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Dear Sir/Mme:

Aside from wishing to compliment you on your generally excellent provision of primary information, for which my husband and family and I are all very grateful, I would like to make/express two points to you.

(1) Please Keep and even increase your foreign coverage. You are the only source any of has for such things as Mrs. Thatcher's Parliament presentation following the economic summit. — We heard you read a letter from a viewer whose "interest wanes" at foreign coverage, and that is what prompted me to write. I am a teacher and I believe one of our chief problems is that Americans are too insular — as you know, most students can't find Nicaragua or even the USSR on a map! My sister who lives in London receives wonderful continental and U.S. coverage, yet we in the U.S. only have "World Report" on CNN and C-Span. — Let those whose "interest wanes" watch network news!

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(2) My second point is that as you are such a wonderful public service you should be available individually over cable. My elderly Father would love to pay just to receive C-Span, but the Cable Co. would force him to buy all the basic channels just to get C-Span. For those living on social security this sometimes is not an affordable option. Out of pride he won't let us pay for it. — I'm certain that there are numerous elderly to whom C-Span could make a big difference if they could afford it. Please try to make the cable companies let us pay just for you.

Thank you very much — and please keep and increase your foreign coverage — perhaps parliament one day, Brundage the next, Australian deliberations another — etc.

Sincere Regards
