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Dear Brian,

I am an avid CSPAN watcher who has been trying to call your show for the past week. I am amazed that certain callers seem to know how to get access time and time again while all I get is a busy signal. In any event, the following statements regarding the war with Iraq are evident if one looks at the actual facts.

1- The basic motive for our involvement is the elimination of Iraq's military capability which was causing an extreme imbalance of power in the area. I believe the US had this motive since before the end of the Iran/Iraq war. Facts supporting are:

- a) The Iran/Contra affair provided anti aircraft weapons to Iran to help reduce Iraq's air power.
- b) The US tried to induce Iraq into a more reasonable position through Bush's attempts to improve trade.
- c) While State was trying to open trade, contingent plans were under way to entice Iraq into a move which would give us an excuse to fight.
 - c1- We encouraged Kuwait to give Iraq a hard time with war debt repayments and various oil related issues which hurt Iraq's economy.
 - c2 Our ambassador to Iraq indicated to Hussein that we would not intervene in an inter-Arab dispute.
- d) Our conduct of the war to date is directed at reducing Iraq's future military capability whether that capability is important to the Kuwait objective or not. For example, hitting the nuclear facilities has nothing to do with ejecting Iraq from Kuwait. Same for chemical "production" facilities.

2) The second issue which is evident if one looks at the facts is the reason for some Iraqi air and ground forces moving into Iran. The only thing that makes any sense is that certain Iraqi military leaders are planning a coup against Hussein and are gathering forces in Iran to move against him. They are probably doing this with the support of

Iran and we are either supporting this or looking the other way to encourage them. The big question here is what happens if a regime friendly with Iran were to assume power in Iraq. A combined Iran/Iraq force would be "King of the Hill" for a long time to come. Would we still fight to get them out of Kuwait?

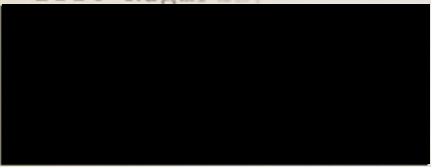
I will say that I support our government in this and most issues they undertake but I am sick and tired of the gross manipulation perpetrated by our government with the help of the media. I assume the fact of media participation because its difficult to believe that at least some of them can't see past the government facade. This goes for many issues besides the current war including things like the S&L deal etc etc etc.

As a comment about public participation in CSPAN programming. It would be a real pleasure to see you offer a proper forum to the man on the street. As it is now, we get constant coverage of reporters, politicians, "experts", etc, each with an agenda. The average person gets to comment once, and then only on a single topic, provided he is lucky enough to get through on the phone. If you really want to know what the people out here in the country are thinking, put together a representative panel of average people to discuss the issues. Give them an hour or two every day so they can develop their views in depth. Perhaps you could change the panel once a week or so. You might be surprised to find that we really do know whats going on in spite of the "snow jobs" we get and that we have have definate views on the best way to solve important problems.

If I had been able to get through on your phones I would have attempted to put forth the above. I would not have had time to explore all the above. Your guest(s) might have addressed the issues raised or not depending on his (their) agenda. This is very frustrating to many of us. Give us the chance to raise an issue and the opportunity to insist on a responsive answer.

Please let me know if you receive this fax and/or if you intend to discuss any of the issues raised. If so, an indication of time and date would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention.

Best Regards,



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