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May 10, 1994

Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Brian:

I would like to thank you again for outstanding programming. This time it is your D Day - 50 Years Remembered.

I was not there, but it raised such a level of emotion that I would like to share it with you. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the north Atlantic, another in the infantry in Italy, and [REDACTED] poised for the invasion. My sister and her son had come to live with us during this period, so you can imagine what it was like at our house, especially for my parents. As with most of the houses on our street, we also had a service flag in the window, ours had three stars.

The war ended and everyone came home safe, for which we were very grateful

[REDACTED] went to Great Britain and France for a vacation, and a chance to trace my brother-in-law's itinerary from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We walked many of the scenes you had on your program, including the towns and the museum; but the most emotional was the American Cemetery on the cliffs overlooking Omaha Beach.

During this walking around, [REDACTED] recognized a farm yard that he had spent several days after getting off the beach. As we walked in the fields, a French gentleman came out of the house to talk to us. His English was fluent enough so that [REDACTED] in his back yard. The French gentlemen immediately invited us into his house for a drink, tea and some cake. The discussion that followed was straight out of your program interviews.

I have both programs on tape, and will use them with my grandchildren when the time is correct.

I plan to go back to Normandy, and do it over again. I only wish I could do it with group next June 6th.

Sincerely yours, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

P. S. On a personal note, there is a postscript to this.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], which was to be converted for the invasion of Japan.

None of us knew about the atom bomb, and although V-E Day had just occurred everyone believed the war would last for a long time. So, a group of the seniors went over to New York City from New Jersey, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and a few days later [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At the time I never realized what I had asked of my parents to approve of my enlistment, since I was not eighteen; and put that fourth service star in the window.

[REDACTED]

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Gentlemen:

I am writing to let you know how I feel about CSPAN. I have been meaning to do this for some time, to compliment you on what I feel is the best programming on television. This may appear to be hyperbole, but I am very sincere, that CSPAN represents the best that television has to offer.

In fact, CSPAN has the possibility to set the standard as to what television can aspire to. The debate goes on endlessly as to whether television merely mirrors what is happening, or is it dramatically influencing. I maintain it is the latter for the simple reason that it has become one of the most powerful teaching tools in the world today.

Whether we wish to admit it or not, large segments of our population, at every age level, are influenced by television more than by the educational institution or the home environment. However, it is not my intent to sell you on such a broad vision. It is my intent to give you input from someone like myself who watches a good deal of CSPAN, Public TV, and CNN. More people like myself are seeking to get the inputs, without the interpretations of the network gurus.

For example, it is my belief that CSPAN has had the single biggest impact and influence in politics on the American public, second to none.

Last night Brian Lamb implied that there were difficult issues being discussed behind the scenes. I have written to Brian Lamb in the past, and said that if CSPAN ever needed support, I would be there. Well, here I am, and attached are several letters I have written to CSPAN on their programming.

My biggest fear was that any threat to CSPAN as it now exists would come from political sources, and not the cable industry. While Brian Lamb and his crew always make it clear that they come to us through the cable industry, I don't believe that Comcast or the other cable companies do a sufficient job of letting the public know this.

If it's a question of budget considerations, I would be more than willing to accept a charge for it. It is an order of magnitude more valuable than HBO, Showtime, or any of the premium channels. I hope you don't have to charge for it as

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it might discourage or eliminate some viewers, which would be a tragedy in the political education of the American public.

Whatever you do, don't change the format or programming of CSPAN as it currently exists. Brian Lamb as the CEO, has set the right objectives and tone. I don't know where you would find someone like him and his entire crew.

Don't take my word for it, listen to the call-in programs, the universal comment, always at the beginning of the telephone call is, "Thank you Brian for CSPAN". That says it all!

Sincerely yours,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Enclosures - Two letters to CSPAN

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