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Dear Ms. McNeil:

The time has come where I have to say *enough is enough*. As a lifelong Canadian, I have been subjected to the vagaries of CBC programming for a hell of a long time now. Frankly, I have become very tired of the constant mediocrity that is constantly shoved in my face under the guise of "Canadian Culture"; and for better or worse, you have come to symbolize this malaise. I don't think I can stand another Rita McNeil Christmas Special featuring the Rankin Family and Colin James, or any other kind of "Special" featuring you with any other hackneyed half-assed pseudotalented Canadian performer with name recognition. I believe that there are many talented, interesting and colourful Canadian performers that are not being given airtime because people like you are monopolizing the airwaves. No wonder Canadians have such a low opinion of themselves, when they are supposed to identify with the dreck you have been churning out. So, I think we can all safely say, you have done your bit. Perhaps it is time to call it a day... let some other performers have a chance... and move on to other things. You could always lobby for the return of "Front Page Challenge", that, at least, could give you another 30 years of work.

Nothing Personal,

Garth Johnson

P.S. Could you please send me an autographed picture, maybe with the Rankin Family?