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Gentlemen:

I WATCH C-SPAN BECAUSE the programming C-Span offers has really gotten me involved and interested in what's going on--its educational value is immeasurable.

When I was a child in 1929, my father took me to the Union Station in Denver to see President Hoover who spoke to a crowd from the rear platform of a train. It was a thrill to see as well as hear the President of the United States. What a contrast now! In the comfort of my living room, C-Span enables me to become a well informed participant in the democratic voting process of our country. The political debates have been invaluable in this democratic candidate selection process. The coverage of the caucus procedure was a revelation to me. Although I considered myself to be an informed voter in each election, I was appalled at how little I really understood about the delegate selection.

We United States citizens do not participate to the extent we should in the political process and our voting record has been abysmal. But I believe that C-Span is changing that. It is awakening public interest in governmental affairs. I think it is helping to increase the number of knowledgeable eager voters.

I have had the goal of visiting our Capital city, especially when Congress is in session, so I could experience being a part of the legislative process, if only as an observer. If that never becomes a reality for me, I still can have that experience through C-Span's coverage of the House of Representatives in session. I watch almost every day and feel I not only know our Colorado representatives, but those from most of the other states as well.

The Call-In programs are a bit like over-the-back-fence discussions with your neighbors on matters of common interest, but with such scope that the neighborhood extends to encompass all areas of the United States. Coverage of the Press Club activities, Committee Hearings, and other special events makes C-Span an incomparable source of information.

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Never in my wildest dreams could I have envisioned hearing my sister, quite to my surprise, share her thoughts with Studs Terkel--one of our favorite authors. Beyond that to have had the opportunity of hearing Francois Mitterrand, President of France; the Queen of Jordan; Mr. Armand Hammer; Speaker of the House O'Neill, and again Studs Terkel all in approximately one week's time is fantastic.

Last night I heard a discussion on the purpose and activity of the Trilateral Commission--something I have been suspect of for quite some time. I have a better understanding now of its purpose and am less suspect, I think. At least I now know how to pursue further information on it.

The only improvement I could suggest in C-Span's coverage would be similar viewing of the Senate. I am looking forward to that.

Thanks C-Span. Happy Birthday - We share the same birthday.

Sincerely yours
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