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C. Span

As to your request for public opinion re your programming —

My impressions are almost completely favorable, since your offerings let the public make their own analyses of the material. I'm fed up with pompous media representatives pontificating at length on matters whose existence — let alone substance — they barely comprehend. I find the press club offerings a thundering bore, although I did like the Mike Royko award presentation. (I've been sort of a Mike Royko / Stats Grotnik fan for years).

One recent media low point came when a network stuck one end of a Tom Brokaw in a sand dune and broadcast mouth noise from the other end — these guided by a script prepared in the U.S. and masquerading as on-site coverage.

Your coverage of executive branch people testifying before the various Congressional committees is quite helpful. It serves at least two purposes. First, it lets us appraise Congressional performance — or lack thereof. Second, it generates sympathy for busy people deprived of much of the time needed for proper discharge of their duties of office. Pity poor Sec. Baker. In testimony, he reminds me — perhaps a bit irreverently — of a

brain surgeon trying to explain the medical
arts to a group of proctologists.

In sum, thanks for the good work. I
wish you well in your efforts.

Sincerely

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