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Mr. Brian Lamb, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I recognize that C-Span feels bound, and may even feel privileged, to broadcast public occasions involving Henry Kissinger. I cannot, however, let such broadcasts go by without expressing my profound disgust and objection.

This man is a mass murderer. I grudgingly acknowledge, but by no means accept, that we live in a world where fewer than twenty murders are recognized as serious crimes, while more than a thousand premeditated murders are hailed as statesmanship.

But this man tried to murder me; he succeeded in murdering several of my personal friends; he murdered thousands of American boys and men just like me and my friends; he murdered thousands of totally innocent Vietnamese women and children; and he murdered thousands of Vietnamese because he found their beliefs objectionable.

In his stewardship of foreign and military policy during the Nixon administration, Kissinger enthusiastically conceived and ordered an aggressive campaign of mass murder despite his full knowledge that the administration sought nothing from the North Vietnamese they could not have achieved had they ceased offensive hostilities on the first day of the Nixon administration.

In his most recent horrifying appearance on C-Span, this psychopath blithely lauded the virtues of raining aerial death and terror upon civilian centers as an acceptable tool of foreign policy and peace negotiations; and ridiculed "the theological community" for objecting. (Again, I must note that the Kissinger terror failed, just as he knew the same strategy had failed against the British in World War II.) You are no doubt also aware of his public antipathy toward the Chinese freedom and human-rights movement, and his marked public sympathy toward the murderous PRC ruling tyrants.

I cannot begin to express how dimly I view your glamorization of this dangerous person. Such broadcasts give him added credibility in his declining years, and such added credibility increases his influence on current foreign and military policy. If that is taking place, I can assure you that more young Americans and more wrong-thinking foreigners will die; that is the characteristic and hallmark of the Kissinger style in these things.

I believe you would be doing a great patriotic and humanitarian service if you would reconsider the wisdom of publicizing this man's opinions on matters which could still end the lives of new generations of young Americans -- perhaps your sons, perhaps my nephews. He had his time in power, he did his worst, but now that time is ended, and so long as he remains in much-deserved oblivion, we are all far safer for it.

Sincerely,

