

2240-90

JUN 25 REC'D

Miami, 6/22/90

JUL 05 ANS'D

CC: S. Trahern
T. Murphy

C-SPAN
400 North Capitol Street
NW
Suite 650
Washington, D.C.
20001

Dear member of C-SPAN personnel,

First, I would like to congratulate you for your thought-provoking programs that I started to regularly follow one month ago. I especially liked watching among other things your live broadcasts on the House and Senate activities, speeches given at the National Press Club, and a broadcast you did yesterday on Romania.

Accept however that I produce a little suggestion.

You should if possible devote shortly 30 to 45 minutes to the political situation evolving in Haiti and the US response to it. The US administration tends to be unconcerned these days about the tragedy developping in Haiti.

For example, I am a political analyst of especially Haitian affairs at Info-South, a data base at the University of Miami. The establishment of these two institutions decided last June 1, to arbitrarily cut more than the third of my US\$1329 monthly salary despite the first class work that I usually provide there. From January, 1990, besides, my supervisor Susan Latuzinsky started to discourage my professional endeavors in all aspects. This behavior occurred

after I published an analysis of Haitian politics January 28 in the viewpoint section of the Miami Herald where I accurately forecasted the downfall of Prosper Avril. The culmination of this process was this unfair cut of more than the third of my already insignificant salary, this without valid justification, given that Washington officials still consider me as the best expert of Haitian affairs. I hope that all these moves are not racially motivated.

Meanwhile, in all events, the US administration is ready to invest millions of dollars of hard-working US tax payers for September elections in Haiti which, in reality, are highly likely to fail. A similar policy of the US administration in 1987 caused the November 29 electoral slaughter where almost 200 voters were mercilessly killed, and millions of dollars were wasted.

I understand very well that you have more pressing priorities such as Irak's development of chemical weapons or the reunification of Germany. However, I would urge you to consider soon a broadcast on Haiti devoted to the dynamics of events, and to US policy toward the island. Such program could include personalities such as D.C. Congressman Walter Fauntroy, familiar with Haitian affairs, a US State Department official, Michel Laguerre, associate professor of Caribbean Affairs (University of California at Berkeley), and myself. This would be useful to the Haitian people which does not deserve another electoral butchery.

You will find within this envelop a