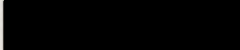


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C-SPAN
400N Capital Street
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Dear Sirs,

I don't know whether you are aware of a recent article about C-SPAN's audio channels which appeared in the "Ex-G Radio Club Bulletin" (an organization of expatriate British radio amateurs), but I have enclosed a copy anyway.

I gather from the article that C-SPAN may be able to help persuade local cable operators to carry the BBC World Service audio channel. Our own operator, Continental Cablevision, is restricted by channel limitations on their present 18-year old, 43-channel system, so they might be responsive to adding an extra service which does not require another cable channel.

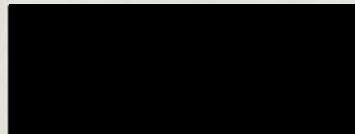
The address for the Operations Manager at Continental is as follows:

Douglas Guthrie, Operations Manager
Continental Cablevision
One Van Cortlandt Avenue
Ossining, NY 10562

Tel. (914) 762-8684

I would be grateful for any help you can give to Continental.

Yours,



cc: Angie Palmer

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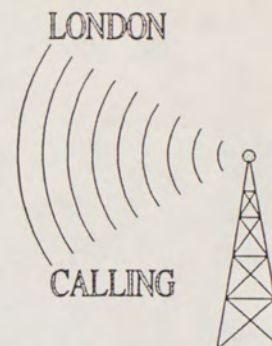
BBC WORLD SERVICE VIA CABLE TV

If you have cable TV and a stereo TV set you may be able to get the BBC World Service 24 hours a day, with no fading or distortion, and with excellent audio quality. According to an article in the February issue of "Monitoring Times" the two C-SPAN cable TV channels each carry shortwave broadcast programming on a multiplexed separate audio channel (SAP.) One of these SAP's (C-

SPAN audio 1) carries programming from a variety of sources, including VOA, Radio Beijing, Radio Australia International etc. The other (C-SPAN audio 2) carries the BBC World Service. As far as I know, all TV sets that are equipped for stereo sound are also able to receive these SAP's.

We recently had cable TV installed and luckily, our most recent TV set is the stereo-monitor type. Only C-SPAN 1 has a SAP in my area, but fortunately, this is the BBC channel. The audio quality is excellent, especially if you use an external amplifier and speakers. The BTSC standard specifies a 10 Khz bandwidth for SAP's. Many BBC music programs that were marginal on SW, even with a good receiver, are now a pleasure to listen to, and it is great to be able to get the BBC news every hour on the hour.

According to the Monitoring Times article, if your cable company carries C-SPAN, they already have the ability to receive these audio networks. You may however have to educate them, and if they are unresponsive you can write directly to C-SPAN, 400N Capital Street, Suite 650, Washington D.C. 20001, or call them at (202) 707-3200, and they will contact your cable operator and explain the advantages of carrying these audio networks.



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