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C-Span
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Dear C-Span:

I watch C-Span to get me out of my provincial ideas about the problems of our times, about our government leaders, about foreigners, and even about the cultures and life-styles of peoples living in our own United States.

Before C-Span entered my home, perhaps 8 weeks ago, I was quick to criticize government officials for a lot of talk and no action. I am slowly having a new regard for some of our elected leaders. Seeing them at work on C-Span, it seems to me that they have to do their home work or look like fools.

Your coverage of U.S. Customs Service on Narcotics Smuggling made me feel a little bit better about the curtailment of the drug problem.

I usually read two Portland, Maine daily papers, USA Today, and occasionally a Boston paper. I consider myself fairly knowledgeable about daily events.

Now that I listen to Brian Lamb's coverage of papers across the U.S., and listen to the people who call in, I find my horizons have expanded considerably. Sometimes Brian shows the political cartoons from these papers. I wish he would do this more often and not gloss over the name of the artist. Unfortunately these cartoonists do not print their names legibly. I believe their analysis of the news can be a great educational tool for our young people. I often discuss one of Bill Maulden's cartoons with some of my grandchildren.

Volunteers who work with me on a weekly basis at a senior citizens center, are well-read and much concerned about child abuse, drugs, nuclear energy, the immense build-up of arms and the shocking deficite of this administration. Our conversations sometimes become quite heated. I have recently been able to make my point by quoting something I heard on C-Span.

Since C-Span is still fairly new to me, I am anxious to learn more about your scheduled programs. My husband just happened to catch one of your programs back in February. Since then we have tried to tune in whenever possible.

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It was a joy to see a small part of the Hart Senate office building on your program today--not that I necessarily approve of such a goldfish bowl. But Washington, D.C., I am told, has made a lot of changes since my husband and I moved away after our marriage there in 1943, and I would like to see more of such changes on your program.

Most sincerely, [REDACTED]