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Dear Brian,

First, let me tell you how much I enjoy watching C-SPAN., especially your insightful interviews with authors and politicians plus the excellent coverage C-SPAN provides of our political system.

However, the reason I'm writing is because I'm hurt. On July 31st, I happened to tune in C-SPAN, expecting some enlightening interview or an issue oriented discussion and instead I found Fidel Castro giving his annual (Several Hours Long) 26th of July speech.

What hurt me the most, was that the airwaves, where I've become accustomed of watching the world's democracies at work, had now become the tool of propaganda of one of recent history's last remaining dictators. To add insult to injury, the event was subtitled "Cuban Independence Day Celebration".

The 26th of July does not commemorate Cuban Independence (Which by the way falls on May 20th) but it does commemorate Castro's first act to make a name for himself in Cuban politics.

The attack by Castro and others against the Moncada army barracks in Santiago de Cuba on July 26th, 1953. In much the same way another would- be dictator had acted in Germany thirty years earlier in the infamous *Munich Putsch*, Castro went briefly to prison and wrote a book. This changed him from an obscure student agitator into a well known political personality. The event marked the start of the revolution that turned Cuba into a totalitarian state. The first and hopefully last totalitarian state in this hemisphere.

Perhaps, as a way of providing equal time on the Cuban situation, you should interview Mario Chanes de Armas on C-SPAN. Mr. Chanes was one of the idealistic young men that accompanied Castro on the Moncada attack. He was at Castro's side throughout the struggle against Fulgencio Batista and became a Castro opponent when the bearded turncoat decided to turn his country into a Stalinist dictatorship rather than the democracy he, himself, had promised the Cuban people at the start of the revolution.

For speaking against his former ally and his Communist polices, Mr. Chanes endured a 33 year prison term in Castro's gulags. Longer than any known prisoner of conscience in the world. He was recently released and moved to Miami. Mr. Chanes knows better than anybody else Castro's way of thinking.

I'm sure that the C-SPAN viewers will be interested in watching Mr. Chanes tell his side of the story, which is the side of Freedom and Individual Liberties, the ones that Castro and his henchmen have been against since January 1st, 1959.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, (Which helped Mr. Castro play world revolutionary by subsidizing him with \$ 8 BILLION DOLLARS a year) Castro is now without a bankroller. He presides over a failed political system and bankrupt economy of his own making.

Please, don't let Mr. Castro use C-SPAN's access to the American People to broadcast his selfish propaganda. He is on an offensive to influence world public opinion in his favor and to that end he will use any outlet, especially one that will go directly into American homes.

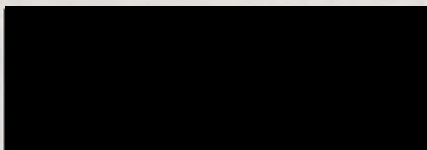
Power is the only thing Castro has and always will be interested in. He doesn't care a fig about his country. He desperately needs dollars to keep his regime afloat and to accomplish this, he wants to find a sympathetic ear in the U.S., to help him lift the U.S. government's economic embargo against his regime. I'm sure he loved you guys for going down there and broadcasting his speech.

I can only hope that none of your viewers were fooled by Castro's words. His speech was only a plea to Cuban-Americans, most of whom left Cuba because of his repressive police state, to go back with their dollars and "help" the fatherland. If Cuba is in dire straits right now, it's not the fault of the U.S., is not even the fault of the Cubans, it is the fault of Fidel Castro Ruz and his poor management skills. There's only one thing he knows how to manage well and that is his secret police and security apparatus.

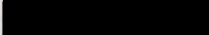
No meaningful economic and political change will come to Cuba until Castro leaves the island, his megalomaniacal personality will not allow it. While he is in power, Cubans will never be able live in peace, free to pursue their happiness. Their civil and human rights will always be at the mercy and whims of Cuba's absolute ruler.

The tides of history are turning against Fidel Castro and he will not be able to escape his fate. Soon enough, God willing, he'll be able to join Ceauescu, Stalin, Hitler, Mao and Mussolini. Like them, he'll be remembered as one of this century's worst tyrants. Alas, as with Stalin, the world will truly see the nature of his crimes after he is gone. I'll expect C-SPAN to be in Havana then, bringing to light the truth about Castro's Cuba.

Sincerely,



Miami, FL



P.S.: I don't have access to Mr. Chanes de Armas but I'm sure that if your producer calls any of the two Spanish-language stations in Miami, WLTU or WSCV, they'll be able to reach him. I'm also sending you several copies of this letter in the hope that at least one will reach your hands. Thank You for taking your time to read it.