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Dear C-Span Programming:

It's now 1:30 Thursday morning, and I've been trying all day and night to find something on C-Span that I'd be interested in watching, but every time I've switched to C-Span, you're carrying British politics. Why should I be so much more interested in the politics of Great Britain than that of the United States? There is so much happening in our congress that many of us would like to follow, and C-Span had always been our only access to all the hearings, etc. I don't understand why you discontinued carrying all these committee hearings. Rep. John Canyers is now conducting hearings on the Patriot missile and I believe the nation should be enlightened, by being able to watch these hearings "from gavel to gavel" as you so often advertise about other coverage. I was also following very closely, the hearings on "Hud" some time ago and "BCCI" at a later date. <sup>Also the Savings & Loan scandal.</sup> But for some reason, you broadcast them regularly, until they were about to "feature" some of the most important officials of the executive branch, at which time they totally disappeared from my

—Television screen. I've heard a number of phone calls to your call-in programs, expressing the same interests I've just mentioned, and those requests seem to be ignored also. We really are intelligent enough to be able to follow the complex details of the hearings I've mentioned, as well as many others we've been missing for so long, and our attention span is not limited to the abbreviations we been "served."

If they've been carried on C-Span II, I'd like to know, because I cannot get C-Span II from my cable company. I've contacted them several times, asking them to add C-Span II to their programming, but they have no plans to do that in the near future. Do you ever have any influence in convincing a cable company to add C-Span II coverage?

Please don't deprive <sup>us</sup> of following the hearings on the Patriot missile. It would also be of great interest to follow up on all the issues explored in the many committee hearings, informing us of the conclusions and reports reached by Congress when deliberations have been completed.

I thank you for your attention to my interests.

yours truly,

P.S. - Just tuned in to Span again, 4:45 A.M.,  
and as has been the case for a long time,  
there is a committee hearing with Darnan  
pushing an executive program. I please  
don't be so selective in whom and what  
we see. Instead, I would hope if and  
when we see committee hearings, we see  
the complete range of persons testifying.  
I would also hope that we have the  
opportunity to view even the most con-  
troversial subjects being investigated,  
including executive branch "perks", with  
critical witnesses broadcast as well as  
witnesses for the executive branch.

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