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Dear Brian:

I am finally doing what I promised myself to do a dozen times, that is to write to you and your staff at CSPAN, and to tell all of you what a great job you are doing. The service and the programming are all first class. I don't throw superlatives around indiscriminately, but in the case of CSPAN it amounts to understatement.

CSPAN is what television was invented for, and what I have been waiting for - a long time. It's not as though I have just discovered CSPAN, I am amongst your earliest junkies. You did more to provide the broad spectrum of information in the last election than all the networks put together, and that includes CNN.

My biggest fear is that some day the fools we suffer in the Congress will wake up to their stupidity, and instead of changing their ways, will seek to change you instead. If that should ever happen, please call upon me in whatever way you think that I and the large number of us out here could be of help. Every day I say a silent prayer for the continued success of CSPAN, and the good health of you and every member of your staff.

I am not a TV addict in the usual sense, but I am blessed with a curiosity on a wide range of interests, and the future of the United States is at the top of my priority. As I walk through the den and turn on the TV, I can guarantee you that I check out CSPAN and CSPAN 2 before I consider anything else. That doesn't mean you hold me all the time, but you would be pleased to know how much, and I would wager that I am not alone in my respect and appreciation.

In addition to what you broadcast, it is the style and objectivity that you and your staff transmit. CSPAN is so unique in this regard that the rest of television hasn't figured out the simplest and most effective format to date. Collectively in your way, you are the Ed Murrows of modern day television. God, I hope this well deserved praise doesn't increase your respective hat sizes. My message is you got the right formula, don't mess it up. I know you won't.

I got the motivation to write while watching the last

journalist roundtable and call in. Regardless of who your guests are, including the ones who infuriate me, the information that you provide relegate the networks to mediocrity by comparison. That evening I also saw Louis Farrakan talking to the Press Club, and Justice Clarence Thomas' talk at Mercer University. To paraphrase slightly "only in America and only on CSPAN".

In closing let me use the words virtually every caller uses "thanks for CSPAN".

Best regards,

