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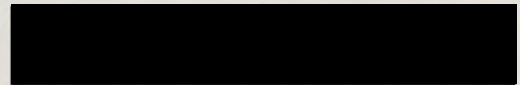
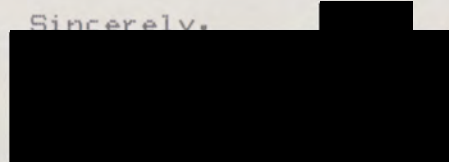
Gentlemen:

I have a very simple recommendation for C-SPANII: Display a continuous tally of the roll call vote tabulations as you do on C-SPAN. I suspect that the current practice of displaying the tally only at the completion of a roll call vote has something to do with a reluctance on the part of the Senate to tabulate their votes electronically, which I would agree is their business, but it would seem to be a simple matter for C-SPAN to devise a system to tabulate Senate votes and display them on the screen as they occur.

I am generally exceptionally pleased with C-SPAN. My only displeasure with C-SPAN is that Susan Swain seems to have been replaced with Connie Doebele, and this, if it is the fact, is a definite step backwards. This is to say that Susan and Brian (as well as the other male call-in host, whose name I am ashamed to be unable to recall at the moment) are extremely thorough in exploring the motives and backgrounds of call-in guests while Connie seems to represent a giant step away from objectivity and toward the advocacy of the conventional media. Since my conclusions are based on a relatively brief period during which Susan may have been on vacation and Connie was just filling in, my comments may be unwarranted, but I don't like to see C-SPAN resort to staged call-in guests, as when Connie did the call-in prior to the Nicaraguan election featuring two guests who were supposed to represent opposing positions, but who in fact turned out to be on the same side.

Maybe Connie didn't even book that show. I don't know. I only know that I agree with the Deputy Undersecretary of State you had on a couple of nights later who responded to a caller who recited a littany of popular myths we see in the conventional media denouncing the United States: "GIVE IT SOME BALANCE!" To be more accurate in the case of C-SPAN, please don't end your traditional practice of providing balance.

Sincerely,



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