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"Where the Heavens
Kiss the Peaks"
(Pecos)
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Washington, D.C.

ATTN: Brian

Your Nov 13, 1998 with Balint
Vazsonyi was most refreshing.
Our schools are in a bad
shape in many areas - Music
sure would be a good addition.
We can thank the teachers union
for the lack of music education.

You did a wonderful series
on the writings of the French
visit to early America -

Continue to focus on our
schools - Public Education as
we know it has failed - Teachers
and letting the community and the
parents insure they have the schools

they want is the best way²
to improve. Then teachers
will take pride in seeing
each child develop to their top
ability.

C Span can focus on the
best teachers in each field
and how they became a good
teacher. Today the school system
is designed from top down. Each
teacher is given many students
per class - impossible to give individual
instruction when they see such an
approach needed. We need bottom up approach.

I am speaking from experience.
My early years were in small
classes. Only 5 per class in grades
4-5-6 - Small Community school -
My parents knew what was
being done at the school and
saw that all learned to read &
write and do Arithmetic - and speak

Later I taught basic math in Junior High and Physics on High school level - I then moved Physics to Junior High - when this group got to Physics in High School I used several additional books to move them to even higher levels. Many of these students today are working on our first Space Station -

Now with all the aids, computers and TV - No student should ever be left behind -

You saw what C Span could do - Your approach to create C Span was the best thing to happen to educate the public - You now can help re-focus education to the student & teacher instead of the massive overhead of administrators. We are now paying dollars for a failed system -

I can feature a learning center for each community that could provide all with the opportunity to learn at their own speed. The existing community libraries that once was our source for books and newspaper and magazines can be the origin of such a learning center.

Trained teachers in each field could be available to help should a student desire. Community Colleges offer a similar opportunity.

Now with the internet no one should be held back. Once our people are trained and have ability to find the information for themselves that person feel what we should think will not be the problem it is today - Keep up the good work -