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Praise

Re: **Remembering D-Day**

Gentlemen:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your magnificent coverage of the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. Both your prepared video interviews and your live coverage of the ceremonies in conjunction with CNN were truly inspirational and touching. All of the C-Span personnel involved demonstrated true sensitivity and class. The whole event was one of the most educational experiences of my life.

As a post-World War II baby [REDACTED] I grew up with a very unrealistic and poorly informed conception of the War. My knowledge of the War came mainly from fictionalized Hollywood movies which overly glorified the battles, and occasional war stories told by my father and his contemporaries which tended to focus on humorous anecdotes unrelated to actual combat. In school, the teaching was geared to a flag-waving, patriot view of the War which neglected military strategy almost completely and gave me the impression that America was involved from the beginning and that we won the war almost single-handedly with a little help from the Allies. I thought of the Normandy invasion as just another big, important battle like Midway, Guadalcanal, Anzio, etc. I had no idea of its true importance.

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I was so fascinated watching your interviews and finding that so many of the D-Day veterans had been unable to talk about their combat experiences in Normandy. I have always harbored a vague sense of guilt that perhaps I hadn't [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I felt great regret that I had so little knowledge of what he went through. After I starting watching "Remembering D-Day", I called my mother and told her to watch it too. She told me that [REDACTED]
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Watching your coverage was a tremendous emotional catharsis for me. I literally cried through the whole event, not just for the first viewing, but during all the reruns as well. I rediscovered and deepened the pride and respect I have always had for my father, and for all of our veterans who showed such courage in their service to our country.

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My mother experienced the same feelings, and I am truly grateful to C-Span for allowing us to share such an important and meaningful event. It has brought us closer together, and for that alone I will always be thankful.

I feel that your D-Day coverage should be made available to all schools in the United States so that the children growing up will have a more balanced and realistic understanding of the Normandy invasion's place in World War II, and so the sacrifices made by our veterans and by all of the American people and our Allies in ensuring freedom and liberty will never be forgotten, and so that everyone involved will always be remembered with the deep gratitude and respect they deserve.

Thank you again for your wonderful production.

Sincerely,

