused last week on the post-Presidency period of Mr. Truman, a focus on Napoleon's flight from Moscow on the eve of his army's doom would be comforting to Perot's abandoned legions.

The irony of the week may be that re-telling of the machinations leading to Truman's selection as VP candidate in 1944 could give inspiration to those conspiring to replace Quayle in '92.

Was it fine history or misplaced hope that catapulted "Truman" up the best seller charts? Will sales now plunge as the expectation vanished?

From beyond the belt-way.

Sincerely yours,  




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