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Dear C-SPAN Viewer Services:

I have watched and appreciated your televising of the British House of Commons Prime Ministers Question Time for years. The interviews and special programs done when Parliament is on recess are also very good and seemingly well thought out. Your programs are enlightening, educational, and often entertaining! I applaud your program and wish to encourage you to continue with the British programs. I have a couple of questions I wish to have answered, and suggestions for future programs.

Several months ago, a change was made in the display of the persons name when they stood to speak. It used to display their name, the party affiliation, and the district in which they serve. Now, it displays only their name, party affiliation, and a generic "British House of Commons" line. Why do you no longer list the district in which each member serves? I found it helpful and useful. Please reconsider putting it back on the display. The "British House of Commons" line seems rather redundant.

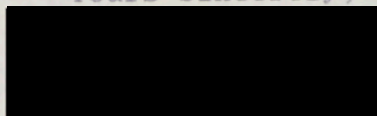
My second question is this: Do you have any plans to expand your British coverage? Either a news broadcast (as you do with the Moscow news) or other program? It would be of great interest to many I am sure.

Lastly, my suggestions: In part because of your program, the last several years I have corresponded to a Member of Parliament who represents the district where I used to live in north London (Barnet) while on an educational program in 1985. His name is Sydney Chapman. While on a very recent vacation to the U.K., I had the opportunity to meet him. His is a conservative, and is part of "the government", serving a Vice Chamberlin to Her Majesty Whip office. Part of Sydney's duties are to correspond regularly with the Queen as to the activities in Parliament, and to act as "the hostage", an ancient tradition where Buckingham Palace takes a hostage from Parliament when the Queen opens Parliament each year. Sydney is only released when the Queen is "safe" back at Buckingham Palace. Sydney is a delightful gentleman with many stories and would be a neat person for you to interview. His activities would give great insight to those interested in how the government works. You have interviewed many top notch cabinet people and others knowledgeable in the working of the British government. Please consider interviewing Sydney Chapman to get a prospective of a man in the government but not on the front line - someone involved in the nuts and bolts of the process.

A second suggestion for an interview to get a good prospective on the inner workings of the governmental process is to interview a member of the Civil Service. They are the people who work in government stay there regardless of which party is in power. I don't have any suggestions as to a person, but the concept of an interview such as this would be very interesting.

Please consider my suggestions and I hope to hear a response to my questions. I look forward to your reply. In the mean time, keep up the good work!

Yours Sincerely,

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