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To say what an exceptional job you are doing, is to repeat many praises you already have got. And still I'm grateful for programs you manage to organize, in time, when most of the newscast are more entertaining than informative.

I'm especially thankful to C-SPAN for broadcasting the NEWS-1 from Moscow. Now, when everything in the "late" USSR changes almost on hourly basis, it is good to know first hand what is going on in my homeland, which I left 15 years ago and where a part of me still is. But to say that there is no problems in watching the news will be not the whole truth.

First is the timing. When at 6 p.m. I turn on C-SPAN, the News-1 are not always there. The 8 p.m. broadcast on C-SPAN2 cannot be seen in Providence, because the local cable system uses this channel for Bravo. So, what is left is to hunt for a schedule on the air from C-SPAN and to program VCR to tape the news at night. But, because the schedule is precise within plus or minus 15 min. only a part of the broadcast is getting taped.

Second is the interpretation. (Dear Mr. John Glad, no offense) From my own experience I know, that simultaneous translation is not an easy task. I think, that you have enough time between the original broadcast from Moscow and the airing it on C-SPAN to make an edited version of it after taping. This will make the translation easier and the quality of it better. Also for anybody who understands Russian it would be useful if some sound of the original broadcast would be left on, to the extend not to interfere with the translation, but still audible.

I'm sure, that you will fix whatever is possible. Everything else is OK.

Thanks for your time, and, again, for the good job of yours! No matter that some problems are existing. Nobody is perfect!

Very truly yours:

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