

Plantation, Florida 33317

August 22, 1991

Dear Brian:

I've been meaning to write
these thoughts for a long time,
so took a few moments today
to let you know what we're
feeling about your "see" network
& the others there!

I took the Liberty of writing,
not only for myself, but for your
audience as well & those who,
so often, express what I've
tried to convey in this poem —

We only wish it could always
be, as it is today — perfection
in Broadcasting — & that nothing
there would ever change — Because
there is no room whatsoever for improvement.
Most Sincerely,

APPRECIATING C-SPAN

YOU ASKED FOR OUR OPINION
ON THE MEANING OF C-SPAN,
TO EACH OF US, AND SO I TRUST,
IN POETRY, I CAN

CONVEY TO YOU THE REAL, THE TRUE
FEELINGS OF THE ONES
WHO VIEW "OUR" NETWORK FREQUENTLY,
THE ONE THAT HAS BECOME

A VALUED FRIEND WHO DOESN'T BEND
OR ALTER TRUTH FOR US,
BUT JUST REMAINS, IN THIS, THE SAME,
A NETWORK WE ALL TRUST!

FOR C-SPAN LETS THE AUDIENCE
FREELY SPEAK ITS MIND,
UNAFRAID THAT "FREE SPEECH" MAY
ANGER SOME, AT TIMES.

C-SPAN'S LIKE A LIGHTHOUSE WHEN
ONE'S LOST IN STORMY SEAS,
OR CLEAR, BRIGHT STREAMS, WHERE PEBBLES GLEAM,
AND NOUGHT CAN, HIDDEN, BE!

IT'S MOST REFRESHING AND UNBIASED,
OUR WINDOW TO THE WORLD,
AND AS WE WATCH WITH PRIDE, OUR FLAG,
IN THE WIND, UNFURL,

WE TRULY DO CONNECT THE TWO,
BECAUSE "OUR" C-SPAN MEANS
THAT FINALLY "FREE SPEECH" CAN BE,
AS OUR FOREFATHERS DREAMED,

AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO THIRST
FOR PURE, UNCENSORED TRUTH
AND FREEDOM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS,
WHILE PASSING TIME BRINGS PROOF

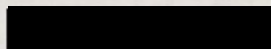
AS TO EACH VIEW'S VALIDITY,
WHE'RE ON THE SENATE FLOOR,
OR IN THE WELL OF CONGRESS,
OR A SIMPLE COUNTRY STORE.

AND OF THE MAN WHO HEADS C-SPAN,
BRIAN'S EARNED OUR LOVE, RESPECT
AND MADE THIS NETWORK ALL IT IS,
WHILE STRUGGLING TO PROTECT

ITS PURPOSE - TO ALLOW US ALL
A CHANCE TO SPEAK OUR MINDS:
WITHOUT HIS STRONG AND STEADY HAND,
WE DOUBT, TODAY, YOU'D FIND

A C-SPAN QUITE SO CREDIBLE,
SO ABSOLUTELY FAIR,
OUR VITAL LINK TO LIBERTY,
AND THIS IS WHY WE CARE

AND WHY I WRITE TO YOU, TONIGHT,
TO SUSAN AND THE REST
WHO'VE HELPED IN EVERY WAY TO MAKE
C-SPAN THE VERY BEST!


Late Summer, 1991