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Dear Brian:

Having joined the octogenarians in the world last year, I think I'm safe in addressing you by your first name, for I always think of you that way, as no doubt many other C-SPAN junkies do! And a C-SPAN junkie I certainly am, having followed its wonderful success almost from its inception. My favorite "name-dropping" comes from telling others that when I was a Carmel, California resident I once had a brief conversation with you on Lincoln Avenue near the Doris-Day-owned Cypress Inn across from The Wayfarer church. When I made a permanent move back to my almost-native Washington, D.C. area, my one stipulation to family members looking for a suitable residence for me was, "It has to carry C-SPAN!"

I must say that while nothing would lure me away from the only satisfying TV fare, I'm a little uneasy still over your new morning Washington Journal. I realize change is good for everyone, and I can appreciate its good features, but I'm particularly interested in the reporters who appear. Formerly one knew that Monday from 8-9:30 two reporters from differing viewpoints would have a lively but civil discussion; Tuesday through Thursday usually one reporter would have a briefer time; and then on Friday (joy, oh joy!) came that wonderful roundtable of three from 8-9:30 wrapping up the week. Now I have been unable to determine just when the reporters are likely to make their appearances. (The politicians I can usually do without these days for the most part!) It would be helpful to have that announced occasionally. I tape the program regularly, as I did in California where the present hours must be ghastly for those without VCR's.

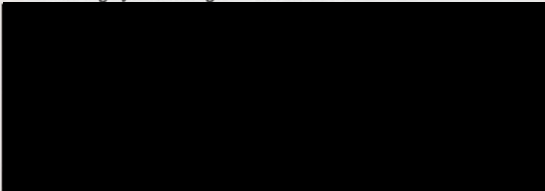
I was grateful for C-SPAN's quick response to its regular following after a particularly un-C-SPAN

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-like "discussion" last week between two men whose names I am glad to say I've forgotten, where the overtalk finally caused me to mute the reception, pick up the phone and register via your "opinion line" my protest that C-SPAN would fall to the level of Crossfire, Capital Gang, etc. I was grateful when I re-activated the sound on the TV to hear several similar protests, as well as FAX comments that agreed with me.

Nevertheless, I have only compliments for the staff--you, Susan, Steve, Bruce and all. You're all wonderful. As for those "Booknotes", what can I say--except what I do say to all who will listen--Brian Lamb is absolutely the best interviewer for book reviews in the business. Cheers!

Many, many thanks!



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