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Dear C-SPAN, OCT 11 ANS'D

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Thank you for your programming. I especially enjoy *Never Call-in* (8-9:30 AM). I like your Host very much, and your guests - even those with whom I disagree (which is unusual for me.) I have found them to be fair, honest, intelligent, capable and interesting - not un-biased, but polite in delivering their views.

I always get a busy signal when I telephone, so I'm writing to comment on the opinions of most of your journalists regarding coverage of the Gulf Crisis. They say they'd like to be "where the action is" - to report from there. They dislike "pools" and being "fed" copy by the military.

I agree, but only if they are side-by-side with the troops - living with them 24 hours a day, for the same period - eating with them, getting mail from home, etc. I'd like the media to have a tour of duty with a particular unit (battalion size or smaller) for the same length of time the unit is in the Middle East. I'd like them to depart the USA with the unit, and return only when the unit does.

It would then be interesting to see if

the reporters would feel the public needed to know or has a right to know where the unit is, how strong it is, the equipment it has, the state the equipment is in, etc.

As a daughter, daughter-in-law, wife, sister-in-law of 2, aunt of 1, and mother of 2 Army officers, I'd like to see more Ernie Pyle-like journalists.

Thanks again for your station.

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P.S. I wish you'd have a program on the UN. I do not understand their existence, let alone their role in the world. Why have a body to pass sanctions without power or authority to enforce them? Why allow Saddam Hussein to broadcast and influence anti-Americanism instead of anti-world beliefs?

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