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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I'm one of your typical "C-SPAN junkies", I guess; been watching ever since it became available to me. Funny, but the part I appreciate least is your stated reason for being: the House gavel to gavel coverage. I much prefer the special hearings (particularly Senate hearings, such as the Bork, Souter and Thomas confirmations), call-in shows, etc. The earliest event I remember really being glued to the set over were the hearings concerning the Challenger occurrence, but I was really hooked before then; guess they "set the hook".

I often go to sleep listening, and have to get up and turn you off in the morning, so I can listen to Bob Edwards on NPR (really enjoy those NPR shows you air, too) while getting ready for work.

One of my most often hopes is that my cable company (Storer) will add C-SPAN 2. I really can't afford the purchase of a satellite receiver system yet. Plan to have one someday though. Have wondered if your uplink signals are scrambled (for the technical enhancements I understand it provides, such as stereo, etc.).

Wanted to, and perhaps could have had a chance to meet you last year in Mobile at the NGA conference. However guess I'm too shy, and the opportunity didn't crop up. I'm a communications technician for the state Department of Public Safety, and spent 20 days of July down there preparing for it. My wife taped most of your coverage; my motel didn't have C-SPAN. We've got three cassettes of the conference that I watched once I got home.

Enjoyed the 10 year anniversary program in '89 and tried to call in, but no luck. Several of the other hosts do really good jobs, notably Susan Swain, Bruce Collins and Lew Ketcham (is he related to Hank of "Dennis" fame?), but none really measure up to you. Hope you're keeping a good journal, and hope to view your session in the other seat on "Booknotes" some Sunday evening.

Which brings me to the purpose of this letter. Just finished watching tonight's program with Reuven Frank (wonder if his folks were just poor spellers, or were ahead of the curve on novelty names). Occurred to me while waiting for the program to start that it'd be nice to be able to ask my own questions of the author at times. I know you don't want to give up your Sunday evenings, and perhaps one of the lesser ranking hosts could conduct it, but why not a live session with the author immediately following "Booknotes" when possible and agreeable to the author? I know I would have enjoyed asking (former) Governor Dixy Lee Ray a question or two.

If not workable, too bad - I think it's a good idea. At any rate, thanks for C-SPAN.

Sincerely,

