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THANK YOU FOR C-SPAN. IT IS QUALITY
EXCEPT:
FOR YOUR AUDIO!

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1. AT THE SENATE HEARINGS RE JUDGE HASTINGS, FOR EXAMPLE, EVERY TIME THERE WAS A RECESS (IN YOUR REPLAYS) I HAD TO RUN TO THE TV SET WHEN THEY RECONVENED. ISN'T THERE A DIAL ON YOUR EQUIPMENT? CAN'T YOU SET IT FOR "4" ON THE DIAL QUICKLY?
2. CONSTANTLY AT HEARINGS, SOMEONE SAYS SOMETHING (WHICH MIGHT BE IMPORTANT) INTO A MIKE THAT IS TURNED OFF & WE (AUDIENCE) SPEND THE NEXT SEVERAL MOMENTS GUESSING WHY THOSE VOICES WE HEAR ARE SAYING WHAT THEY ARE SAYING. DON'T YOU HAVE A CONSUL WITH ALERT OPERATORS WITH EASY TO FIND (& TURN ON) SWITCHES?
3. I LOVE WHEN YOU COVER NEWS BRIEFS, I KNOW IT IS HARD TO KEEP MIKES FROM SQUAWKING... AND GET ALL THE REPORTERS' WORDS, BUT EVEN THE BASICS DON'T SEEM TO BE COVERED! FOR EXAMPLE:
(THURSDAY) ONE PANAMA NEWS CONFERENCE SHOWED YOUR GIRL PLUGGING IN HER MIKE AT THE LAST MOMENT... OF COURSE SHE MISSED THE FEW, FIRST QUESTIONS, THEN SHE KNELT ON THE FLOOR (AND THUS COULDN'T GET ALL QUESTIONS EASILY FROM THOSE TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE ROOM) AND IN A POSITION TO THE SIDE OF THE ROOM WHERE SHE HAD PEOPLE IN FRONT OF HER HIDING THE MANY QUESTIONS COMING FROM

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THAT SIDE, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM, ALONG THE WALL). NEXT DAY AT ^{THE} DEFENSE BRIEFING—IT WAS A GUY POSITIONED MORE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM, BUT AGAIN KNEELING AND HAVING TROUBLE WITH PEOPLE STANDING IN FRONT OF HIM.

AT THE OAS, REPORTERS + PHOTOGRAPHERS DIDN'T MIND GETTING IN FRONT OF YOUR CAMERAS... OFTEN. WHY ARE YOUR MIKE HOLDERS SO-O-O AFRAID TO BE A LITTLE POSH, TOO?

ARE THEY TOO SHY? THE NETWORKS AREN'T ABOUT TO ~~USE~~ ^{USE} SOMEONE ELSE'S REPORTER'S QUESTION -- BUT THEY WILL USE THE ANSWER + REPHRASE THE QUESTION HOURS LATER WITH THEIR OWN REPORTER. WON'T OTHER REPORTERS OR THE PRESS OFFICERS UNDERSTAND YOU ARE TRYING TO GET A COMPLETE RECORD... UNLIKE EVERYONE ELSE? YOU DID DO BETTER THAN CNN AT THE SOUTHERN COMMAND PRESS CONFERENCE IN PANAMA ON FRIDAY! THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS WE COULD HEAR AT ALL.

4. BACK TO THE SENATE HEARINGS GATHERING EVIDENCE RE: JUDGE HASTINGS. THE JUDGE'S LAWYERS, ESPECIALLY, PARADED AROUND EVERYWHERE EXCEPT BEHIND THE PODIUM... IT SEEMED. HOUSE LAWYERS DID TOO... HANDING DOCUMENTS TO THE WITNESS WITH QUESTIONS AWAY FROM THE PODIUM. DID YOUR AUDIO PEOPLE FORGET THE PORTABLE MIKE ON SOME DAYS... AND HAVE TO RUN BACK TO THE CAR FOR IT? IS THIS WHY WE MISSED LONG MINUTES OF TWO-WAY CONVERSATION?

