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I was a reporter for many years and worked for The National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence,

established by LBJ. I was co-director of the study on the violence at San Francisco State College. And I have

published articles in The Washington Post, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Columbia Journalism Review,

American Journalism Review, Science Digest, Saturday Review, The Harrisburg Patriot News, The National

Observer, The New Republic, The Providence Journal, The Nation, Commonwealth, The Boston Globe, The Boston Herald, and many other

places. I am currently writing a biography of Dr. John Silber, president of Boston University for many years.

And I am an ex-marine.

For many years, I taught journalism students how to use the SSDI. It is an invaluable tool and I strongly urge you to

allow the public continued access to it.

Sincerely,

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