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Bellflower, California 90706

February 18, 1991

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Mr. Brian P. Lamb
President
Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network
400 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 650
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Enclosed herewith are copies of recent communications from Mr. Victor J. Pascarelli of Continental Cablevision regarding viewer requests for C-Span 2 in Bellflower, California.

As you can see, Mr. Pascarelli's letters tout Continental's largess in airing the Persian Gulf debates during the period in which C-Span made Senate coverage available to cable operators WITHOUT CHARGE. Clearly, our local cable monopoly is amenable to offering viewers this particular cable industry public service strictly on those occasions when it doesn't cost anything to do so.

Is there any information, or are there any suggestions your organization can forward to Mayor Bomgaars and the Bellflower City Council which might assist them in convincing Continental Cablevision that gavel to gavel coverage of the United States Senate- regardless of overall viewer popularity- is of far more civic importance than are Prime Ticket and American Movie Classics?

Hoping you will understand that my question is not purely rhetorical, I remain

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
cc: Hon. Randy Bomgaars
Friends of C-Span c/o Bud Harris
[REDACTED]

cc: L. Kerr ✓
P. Kiley ✓



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February 12, 1991

The Honorable Randy Bomgaars
Mayor
City of Bellflower
[REDACTED]
Bellflower, CA 90706

Dear Mayor Bomgaars,

I am writing to provide you with some additional information about C-Span II.

C-Span, which is offered on our system, was created by the cable industry in 1979 to offer coverage of the U.S. House of Representatives. We do not offer C-Span II, which was created a few years ago to provide Senate coverage. Because of our support and affiliation with C-Span, we were able to offer C-Span II temporarily on our Public Access channel during the Persian Gulf hearings.

We receive an occasional request, like the one from [REDACTED] for C-Span II. However, overall demand for the channel is relatively low. At this time there are many things happening on the cable programming front. We are constantly evaluating our present service offerings in light of new channels that become available. As you are probably aware, we have made several valuable additions to our Standard Service over the past few years including Prime Ticket, American Movie Classics, TNT, and WGN.

We have no immediate intention of adding C-Span II to our lineup, however, we will give Mr. [REDACTED] request consideration as we move forward with any future decisions. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, about this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
General Manager

cc: Ron Black



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February 2, 1991

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[REDACTED]
Bellflower, CA 90706

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for taking the time to write inquiring about C-SPAN II. As you may have seen, we offered C-SPAN II temporarily on our Public Access Channel 51 for the "Gulf War" hearings.

We will give your request consideration along with the other requests we receive from customers regarding channel additions.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
General Manager