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Dear Programming and Editorial Staff--

Yesterday, August 29th, I saw your splendid in-depth program on Northern Ireland. Obviously, this subject is one of the most difficult of any region in the contemporary world to discuss objectively. In addition, events in our lives (the Election, Yugoslavia, the economic woes, even the weather) tend to encourage us to forget Northern Ireland. Therefore, I was even more favorably impressed by your providing such a generous expenditure of time to this program.

In recent years, I have spent quite a few summers in the Republic and somewhat less time in the North. When I have energy, I try to think constructively about the situation. I liked your beginning the program inside that tank. I learned the same sort of sympathy some years ago, staring into the rather frightened eyes of 18 year old British soldiers at crossing points. There is a tendency to drape the entire question in either romance or rhetoric. I believe that you tried to avoid such traps. In a way, you were suggesting that (as John Hume indicated) the way out may be through Europe.

I am very grateful for C-Span, especially during this Election year. Your staff tries hard, but they keep a lighter touch and a genuine interest in their topics which is extremely refreshing for jaded viewers. Keep up the good work!

Cordially,

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