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Dear C-Span Team,

The offerings on C-Span are so interesting and informational that often I must force myself to turn it off in order to take care of my daily responsibilities. I am sorry that the Russian news was moved to a 2:00 AM time. That is simply too early for my kind of people! Nevertheless, C-Span is the only reason that I subscribe to more than basic cable coverage.

As a matter of fact, my local cable company has again added to my "expanded" service to give me some more television channels that I have neither the time nor desire to view, but for which I shall pay an increase if I am to retain access to C-Span. Perhaps some day, there will be a menu from which I may choose only those channels which I want to view and may pay accordingly.

I would like to see C-Span present a comprehensive review of the United Nations and a report on its current activities. I am afraid that the UN has often received short shrift from us in the USA and it seems that the organization is on the verge of even harsher treatment to be given by the present Congress. I think that Congress can behave in this tight-fisted, jingoistic fashion in part because most Americans know little or nothing about the United Nations—including the fact that it doesn't even cost very much, while offering much hope, and

doing good in many places and ways.

I have appreciated your coverage of the Contract with America. I wish to register my thought that the Congress persons who are seeking a balanced budget amendment are looking for an easy-out. The American people elected them to "mind the store" if you will, among other things. And we are paying them to do that! Furthermore, a balanced budget amendment will no more balance the budget than taking out a credit line and throwing away my credit cards will balance my budget. The deficit remains, and if I spend beyond my means, my budget will not be balanced.

It seems to me that there has also been enough said about abortion. Anybody who believes that it is against God's will ought not have an abortion and ought not be intimate with anyone except a pro-life sort. This subject does boil down to religion at this time in this country. Historically, the views on birth control are

really interesting. The government of Peter the Great put to death any woman found to have had an abortion. Modern day China punishes both parents for having more than the allowed one child (two in rural areas). Infanticide has been legally practiced from place to place, time to time, and in other places. There have been rewards for large families. By and large, religion, economics and politics play the major roles in decisions about having or not having babies. We have let some religious beliefs, held by still a minority, become a big political issue for America.

Yours truly,