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I WATCH C-SPAN BECAUSE....

C-Span gives me the world in my home. I moved from California to Arizona in September, 1982, and at that time discovered C-Span on cable network. Discovering C-Span was like finding a brilliant and entertaining new friend of whom I do not tire. I am selective in friends. And I am selective in offerings on television. There has to be integrity, depth and variety. I have these in C-Span.

If the station did not have the name of C-Span, it might well be called "You Are There." Or "Up Front." Because that is where I feel I am--'there' and 'up front,' getting first hand the latest news events and happenings.

C-Span is the only station that offers us the hearings of The House of Representatives. In my widest imagination I never thought that the House would one day come into my house. Where, with a turn of the dial, I can see my government in action. To see the action of the House debating and deciding upon Bills and to learn of them, even before this information is printed in the newspapers. Now, that's service with quality.

I don't want to miss a thing on C-Span. So, on it goes, the first thing in the morning and stays on through the day and evening, as I run my household. I can hear it from the other rooms of the house, and from time to time, I scoot into the kitchen to pick up the thread of whatever is being presented.

C-Span provides me with a unique spectatorship, front row. To view, in addition to the House Hearings, also Committee Hearings, Interviews, Call-Ins, Press Club Meetings, News Conferences. Most recently I was given privy to the Democratic National Committee Platform Hearing, to be informed on such important, current topics as Argentina and Polish Solidarity.

C-Span, with its planning, repeat programs, able and amiable interviewers, has made C-Span-watching, not only a pleasurable experience, but also has succeeded in turning it into something akin to a Hall of Learning-without the long hours of textbook studying and preparing for tests. C-Span does all the work. I just enjoy the fruit of its labor.

With all the various types of programming that C-Span has initiated, I am certain that, in many cases, it is required viewing for many school levels. Because it is a most valuable adjunct to the study books and a helpful ally to the teachers.

C-Span has a quality of presentations that is even more evident with the interludes of superb classical music. The music is a beautiful wrapping to an already well packaged gift of selected services and offerings. I don't know how the decision came about to play the enduring classics, but it was

a wise one. And an obvious one. Quality with quality.

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