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Address letters to Voices, *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, P.O. Box 2221, Little Rock, Ark., 72203.

A Voices letter from

Little Rock

Being a retired person and having always been interested in current events, I have enjoyed a number of sources for news, opinions and public debate-type forums (even including your paper).

For up-to-date news, it's hard to beat CNN television, but to me the most informative and unbiased source of governmental events is the C-SPAN network, which covers the House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate and other important events when the House and Senate are not in session.

I particularly enjoy the live call-in shows, which allows the viewers to give their opinion of what is going on, normally in the Congress.

The reason I'm writing is to inform those who are interested in voicing their opinions but unaware that you can call any representative of the U.S. government, and if you can give your opinion in one minute or less, you can do so for less cost and trouble than to write a letter.

To those who are interested, I suggest you order the 1992 "C-SPAN U.S. Congress Handbook," which includes the most complete listing of telephone numbers and mailing addresses of our government officials, including the president, vice president, cabinet members, the House, the Senate and even the Supreme Court. Write C-Span Networks, 400 N. Capitol St. N.W., Suite 650, Washington, D.C., 20001.

Memo FROM THE DESK OF

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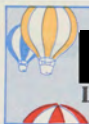
Brian Lamb

C-Span Networks

I'm writing to let you know how much I appreciate your networks. When I returned to my home town, Little Rock, in April, 1989, C-Span II was not carried by the local cable company (Storer Cable Communications).

I, along with the now defunct newspaper (Ark. Gazette) media columnist, Paul Johnson, stayed on Storer until they agreed to add C-Span II on the information channel on a trial basis. It got so much response and favorable comment that we now have C-Span II all the time, except when the City Council is in session ^(only occasionally) (mostly 6-9pm week days). I wrote you at that the time, 1989, asking your help to get C-Span II here.

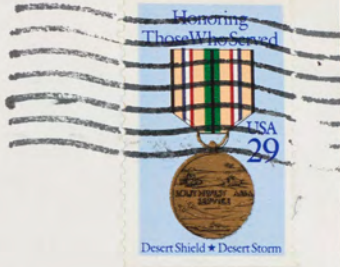
If you start to receive requests from central Arkansas for your C-Span Congress Handbook, it may be due to my article in the Ark. Democrat-Gazette 3/23/92. I have the 1991 Handbook & use it often to call Congressional folks -



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