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West Branch, IA 52358-0488

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Mr. Brian Lamb
President and CEO
C-SPAN
400 N. Capitol Street, Suite 650
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Brian:

I am writing to thank you for your sponsorship of "Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered" and for the honor you have given to all of us in West Branch with your visit last Friday evening. The compliments that we have received about the program have been exceptional and, no doubt, the program will bring renewed interest in Herbert Hoover and his presidential library.

I cannot say enough good things about Mark, Delia, Sherry and the rest of the CSPAN crew. Their enthusiasm, professionalism, and courtesy make them outstanding ambassadors for CSPAN. It was a true pleasure to work with them.

Enclosed is an envelope that contains a Belgian Relief Medal, an authentic piece of history from World War I. Some medals were sold to raise money to feed Belgian children and those that were not sold were given to the Hoover Library to be passed on to individuals who have done good things on behalf of history. You are one of those people. I also am sending these medals to Mark, Delia, and Sherry. There is a further explanation of the medal in the envelope.

All my best to you in your work on behalf of presidential libraries. I hope our paths cross again soon.

Sincerely,

Cc: Allen Weinstein
Sharon Fawcett



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BELGIAN RELIEF MEDAL

The medal was minted during the period of World War I to promote funds for Belgian food relief. One small medal was intended to be sold for the cost to feed a Belgian child for one month. Since Germany was occupying Belgium at the time, transportation of the medals from the country was interrupted. The original quantity of medals that were struck is not known.

Obverse: King Albert and Queen Elisabeth of Belgium are featured. "LL" refers to Lordships and "MM" refers to Their Majesties.

Reverse: Columbia symbolizes America and is featured feeding a Belgian family with bread from her apron.

Designer: Godefroid DeVreese, Brussels, Belgium, 1914.

Medal Content: Silver plated over a brass base.

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