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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Watching the remarkable programs on C-SPAN has become the most stimulating event in my life since retiring a few years ago from Johns Hopkins University. Many of the viewers who call during your early morning program say "Thank God for C-SPAN!" and I feel the same way. I've just written a brief letter to Daniel Moynihan complimenting him on his remarks this morning from the Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee Hearing on *US/Iraq Relations* this morning as covered by C-SPAN. (I attach a copy of that letter hereto). I look forward to this evening's commercial news programs to see how many report on that hearing and what Moynihan said.

A month ago, C-SPAN-II covered the conference on *The Press and Public Service*, at which all the big wheels spoke (Petersmeyer, Woodruff, Oreskes, Mankewitz, Rogers, Miller, and Laitin). What struck me as remarkable about that conference is that no one mentioned C-SPAN !! . Are there many in the establishment who would like to do C-SPAN in, as they are succeeding in doing away with PBS ? At first, I was afraid that perhaps Congress itself would resist the openness that C-SPAN is bringing to its work, but from the increasing number of references that members of congress themselves make in their comments, I have begun to think that they, like most of us, also are increasingly welcoming the catharsis that C-SPAN provides for our political system. That is why I wrote to Moynihan, and others in congress, to support the work of your organization. And I intend to write to Justice Scalia.

Your programs have become for many of us a wondrous educational experience as well. Your interview with Thomas Sowell was

exceptionally stimulating and has led to my reading his book on *Preferential Policies*, and that, in turn has cast a whole new light on ideas that I had accepted without questioning much of my life. The coverage last week of the Conference on *Choice and the Schools* likewise will surely help to stimulate further thought and questioning of the premises regarding about education in our time.

I want to do whatever I can to make sure that other forces don't limit what C-SPAN is doing. Is there a "Friends of C-SPAN" organization that I could join to help head off the inevitable attacks that will come as your programming becomes more widely viewed and dangerous to the establishment?

Sincerely yours,

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enc: ltr to Senator Moynihan

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