

Fax to Brian Lamb
 Personal

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Dear Mr. Lamb,

I have followed C-Span for some time; I love the idea of it, the simplicity of it and the intrinsic self-responsibility and enthusiasm that are inherent to it. With all the connotations of integrity implicit in its method of procedure I do not understand the incredulousness that you sometimes voice on the air as to peoples vehement and long standing focus on Waco. It strikes me as naive to the point of being somewhat self-serving--- i.e., that you have developed the tools to blow the lid off a scandal and you don't want the trouble that could cause.

Reflect for a minute what's been staring you in the face for a long time:

You have access to your own archives--- at the time of Waco, at the time of the long standoff and at the time the decision was made to go in--- Feb., March, April--- the President was in a dreadfully unpopular PR situation. He was being attacked for his stand on gays in the military. Remember that was his first policy move upon attaining office? Newspapers, weekly news magazines reported to the public a steady stream of information as to his being mocked by the military, as to cadets singing mocking cadences regarding him, as to being mocked upon his visit to a battleship, and as to his draft status once again being raised as an issue. This is a fact; that was the tone of the news at the time. He was being called a coward.

The justice department report on Waco was called by papers of every political stream around the country a whitewash. Even in this report it was revealed that Reno's reasons for going in were concocted and had nothing of imminent significance as attributed.

The dissenting report by Alan Stone, the one guy who refused to sign the initial Justice Dept. report stated that:

1) Contrary to the impression as to the "buck stops here" stand by Reno gobbled up by the press, Reno was not on top of the events at Waco. She was given little information as it went along; it was in no way a focus of hers.

2) the person in the Justice Dept that was following it was Webster Hubell.

3) the excuses later rendered by Reno as to her decision for ordering the FBI in were completely phony.

4) that Webster Hubell was the guy who was in touch with the FBI throughout; that it was Webster Hubell who doctored the matter in his presentation to Reno and got her, in an uninformed and essentially incompetent state, to sign off as to having the FBI go in. That Webster Hubell pressured her to make this decision.

So what gives?

Reno, who was left holding the bag, quickly, in a survival of the sleasiest move, turned it around in a "buck stops here" PR stunt that got her on the cover of various magazines in admiring profiles, something those magazines should be truly ashamed of. The news media and even you went into a brainwashed state of mind. The specter of what happened was so shameful it was like no one dared voice it, it was like to voice it would mean people would have to reassess what sort of country they were living in; they did not dare do it and thus the tarnishment that they could not look at because of the fear of what it meant has been allowed to take hold, like a crack in the liberty bell not acknowledged.

The decision to go in at Waco was a political decision! It was orchestrated by Hubell with the purpose to show his president as a get tough, take charge guy, with the purpose of proving to the military that their commander in chief was someone who would brook no nonsense, was not a wimp, was not a coward.

This dastardly stunt worked!

This says something about the propaganda machine in this country, the propaganda machine, that as I recollect your explanation as to what inspired you to come up with C-Span, you are completely opposed to.

Wake up!

Sincerely thanks,

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