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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I write in some frustration because ① I love your call-in programs ② I never get to see them when you're live, and thus never have a chance to call! Aren't you concerned that your audience is limited to the unemployed? At least in the Eastern time zone? We the employed have to go to work and cannot be heard on your show. I believe you might get some different slants on the current issues from us. Why not have an evening call-in show?

But since tonight you encouraged someone to communicate by letter, here I am.

My issues: ① I've written to Bush in '89 and Clinton in '93 on cancelling the one-dollar bill + replacing it with a coin. One's wear out in a few months and it costs much more to keep printing them than it would to just circulate the (almost indestructible) coins. We also should have more 50¢ pieces out there, and by law busses + toll gates should accept all legal coins, not just quarters + dimes + nickels. The Canadians did away with paper "one" years ago. The estimate is that it would save the

U.S. goes around \$ 900 million / year. Think of the help to reduce the deficit with this no-risk, no-brainer improvement!

Issue ②: Many recent items on how South Korea prevents sales of U.S.-made cars in their country while we let them flood ours with their Hyundais (misquelles). Over here they threaten any Korean with a Chevy or Ford in his driveway with a tax audit. No wonder they won't buy. Meanwhile, our 37,000 troops (and planes, and ships, and material) are at rest in their country to protect them - Do you have any idea, if I was in charge, how fast those troops would come home if those Koreans don't immediately start ordering our cars, by the hundreds of thousands? It would make their heads swim.

Issue ③: tell anyone who says the economy is recovered to ask around Wall Street. We're running 40 to 50 % behind last year in revenues, people are losing their jobs in financial service.

Issue ④: if Clinton swore to uphold the laws of the U.S. then why doesn't he enforce the immigration laws and kick out the illegals (not the legit refugees, not the people who applied and waited their turn)? If I were president I'd send the 37,000 troops from Korea to the Rio Grande and defend our country - not Korea. We defended them in the fifties and they've had enough time by now to do it themselves.

I'd really appreciate it if you would bring up my 4 issues when appropriate in your discussion groups.

Thanks for the terrific job you do -

Very truly yours,



P.S.

I also particularly like your Booknotes interviews with writers - have bought many a book because of it, your interviewing technique of asking short, specific questions is excellent, so superior to the interviewers who grandstand like Charlie whatsisname on PBS who won't allow the interesting people he has on to answer!