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I WATCH C-SPAN BECAUSE---

I am grateful to C-SPAN for a very good reason. My swan song, and I am a senior citizen, will be a book that one way or another will be published prior to the 1984 Presidential election.

During the last decade of my 31 year career in government and in the 15 years since my retirement, my research and writing has been concentrated in the field of Latin American Studies, and Economics.

This experience and academia is cited to make the point that the unusual insight and the knowledge of public affairs gained in my one year of watching C-SPAN television programs could not be realized in any other way.

Most important to me, as it must be to countless other C-SPAN enthusiasts, I have been greatly inspired through watching the Senate and House Committee hearings, the debates on the floor of the House of Representatives, the seminar and panel discussions, and the individual appearances of distinguished experts on public issues.

The derogatory, or the exemplary qualities of senators and representatives, heads of government departments, and other personalities are evidenced as they debate or respond to questions. Some display evasion and misrepresentation, hypocrisy, demagoguery, and falsehood. Others exude profound knowledge, patriotism, leadership, and veracity.

As we listen and watch, some viewers seek truth; others an argument to serve their bias or need. We make judgments about the opinions and the character of congressmen, Presidential candidates, or the President, himself. Most important, the viewer is left to make his own evaluations -- the C-SPAN moderator moves the program along, but without comment.

I must say that, at times, I become impatient with some persons making calls on the telephone Call-In programs. a few go on and on mindlessly expounding while moderator and panelist patiently await the expected question. Despite this somewhat picayune observation, I believe that the telephone Call-In is an important part of selected programs. Thus, the TV spectator, having the opportunity to call, feels that he is a participant. And the majority of callers do ask questions beneficial to the other listeners; or express provocative ideas.

That the C-SPAN staff gives much attention to fair programming of the many controversial topics is very evident. I am convinced that C-SPAN programs are truly bipartisan.

This leads to my fear that the powerful special interests that today exercise unprecedented control of the Congress, the government, and the news media, may ease C-SPAN off the air. It does not serve the purposes particularly of some huge profit-oriented businesses that the American public be exposed to the many glaring truths revealed through C-SPAN. I pray that the C-SPAN viewers and the United States Congress, in their recognition of the educational value of this great program, will keep it rolling.

I certainly believe that C-SPAN has a beneficial influence upon the many public issues confronting our U.S. people today. C-SPAN could in the long run prove a tremendous force in the salvation of and in promoting democracy in the United States, and throughout the world.

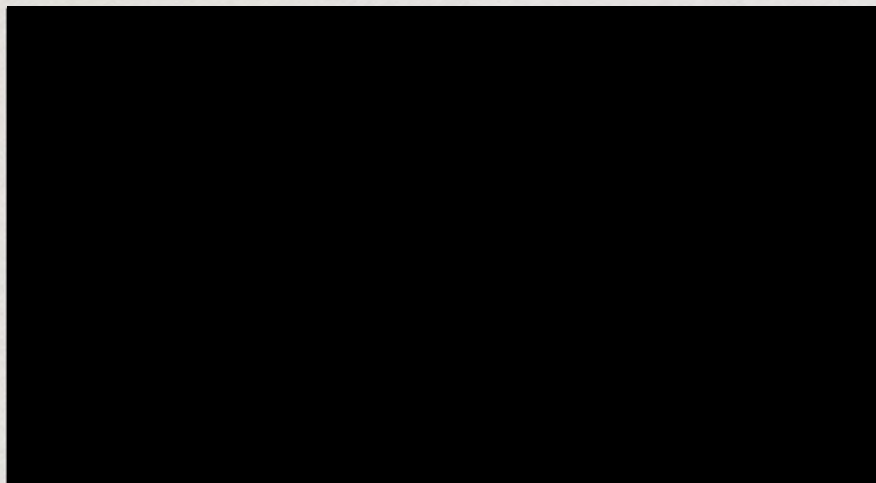
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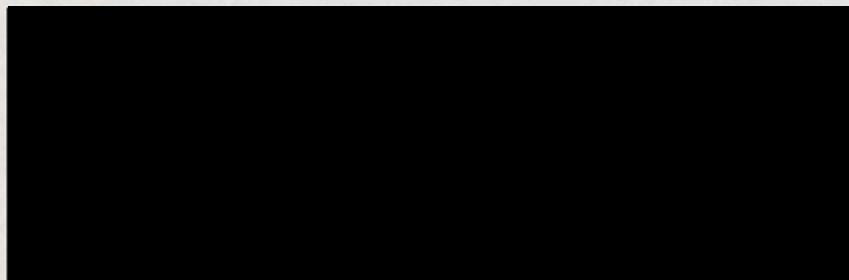
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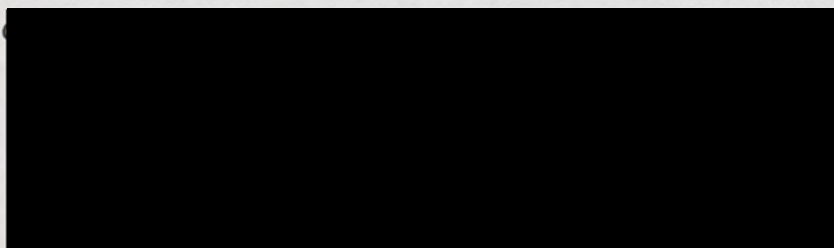
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

1963

1974-82



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