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Gentlemen:

I don't often write fan letters to television networks. Nevertheless, I wanted to tell you how much I enjoy the Moscow Evening News, which is replayed here on the Cable TV Public Affairs network, C-SPAN. I have always been interested in events in the former Soviet Union, and had a glimpse into Russian life when another American cable TV network, the Discovery Channel, played one week of live Soviet television about 5 years ago.

I wish American news was as diverse and detailed as your coverage. Most US television news is heavy on showmanship and highly parochial. To find out what is happening in the larger world, one has to read The New York Times, or spend hours watching CNN. Your comprehensive coverage gives viewers a unique perspective on important events. In fact, I don't bother with mainstream US television news anymore since I started watching your program.

I would love to see more translated Russian television in the US. I especially would enjoy seeing Russian "commercials". These speak volumes about the economic life (and the prospects for renewal) of your country. I have seen Russian music videos, cartoons, comedy, and drama, and I think other Americans would enjoy seeing them too.

As I said, I don't often write fan letters. I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate your efforts. It is thrilling to watch history in the making in Russia. I am inspired by the extraordinary courage of the people I see on your program every evening. Thank you for bringing it to me.

Sincerely,

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CC: C-SPAN