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Sincerely,
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In addition to the entertainment, educational and news value among the other TV networks, Americans can now become better informed on our structured governmental and political procedure, which should help diminish the bias, bigotry, propaganda and tunnel vision approaches which affect many of our policies both domestic and foreign. Extremists and radicals of any party or persuasion should gain the most from watching our democratic process in action and participating in C-SPAN'S call-in programs. Many Americans can now watch or be heard on specific political views or other issues which seem to concern them the most.

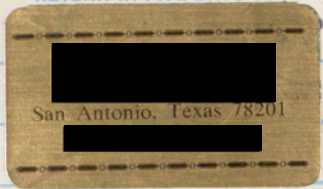
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