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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to thank you for providing such wonderful, and complete "raw" news features as you do. In addition to your regular coverage of both the House and the Senate, I really enjoy coverage of press meetings, Committee meetings, and houses of government from around the world. It provides a much better understanding of our world, especially in these fast changing times.

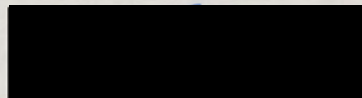
I recently noticed that you began periodically showing a translated version of the Soviet Evening News. This is a fine example of how a person can watch the news for themselves and concluded what ever one would want conclude from it. A few months back I had an idea which is similar to this, but upon seeing your carriage of the Soviet Evening News, I decided to write you with my idea.

I would like to know if it would be possible to have C-SPAN air the local news from a city where a story of national importance or interest is happening. For example, last week with the fires in Oakland, this story was a mere couple of minutes of pictures and stories. To be able to watch an Oakland or San Francisco stations local news would have yielding more indepth coverage. These local stations might have had a half hour to a full hour of live reports and interviews. Another example would be the shootings in Kileen, TX. I don't think the national news on any network could drive home the shock of this incident in a mid-sized Texas town. I'll bet the local news did.

At the end of the Gulf War you provided viewers with uncut, raw video from satellite feeds. I greatly enjoyed watching much of this video tape as I was able to record C-SPAN over night and watch it the next day. May I suggest that if you consider showing the local news from these cities, that you air it late at night when you re-broadcast many of your days events. As long as I'm on the subject of news, it might also be nice to see the Canadian national news (called The National) at 10:00 ET live. For those who do not (or have not) live near the Canadian border, all they see is the American perspective on the world, it would be nice to see another one.

Again, thanks for all the fine programming you provide.
I look forward to your response to my letter. Thank you for
your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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