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Dear Editor,

On January 8, 1990, an important speech on "The State of Black America" will be given by John Jacobs, the president of the National Urban League, from Washington, D.C. You and your readers can get more than just a "sound-bite" of this event on the evening news; you can watch it in its entirety and without commercial interruption on C-SPAN, Saturday, January 12, at 10:30 PM (ET).

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If you would like weekly schedules or any other information about C-SPAN, or would like to schedule an interview with any member of our staff, please call me directly at (202) 626-4863. I will be happy to answer any of your questions.

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