

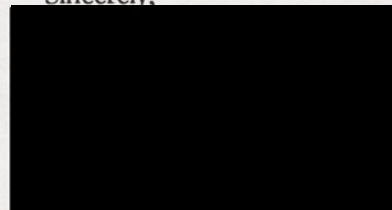
April 24, 1999

Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am thoroughly enjoying the *American Presidents* series. My hope is that in the *American Presidents* series you will address the question of why the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation is not a national holiday. Perhaps your citation of this fact will generate interest in creating a holiday of recognition for this document and all it represents.

Sincerely,



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Why isn't the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation a national holiday?

The Emancipation Proclamation was signed September 22, 1862 to be effective January 1, 1863. September 22 would be a good day for this national holiday. January 1 would not be a good day for this holiday because that day is associated with other less noble activities.

I ask this question of you because I hope you will use your public status to initiate the declaration of such a holiday of recognition. This business of racial separation must be resolved in our country. The Jasper, Texas murder breaks my heart. I believe a day of recognition for the liberation of us all from the crime of slavery, and its accompanying racial hatred, is in order now.

Sincerely yours,



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