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November 6, 1990

To: Programming, Update, Promotions
From: Connie ext. 4871
Re: Live Coverage of the State Opening of Parliament

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 1990

Time: 5:00 am to 8:00 am

Video & Commentary provided by: BBC

Rundown:

5:00 am: Interview with Alastair Stewart, Washington Bureau Chief, ITV (Mr. Stewart did the commentary for the State Opening when we first covered it in 1988. He is now in Washington and has agreed to do this interview using video and stills to give viewers background on the ceremony).

5:45 am: Join BBC coverage of State Opening of Parliament

@7:00-7:55: Live call-in from C-SPAN studio.

Guests: Martin Walker, London Guardian
Christopher Ogden, Time Magazine

Re-air time: Sunday 11/11 at 9:00 pm
Stewart interview and State Opening only
Call-in will NOT re-air in this slot

Background: The State Opening of Parliament is an annual ceremony which officially opens a new session of the British Parliament. In this ceremony, the Queen travels from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster. In the chamber of the House of Lords, she reads a statement which outlines the priorities of the government for the upcoming session.

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Walter -
Thought you might like to tune in tomorrow
morning or on Sunday...
Kristin

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above matter.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, very obediently,
J. H. [Name]

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