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Dear Brian:

I have intended to drop you a line for several months but now I have a definite reason: Possibly I could say "Hello" to you in person in San Diego in August, when I will be attending the Convention as a Delegate Alternate.

I hope you recall our acquaintanceship at various industry meetings in the 70's when I was [REDACTED] of Providence, R.I. + *NETA Board*.

I have always claimed (perhaps erroneously) that based on your farsightedness and plans and a phone call from you in Washington to me in Providence ...and your question: "Will the [REDACTED] join in carrying C-Span?" - my immediate answer was an unqualified "Yes"; all of them!

My Claim is that [REDACTED] was first, or among the first MSO operations to agree to carry the C-Span programs. I do remember the phone conversation...I know I was in my officeand now I wonder if [REDACTED] was truly in the vanquard of the wonderful services that you and your wonderful organization provide the American people!

After retirement from [REDACTED] I sold my cable system in Great Barrington and interests in Fall River & New Bedford systems. I have been active in coastal regulation in RI & chaired the CRMC for 10 years; recreated an 18th century working farm museum; produce a weekly cable interview show & I'm working on restoration of an 1816 RI State House in Bristol.

I often see you on "Booknotes" & on "The Journal" & admire the complete neutrality that you maintain. You have certainly a novel, unique and worthwhile television service for the American people - a contribution to our republic that the Framers could never imagine - but one that Madison and the others would certainly applaud!

I would like very much to say Hello to you in San Diego. I will of course, have Delegate credentials but having attended & covered conventions in the past, know much confusion reigns

& the difficulty in locating anyone. However, C-SPAN headquarters should be located centrally, so possibly I will be able to see you briefly.

On another front = I will be attending the CTAM 20th 7/15 anniversary meeting in Boston - along with Greg Liptak & several others we founded the Cable Television Administration & Marketing association. NCTA's cancellation of a marketing session prompted this development & I'm delighted that the group has continued to provide a real service to the industry.

Here in Bristol a group of us have formed a Foundation that has been given the Old Rhode Island State House (located in Bristol - 1816) and we are in process of renovating it and establishing with Bristol-Warren School District, an "American History Learning Center". Two of our Board members have doctorates in History & and nearby Roger Williams University & Brown University have expressed a willingness to provide lecturers for our sessions. I plan to tape these lectures and be able to replay for succeeding classes.

Possibly sometime in the future, the Bristol State House might be visited by the C-SPAN BUS!

Brian - I'm so pleased with your success with C-SPAN and wish you continued progress in keeping America informed and educated!

All the best,

