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C-SPAN / ROOM 650  
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I am writing to see if you could send me some information on the new Presidential series that you have been doing on C-SPAN.

We operate a small private school in the rural area just outside of Grants Pass, Oregon. We have a satellite dish for most television reception, although we tend to use VHS video cassettes for most TV USE. We especially use PBS shows for this purpose, especially PBS history shows...the Civil War, "Liberty", Thomas Jefferson, Lewis & Clark etc. A month or so ago, I accidentally tuned into C-Span at 4 PM when you were broadcasting the second in your presidential series, John Adams. I managed to video tape that show, and almost all the 20 shows / presidents since then...up to and including Garfield. All these shows had been taped earlier, about a month or two before they were aired on C-Span.

We do not get any kind of program schedule so we are generally unable to know ahead of time when a particular show will be aired. For the past two weeks, we have not see any of the presidential shows aired at 4 PM PDT, and wondered when they will resume? We would like to know if you have a schedule for airing the remaining shows, Harrison, McKinly etc.

As noted, also, I missed being able to tape one or two of the previous shows, such as James Monroe etc so we can tape these also. We would naturally like to have the complete set of 41 presidents, and wonder if you plan to re-run all the shows during the next few weeks or months.

The shows, because of their unusual format, add a great deal of information and knowledge to the various presidents that we do not normally find in other formats. I especially enjoyed the John Adams and John Quincy Adams shows because the guest was my favorite historian, David McCullough.

If you can write me answering the questions above, I would appreciate it very much. We especially hope that you are planning on re-running these shows again in the future so that we can tape or re-tape any that we missed so we can have videos for our high school history students.

It would also be nice if you can give viewers a little head start notice on the air of how long a particular show runs...this allows us to get out and prepare to tape, and use the best length tape...T-120, T-160 etc.

Keep up the good work on this series, and tell more schools and teacher about it.

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P.S. One evening I accidentally tuned in the middle of a history broadcast you were airing, and I thoroughly enjoyed the second half. I have looked for it since but have not come across it. I believe the name of the show was "DEMOCRACY AND JEFFERSON, MADISON AND HAMILTON." The history show was on this occasion performed and broadcast from the University Of Nevada in Reno. It starred three men, each dressed and acting out the roles of Jefferson, Madison and ~~XXXX~~ Hamilton. At the end, they then took questions from the audience. Could you send along any information on this show and if and when you plan to air it again. It was thoroughly enjoyable, and as a viewer, I became completely involved in the show. Please let me know when it will be aired again so I can video tape it. Or if you do not plan to re-air it, perhaps you could arrange to have PBS air it on their satellite system.

