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Dear Bryan:

Before they leave town, why not spend one hour interviewing several members of the Base Closing and Realignment Commission?

How often do we see representatives of the government bite the bullet? The Commission has served us well. After all of the hours we have seen them on C-SPAN, we know so little about them, their lives and why they were chosen for this important work.

I would like to see you sit down with two or three of the members of the Commission and talk about their careers before the Commission, how they were chosen to serve on the commission, the physical and mental wear and tear of the base visits, the problems in becoming familiar with the assigned work of the Commission, the qualms they had about some of their duties and actions. Also delve into other aspects of the Commission that the C-SPAN must know so well from its contact with the Commission. What were the most difficult calls they had to make? Which calls were the most important? Which calls will haunt them?

I suggest Jim Courter, Beverly Byron, as the best choices, followed by Robert Stuart Peter Bowman and H. T. Johnson. I was not impressed by Rebecca Cox. I do not know what she did behind the scenes, but I sensed that she was not on par with the others.

I was pleased with the camera crews. The last day during a break one of the cameras showed Robert Stuart, holding a small boy who had his arms around his neck (it must have been a grandson). Robert was in a discussion with what must have been his family. A very tender scene indeed! I hope someone congratulated the camera crew!

On another matter. I really enjoyed your interview with George Schultz.

In regards to Douglas Davis, while discussing the Five Myths, you lamented C-SPAN's small audience C-SPAN compared to other programs. He did not agree with you - nor do I.

First of all lets only talk about programs of serious import. Forget the entertainment and senseless time-wasting shows that Newton Minnow properly characterized as the Vast Wasteland. All of

the letters written to those programs add not one iota to the heart and soul of the country. So they get a lot of mail, one million letters each having a value of near zero import, contribute nothing to the good of our society.

Of all the TV programs that I have ever watched, the only time I have written letters is after watching C-SPAN programs. Naturally, I have written C-SPAN, but I regularly grind out one, two or three page letters to Congressional Committees, Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, The Base Closing Commission and others. C-SPAN audiences may be small but they are more active than any other programs viewers. I take lots of different stands, I win some and loose some. Yet, this type of response to programs is what makes our system work.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

P.S During the inauguration you shared us
your musical favorites - The new set of
Postage stamps must please you I need Otis Redding

PPS Please do not waste your time in
writing me back - I have all of the
C-SPAN brochures I can use.