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Dear Brian;

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

C-SPAN has once again demonstrated the truth of Ed Murrow's commentary on the power of this medium, on what television should, and can, be!

THANK YOU!

It's one helluva way to spend a Saturday night, but five EVAs later I still thank you for the live coverage of repairs to the Hubble telescope.

It wasn't exactly like July 20, 1969, but it has been 25 years since I have had my spirits lifted into space like this.

I am in complete agreement that Dr Goodwrench was working in a space repair facility which should, indeed, be given a AAA rating of Superior.

The first two nights I switched over to CNNs coverage for awhile, to see what the competition was doing, but I soon switched back for keeps. Lots of commercials and too much color coverage for my taste. I prefer the C-SPAN philosophy: let the on-camera events tell the story, with minimal studio commentary.

The politics of NASA is one subject - and I hope C-SPAN will cover this aspect of our space program (such as it is). But the human factor of the space program is one which has seldom been shown, before or since Challenger. I hope C-SPAN will also cover this side of the story.

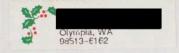
The Hubble repair effort is another milestone for NASA, but also for C-SPAN.

Thank you for the decision to go live with this, with no "panel of experts" and other such accoutrements, so much of today's telecasting.

Keep it up, Brian.

So the "dirty little secret" is out: you just flipped a switch! But you did make the decision to do that. Thanks.

Sincerely,







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