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Gentlemen/Ladies:

I watch C-SPAN because I try to be well informed. Fifty years ago being well informed was not too difficult a condition to achieve but with the communications revolution that we have experienced since World War II it is impossible for an informed person to claim that he/she is "well informed".

The inevitable questions is: Well informed in what?

We live in/^{an}age of specialization. A reasonably intelligent person has to choose topic and area in which to acquire a degree of information and I have chosen National Politics since I believe that the survival of the planet Earth and all creatures on it depends to a large measure on what we, the other super-power do in relation to the arms race in which we are engaged with the Soviet Union.

Phoenix is a one newspaper town. Although we have a morning and an evening publication they are both owned by the same corporate entity and their editorial policies are identical. Ergo! No debate or difference of opinion there.

Our local TV newscasts report the latest crimes, fires, sport events and other irrelevant trivia. The 22 minutes of national TV newscasting provides the headlines for what any particular network might consider the important stories and even McNeil-Lehrer, with an hour of information, is limited in its coverage.

I not only like to read and hear what is happening, I like to look at the legislators when they deliver their diatribes or question the witnesses at a Senate Committee hearing and I like to speculate and anticipate whether a close roll-call vote will go up or down.

I will miss you during the Easter recess and will be looking forward to your return.

Sincerely yours