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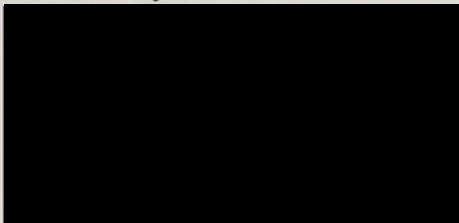
C-SPAN
400 N. Capitol St., NW
Suite 155
Washington, DC 20001

Dear C-SPAN

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that I sent to my local cable carrier, Paragon Cable, as well as a letter that friends of mine are sending, too. Due to the latest FCC ruling our access to C-SPAN has become very limited and I for one am very disappointed. I just want you to know how much I appreciate your programming and how much I miss not being able to get most of the live coverage. You provide a tremendous service to the public. I want to especially thank you for the wonderful coverage we received last year during the campaign. Hopefully my crusade will help change matters as I would rather watch you than most of the trash that is on TV today.

Thank you for all of the coverage in the past and I look forward to the day that I will be able to get C-SPAN on a 24 hour basis again.

Sincerely,



Enc.

July 13, 1993

[REDACTED] General Manager
Paragon Cable TV
[REDACTED]
Garden Grove, CA 92640

RE: C-SPAN I ACCESS

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am writing to protest the access change for **C-SPAN I** due to the most recent FCC ruling which took effect on July 2nd. I am very disappointed that you would have the most important station in your system share airtime. According to the World Almanac **C-SPAN** is the 5th most popular network and what do you do but have it share with a station that much of the time is like watching a test pattern! Your reasoning absolutely fails me. I almost feel like you're "getting even" because of the regulations. I feel that I have been stripped of some of my rights as a citizen of the USA. **C-SPAN** gives us the best information about our government without having any editorial slant or opinion. In fact I am so angry, I really feel like organizing a picket line at your facility and I am not normally that kind of activist.

I have had Paragon Cable TV since 1986 and have been mostly pleased with your choices until now. I originally signed up to get better reception since I live in an apartment complex. However, the way I feel today, I am just about ready to cancel the whole service. The quality of your programming has gone downhill and your choices of coverage is lacking. It is bad enough that **C-SPAN II** has to share on Channel 3, but now **C-SPAN I**, too. Shame on you! I have no argument with you on adding the "must carry" stations, but do you really need 4 "First Choice" stations which it seems that 2 carry **PORNOGRAPHIC** shows? Oh yes, I was scanning the dial on Friday morning and at 10 AM I came across Channel 98 which was showing a couple in what appeared to be the throes of sexual intercourse. Thank God I don't have children! Also, your scrambling of Channels 98 and 99 leaves room for improvement. Most of the time you can pick up the sound of the program being aired, usually a lot of **panting, groaning, grunting and PROFANITY** and you can also see portions of the program - that is really teasing those who may be interested in that sort of programming and disgusting to those of us who would like to see it **TOTALLY** banned from any and all cable companies.

It is my understanding that in a year and one half you will be able to give everyone their own station. That's wonderful, but I care about today especially with all that is going on in our government. I have yet to complain about rate increases of which the service has about doubled since I first signed up, however, if this type of programming or lack of programming continues I will truly feel that I am being overcharged for what I am receiving.

cc: Peter Kulef

I would also like to protest the time **C-SPAN I** is now shown, 10PM to 6 AM on Monday through Thursday and then God only knows on the weekend. These are great hours for people who don't work 8 to 5, but those of us who work hard and play by the rules during those hours don't have much of an opportunity to see any coverage and there is no live coverage unless the House is going really late as it has on occasion. Interesting that these hours are later than the times that "Special Orders" are aired and God knows we have some **Orange County Congressmen** who just love to talk during those times. I am just so disappointed on what you have done.

I recently received my new cable billing with your explanation of what has happened in it and a new line up. I would like to suggest that you give slot #25 to **C-SPAN I** as you previously had it and have your First Choice Guide share with one of your First Choice channels. I am sure you would make of a lot of us happy if you would make this change.

I really feel that at this point I will continue my cable coverage on a month to month basis and if there is no change in the near future, I will cancel it. I am sure that I can find other things to do than watch television.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Huntington Beach, CA 92647

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cc: Howard Stevens, Public Cable Television Authority
C-SPAN, Washington, D.C.
Vice President Al Gore, Washington, D.C.
Senator Dianne Feinstein, Washington, D.C.
Senator Barbara Boxer, Washington, D.C.
Congressman Dana Rohrbacher, Washington, D.C.
Supervisor Harriett Weider, Santa Ana, CA
Councilwoman Linda Moulton-Patterson, Huntington Beach, CA

July 15, 1993

[REDACTED] General Manager
Paragon Cable TV
[REDACTED]
Garden Grove, CA 92640

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RE: C-SPAN I ACCESS

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am writing to protest the access change for C-SPAN I due to the most recent FCC ruling which took effect on July 2, 1993. I am very disappointed that you would take the station with the best information for the citizens of the United States and have it share time with a station that so much of the time has stationary pictures. This is a real slap in the face to your subscribers. I understand that C-SPAN is presented by the cable companies as a public service. So much for what you think of the public!

I would like to strongly urge you to review your line-up. Surely you can find a better solution. Suggestion would be to give C-SPAN I channel #25 and have your "First Choice" share some place else.

I am looking forward to solution of this problem in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

cc: Howard Stevens, Public Cable Television Authority, 9220 El Morado,
Fountain Valley, CA 92708