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Dear Ms. Linda Degus-Barns:

Thank you for your rebuttal of my November 14 column in the *Express* regarding the present election fiasco. I am pleased and flattered you have taken the time to do so.

I admire your courage in defending your convictions. As one who has done so publicly on a weekly basis for the past five years, you have my admiration and respect. I will concede you are a much more fervent supporter of your party and its leader than I could ever be of mine under similar circumstances.

You are right with only one of your many assumptions and that is I “truly do dislike the Democratic Party.” I will tell you why as succinctly as possible:

I could never in good conscience vote for, support or eulogize a President or party guilty of the following:

- A President who is an accused rapist, draft dodger, adulterer or proven perjurer.
- One, who as the nation’s chief legal officer, has shown complete and utter contempt for the rule of law.
- A Commander in Chief who extends the same contempt and disdain for our military.
- A President who has heaped shame and scandal on the nation.

I could never support or defend a political party that defends a President who is guilty of all of the above of:

- A party that has consistently demonstrated total partisanship regardless of the consequences to the nation.
- A party that has divided the country along racial, ethnic and religious lines.
- Or one that has clearly created class warfare or plays upon the fears of the elderly.
- A party that solicits campaign contributions from foreign nations or citizens.

- One that accepts campaign contributions from special interest groups and grants them in return rights and privileges not afforded to others.
- A party that uses my tax dollars in a blatant and open manner to buy votes.
- Or one that has made it possible for the Communist Chinese to buy the technology necessary to target our cities with nuclear warheads.
- Last and foremost, a party that for years has systematically eroded our individual freedoms as stated under the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Ms. Barns, many of your assumptions have hinged on the “prosperity” the nation obviously enjoys. Let me clear the air on who is directly responsible for that prosperity – information you or no one else shall ever receive from CNN, NBC, CBS, or ABC, but can from Fox News, the “No Spin Channel.”

Thomas Sowell said it in a recent column and I quote: “No President can create a surplus or a deficit. All spending bills have originated in the House of Representatives for more than 200 years, as required by the Constitution.”

“When the Democrats controlled the House of Representatives for decades, we had deficits for decades. After the Republicans finally took over the House of Representatives in 1994, we started to see deficits begin to decline and a surplus emerge.”

“Despite the boastful Clinton/Gore rhetoric about ‘growing the economy’, government does not create economic growth. The best the government can do is stay out of the way while other people create products, jobs and prosperity.”

Ms. Barns, the President is not responsible for our prosperity as you imply. Millions of hard working Americans who have worked at two jobs, as I have (and still do) for 59 years, have created this prosperity in spite of “Bomber Bill” and the Democrats.

Jesse Jackson is much more than a “voter just like you” as you infer. I did not receive \$6 million from the Carter Administration in taxpayer’s money as he did. Further, he never has been compelled to account for it or any other funds received or spent, as all nonprofit organizations are required to do under our tax laws.

In conclusion, myself and the millions of recent voters who repudiated the present administration care about how this nation is perceived by others. It is sad to learn you do not and can brag about it.

