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Dear Brian:

President Ann McFeatters has asked me to respond to your letter asking the Gridiron Club and Foundation to open its March 20 Spring Dinner to C-Span cameras.

I understand and sympathize with your concern that maintenance of our dinner's traditional off-the-record policy conflicts with and undercuts the desire of the press and the public to achieve greater access and openness to government. In fact, however, any "news" that is made at our dinner quickly finds its ways to the wires, the Internet and the air waves.

More importantly, we continue to believe that the admission of camera coverage would negatively impact the ambience of our dinner and damage its unique character. As a result, we cannot agree to your request and plan once more to urge our guests to refrain from using any personal cameras or other video equipment.

All best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Carl P. Leubsdorf
Secretary