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GENTLEMEN:

Please start my re-subscription to C-Span Update. Enclosed is my check for \$24.00 for 52 issues.

Several years ago I stopped my subscription in the hopes that I could break my addiction to C-Span. It didn't work. Instead I started taping programs so that I could refer back to them to refresh my memory of incidents. That was about five years ago. Now my house is stacked to the ceilings with video tapes, and since I only have a typewriter, not a computer with a cross-file capability, I am so frustrated trying to find what I'm looking for. Oh, how I wish I had continued my subscription to C-Span Update.

*→ My kids are threatening to put me away if I don't clean up my house. Do you know of any educational school of journalism that might be interested in such a vast collection?

*→ Also, in reviewing your Tenth Year Celebration, it was mentioned that -- was it Purdue University (?) -- that had started a library of video tapes of your broadcasts. If indeed I win over my obsession and find a home for my files, would you please let me know how to obtain (preferably rent at a reasonable fee) a tape of an interesting discussion that needs thoughtful review. Is that possible?

As an alternative, do you have a viewers' exchange? My tapes are a mixture of C-Span, CNN and the evening news on commercial networks, plus a scattering of Donohue, etc., and are "filed" (if you call boxes stacked all over the house "filed") by date and year. When I lost my job because I smoke cigarettes (horrors!) and had my cup of coffee by my typewriter for forty years -----
Anyway, I found myself isolated in my home, and when Dan Rather was crying all over the airways over not being allowed to accompany the troops into Grenada, I hit the recorder button on my VCR, and the rest is history. Just like Topsy, my hobby "just grew."

While I have thoroughly enjoyed these years, the down side of watching C-Span is that I can no longer communicate with those who do not. My (ex) friends would not believe that the Warsaw bloc was supplying weapons to Nicaragua, etc. All they knew and believed was that the U.S.A. was the aggressor, that Ronald Reagan should be quartered and drawn, tarred and feathered, and was senile. And when Judy Woodruff fawned all over the Oretagas on MacNeil/Lehrer and pushed her liberal agenda covering the election, when the local paper (The Kansas City Times/Star) never printed one nice word during his administration, when the local talk shows only supported socialism, I can understand

A case in point is today's vote to override the President's veto on H.R. 2712. It was obvious that the House wanted a "Boland Amendment" to hold over the head of Bush. If that had not been the purpose, then they could have passed a "non-binding" resolution to "send their message to China." Sad to say my representative, Jan Meyers, who C-Span designated as "the lady at the right of the screen" on the Foreign Relations Hearing the previous day --which is okay with me as she is a nondescript liberal running on the Republican ticket along with petty Nancy Kassebaum, the liberal who disgraced Kansas Republicans by voting against the Tower nomination and put her constituents in the same category as Indiana Republicans

for having Dan Quayle as their representative -- more than one government official has been brought down by cartoons - but I digress, I apologize --

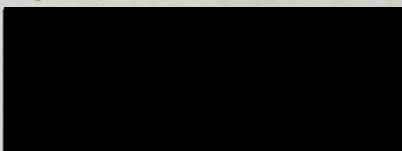
My point originally was to say that Republicans in the House did not support the President to handle foreign policy, and my obsession is SEPARATION OF POWER and the Constitution. I thought Iran/Contra would bring this to the fore, but apparently everyone is content that CONGRESS is the power since it holds the purse strings, with no accountability, and can blame deficit, taxes, foreign policy and everything else at the foot of the administration. I haven't figured out why we go through all the machinations of electing a president - why don't we just let Congress appoint the executive branch of government (they do anyway with the exception of the president and vice president) and be honest?

All the programs that C-Span can present on separation of power dilemma will be appreciated. The media will never berate Congress (like Moynihan and Goldwater going to the media on the Intelligence Committee report from Casey that a comic book to instruct insurgents in Nicaragua and mining of harbors was a break of trust of a report to Congress) Moynihan's resignation from the Intelligence Committee made great headlines - all untrue, and when the publicity died down it turned out he really didn't resign. He's doing the same thing with Social Security tax now, and my (ex) friends don't know that he was an architect of the rules governing Social Security tax increases and the allocation of the funds collected.....

Again, I'm digressing. I had no intention of writing this kind of a letter. Like all your viewers, I feel a bond with my TV C-Span edification, and perhaps my kids are right, ignorance is preferable.

Thank you for listening, and I look forward to again receiving C-Span Update.

Apologetically yours,



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P.S. Not that you're interested, but I am again sending a postcard to LETTERS, the public opinion part of the Kansas City Times/Star asking why Jan Meyers "who runs as a Republican, yet votes as a Democrat on a strictly political partisan fiasco" and know it will not be published any more than the three letters I sent after viewing President Carter on C Span. I was "appalled" (C Span viewers favorite word) to learn of the private-funded secret government of the Carters under the guise of Emory College. Of course the Star did not publish any of my views when they were running editorials praising his underground interference in State Dept. policy. We'll see if they print my question on Jan Meyers voting to overturn H.R. 2712 veto ----