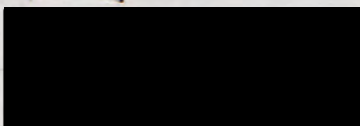


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Dear Angela,

Many thanks for yours dated 17 October last, which I received some time ago. Thanks for the information, again it was of great help. Thanks for letting me know that it is OK with you to mention C-Span as a source of information.

The project is finished and it was a great success. Now my interest in TV has grown. So, whenever you have information about television, please feel free to send it.

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Now when I am writing this letter I am also watching TV. Yes, with interest and sentiments I follow everything about the Gulf War. Terrible what's going on there, isn't it? During this war we can watch 'E-TV'. This is Ned. I, II & III corporated news, actuality and discussion programs on the third Dutch channel: Ned-III (24 hours a day, normally Ned-III is only a cultural, educational and sports channel.).

Yerseke is situated in the Southwest part of my country The Netherlands in the province of Zeeland. Because Zeeland has not much inhabitants and most of the province contains water, they started cable just 5 years ago, only in the towns of Middelburg (capital), Flushing and Terneuzen. But now they started to build-up a cable system here in Yerseke. It is a pity that they started with cable only in the newest neighborhoods. I live in the old center, so we have to wait until March for watching more channels. Now we only have an outside antenna for the programs of: Ned I, II & III, Belgium BRT-TV1&2 (Dutch language), RTBF 1&2 (French language), Canal+ (French) and British Anglia ITV (very weak sound). 1 1/2 year ago we bought an outside small dish (60 centimeters) only for Europe's most popular satellite Astra 1A. That offers more channels, eh -- only in the beginning. Now most of them started scrambling their programs. And the biggest problem here is: all different scrambling systems.

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I enclosed a list of channels we can watch now, together with a frequencies list of Astra-programs. We can only see the 'yellow-marked' channels, not the 'red'. I also enclosed a list with TV channels we can watch in March here. On this list you can see that we can watch TV5-Europe. In the morning hours this transponder broadcasts Waldnet (thought you were involved with this channel!). You can also see that Zekatel also rebroadcasts CNN, think this network is familiar to you. The Zekatel company decided two weeks ago that they add two channels next April: German's family network RTLplus and CNN. But, since the Gulf War started last week they decide to distribute both channels earlier. So, now about 20 percent of Yereke's inhabitants can already watch the war news on CNN, we cannot! But, there is an alternative: Sky News via Astra!

Thank I'll sell the dish next summer, because also Sky (nowadays called BSkyB after a fusion with BSB) will scramble their Sky One and Sky News. But Zekatel already announced some more channels: Turkish TRT International (maybe you know Holland has many Turkish immigrants), France's TFI, MTV Europe and perhaps Italy's family network Rai Uno. They will also add a 'cable-newspaper' different from the well-known teletext systems.

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Now I am really interested in your network, but as you already mentioned your programs cannot be seen here. But, co-incidentally I will be in Washington next March - April. Perhaps I can visit your company.

I am 23 years old and work for a small computer company. Together with my best friend (who works also for the same company), we planned a trip to your Country and Canada. We are interested in the area of: N.Y.C. - D.C. - Pittsburgh - Chicago - Detroit - Niagara - Toronto - Montreal - Boston - N.Y.C. We decided to make the trip this year, because now we are both single and perhaps later girlfriends will destroy such plans! Think that the flight, the car-rental and the vacation will cost us a fortune. So, now I would like to ask you a favour. Hope you are not angry. Please, can you ask your staff, your family and your friends you know in or around the area mentioned above if they have a spare bedroom, which they do not use? We prefer to keep costs for overnights as low as possible and we do not have the money for hotels and motels.

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I know that the last paragraph has not to do anything with the project or television in general, but I prefer to ask such favours first to friendly correspondents, before to go to such a different country.

So, should you be able to help, please answer quickly, because there is not much time left to arrange everything. The vacation will be from 29 March - 20 April next.

If necessary, here's my telephone number:

at my parents' home: [REDACTED] (evening, night, weekends)

at the company (Colpa Computers): [REDACTED] (daytime, office-hours)

Please, notice that there's a difference in time of 6 hours.

For now I wish you and your staff all the best for 1991
(yes, I know that I am late to say this).

Many greetings,

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T E L E V I S I O N i n Y E R S E K E

Nr.	Freq.	Program	Country	Language
01	UHF.29	Nederland 1	NL	NL
02	UHF.32	Nederland 2	NL	NL
03	UHF.35	Nederland 3	NL	NL
04	UHF.43	BRT-TV1	B	NL
05	UHF.46	BRT-TV2	B	NL
06	VHF.08	RTBF-1	B	F
07	UHF.38	Screensport	GB	GB,NL,F,E
		RTL-plus	D	D
A		Eurosport	GB	GB,NL,D
S		Lifestyle	GB	GB
T		The Childrens Channel	GB	GB
R		Japan Satellite TV	GB	J
A		Sat 1	D	D
		Sky One	GB	GB
		3Sat	D	D
1A		Sky News	GB	GB
Sat.		Pro 7	D	D
		MTV Europe	GB	GB
08	UHF.50	Canal + (part.encrypt.)	B	F
09	UHF.61	RTBF-Tele21	B	F
10	UHF.41	ITV-Anglia (weak sound)	GB	GB

NL = Netherlands

GB = England

F = France

B = Belgium

D = Germany

J = Japan

Astra 1A : medium-power satellite
at 19.2 East. Reception
with 60 cm aerial dish.

Antennae : Fisher and Philips fixed

ASTRA-Channel Allocation (MAY 1990)

CHL	POL	PROGRAMME	FREQUENCY	MAIN LANGUAGE	MAIN SOUND FREQUENCY MHZ	ADDITIONAL SOUND FREQUENCIES MHZ
1 (clear)	H	Screensport Sportkanal TV Sport Sportnet	11.21425	English German French Dutch	6.5 & 7.20 7.02 7.38 7.56	
2 (clear)	V	RTL plus (General Entertainment)	11.22900	German	6.5 & 7.02	
3 D2MAC	H	TV 3* (General Entertainment)	11.24375	Swedish	Digital	Danish Subtitles Norwegian Subtitles
4 (clear)	V	Eurosport (Sport)	11.25850	English German Dutch	6.5 & 7.02 7.20 7.38	
5 (clear)	H	Lifestyle (Women's Interest) 10am - 6pm weekdays. 12.00am - 6pm weekends	11.27325	English	6.5 & 7.02	
		The Children's Channel (Children's Programmes) 6am - 10am weekdays. 6am - 12.00am weekends	11.27325	English	6.5 & 7.02	Dutch 7.38 Swedish Subtitles Dutch Subtitles Norwegian Subtitles
6 (clear)	V	SAT 1 (General Entertainment)	11.28800	German	6.5 & 7.02	
7 D2MAC	H	TV 1000* (Films & General Entertainment)	11.30275	Swedish	Digital	
8 (clear)	V	Sky One (General Entertainment)	11.31750	English	6.5	Stereo Sound 7.02 / 7.20 Sky Radio 7.38 / 7.56
9 PAYVIEW	H	Teleclub* (Films & General Entertainment)	11.33225	German	6.5 & 7.02	
10 (clear)	V	3sat (General Entertainment)	11.34700	German	6.5	Stereo Sound 7.02 / 7.20
11 SATPAK	H	Filmnet* (Films)	11.36175	English		Dutch, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Finnish & French Subtitles Radio 10: 7.02 / 8.10
12 (clear)	V	Sky News (24 Hour News)	11.37650	English	6.5	Stereo Sound 7.02 / 7.20
13 Irdeto	H	RTL 4 - Véronique* (General Entertainment)	11.39125	Dutch German French English Italian Luxembourgish	6.5	Dutch Subtitles Stereo Sound 7.02 / 7.20 RTL Int. 7.38 / 7.56
		Channel E (Educational Programming) 9.30am - 10am, 12.00am - 12.30pm	11.39125			
14 (clear)	V	PRO 7 (General Entertainment)	11.40600	German	6.5 & 7.02	
15 (clear)	H	MTV Europe (Music)	11.42075	English	6.5	Stereo Sound 7.02 / 7.20
16 VIDEOCRYPT	V	Sky Movies* (Films) 2pm onwards 24 h / 7 days	11.43550	English	6.5	Stereo Sound 7.02 / 7.20
16 (clear)	V	The Shopping Channel (Home Shopping) 8am - 2pm daily	11.43550	English	6.5	Stereo Sound 7.02 / 7.20

*Encrypted or partially encrypted channel

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Nr.	Frequentie	Programma	Land	Taal
01	VHF.05	Nederland 1	NL	NL
02	VHF.07	Nederland 2	NL	NL
03	VHF.09	Nederland 3	NL	NL
04	UHF.61	RTL-4	NL	NL, L, F, E
05	VHF.04	BRT-TV1	B	NL
06	VHF.02	BRT-TV2 Kindernet	B NL	NL NL
07	VHF.??	Kabelkrant	NL	NL
08	UHF.52	Eurosport	GB	NL, E, D
09	UHF.39	CNN	USA	E
10	UHF.26	BBC 1	GB	E
11	UHF.24	BBC 2	GB	E
12	UHF.59	Super Channel	GB	E
13	UHF.43	RTL-plus	D	D
14	UHF.23	ARD	D	D
15	UHF.21	ZDF	D	D
16	UHF.54	Antenne 2	F	F
17	UHF.55	TV5 - Europe	F	F
18	UHF.28	RTBF 1	B	F
19	UHF.??	MTV of TRT Int. of TF1		
20	VHF.11	Informatie Zekatel	NL	NL