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Dear Brian:

Please forgive my informality in addressing you, but as a avid viewer of C-SPAN and C-SPAN2, you have become a person that I have learned to trust and respect and if I knew personally would like to consider as a friend.

Ever since I got CableTV and discovered C-SPAN, I've been "hooked" on its presentations. Your only rival is CourtTV, and auto racing, and my VCR covers them while I watch C-SPAN + C-SPAN2. I do have a problem with cable since Suburban Cablevision, my service, cuts off C-SPAN2 from 7 PM to 2 AM and shows MSG during those hours. I get furious when I'm watching a debate in the Senate and at 7 PM the MSG network cuts in. I've written several times to Suburban and they state that they plan to change that as they expand their ability for service. It can't come quick enough to satisfy me, and probably a great many other subscribers!

I'm a veteran of WWII (the "big one" - to quote Archie Bunker), and joined the Inf. Div. as a replacement in Normandy at St. Mere Eglise. I've taped your D-Day coverage and appreciate how C-SPAN let its viewers see the horrors that the infantry and all of the supporting units had to face. The [redacted] was eventually assigned to Patton's Third Army and we drove across France, halted temporarily for lack of fuel, but on ^{20th} [redacted] (my birthday) we crossed the Moselle River. My best buddy, [redacted] from Lawrence, Kansas, was killed beside me - I received the Bronze Star for action that day - but my memory of him and his heroics will live with me till my death. We drove on and at Christmas we had reached the Saar River. The Germans were on the other side. The Battle of the Bulge began and the Division was

~~spot~~ speedily transported up north to help out. After that the Division drove into Germany and in March 1945 I got shrapnel wounds and ended up in the Duchess of Luxembourg's summer palace which had become a hospital - they removed most of the shrapnel and sent me on to France and then to England. I was discharged from the hospital and it was V-E Day and I had 14 days furlough before returning to my unit. I went to Scotland and rowed a boat on Loch Lomond. It started to rain and my buddy and me got soaked. I returned to my unit which was stationed in Amberg, Germany, and in October was transferred out based on my points accumulation for shipment home. I never thought I'd live to see my 21st birthday. C-SPAN's coverage of D-Day should make people realize just how devastating war can be - and what it could be like if Our Country became the battle-ground! With the weapons now available, we could see mass extermination of the world's population and the "Planet of the Apes" could become a reality. In about 6 weeks I'll hit 70 - I hope to see the year 2000 come in and that Our World will no longer have another major conflict. There will always be minor conflicts - that is the way of human nature.

Brian, I'm a history buff - I've watched the Lincoln/Douglas debates and have enjoyed them and appreciate viewing them on C-SPAN. Many years ago I read the daily newspaper when Lincoln was shot. It was stored with my grandmother's belongings. There was also a book that covered the verbatim testimony of the trial of the conspirators. As I read it, I felt as if I was right there witnessing the trial. I can't remember the title of the book but it was the history of the national security agency before it became the secret service. It also included the actions of Pres. Andrew Johnson. I mailed