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To Whom it may concern:

I want to thank all those involved in presenting C-Span.

While I know that the communities that hosted the Lincoln-Douglas Debates Reenactments are to be congratulated on a job well done & thanked for all the time & effort putting everything together, I would also like to thank you and the commentators for bringing this to a wider audience & explaining the significance of the debates.

I found the maps & notes on screen to be most helpful. Being a product of the modern American school system I was not exposed to this type of information very much & have learned most of what I do know from reading on my own. Thanks for helping me to continue my education in a most enjoyable & lively fashion.

I am also grateful for your coverage of the new congress & various conferences. It has only been since I got access to C-Span 2 years ago that I have felt that I actually know anything of what is happening in Washington.

The speeches you broadcast are certainly a lot different from what comes through in the local newspaper. I'd be frequently alarmed by what the paper claims if I hadn't already seen the programs in their entirety on C-Span.

In regards to the production of the conversation with George Will, David McCullough & David Halberstam: It was so refreshing to listen to an intelligent conversation for a wonderful 90 minutes. To be able to hear a sentence without a "you know" or some foul language thrown into it. I have to agree with Mr McCullough about the general state of English usage today.

Finally, I want you know that Booknote is programmed into my VCR. While I wouldn't consider reading some of the books presented, it is still