

Maine Students Participate in Nationwide  
Cable Telecast

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- 120 high school students from Maine will be in the national spotlight next week when they question U.S. Senator George Mitchell about international trade policy. The forum is an hour-long live program televised nationally by the C-SPAN cable network, October 28 at 7:00 pm ET.

The students, who hail from schools in the Augusta, Bar Harbor, Portland, and Presque Isle areas, will question Sen. Mitchell via telephone from sites in their communities; Mr. Mitchell will respond to the student questioners from C-SPAN's studios in Washington, D.C. The teleconference is being produced by the Close Up Foundation, a non-profit government studies program based in the nation's capital.

The Maine program is one of several student teleconferences planned for different communities by the Close Up Foundation during the 1985-86 school year.

"Our teleconferences are forums that put young people directly in touch with national leaders," says Close Up President Steve Janger. "The two-way communication is not just technological -- the format has proven instructive for both our young people and the elected officials."

Twenty-two million households around the nation ~~will be able to~~<sup>can</sup> tune in to the Maine teleconference on C-SPAN. In Maine, C-SPAN's public affairs programming can regularly be seen in some 65,000 homes, approximately one-third of the state's cable households.

Officials at the Augusta and Bar Harbor cable systems are considering special arrangements to pick up the C-SPAN telecast for their communities. Plans call for C-SPAN to.... Cable subscribers in Portland and Presque Isle have round-the-clock access to C-SPAN's unique coverage of public events; In Portland, C-SPAN is available full-time on cable channel 29, and in Presque Isle, cable viewers watch C-SPAN on channel 18

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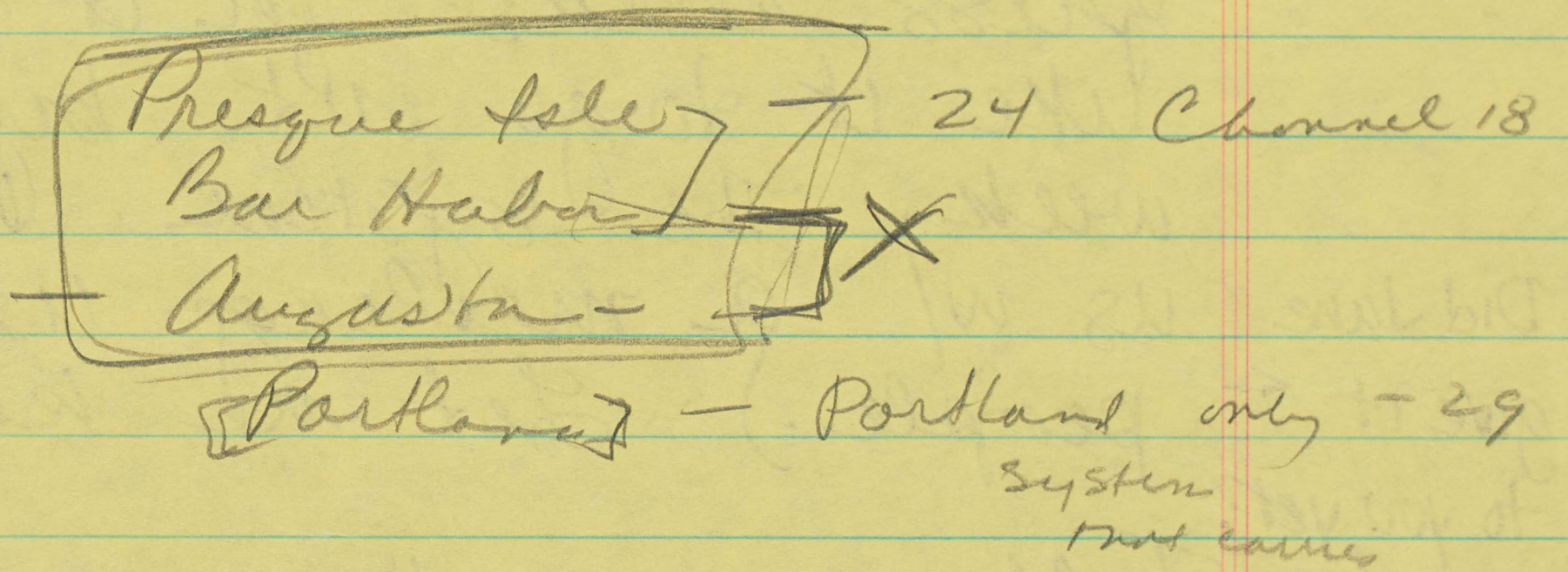
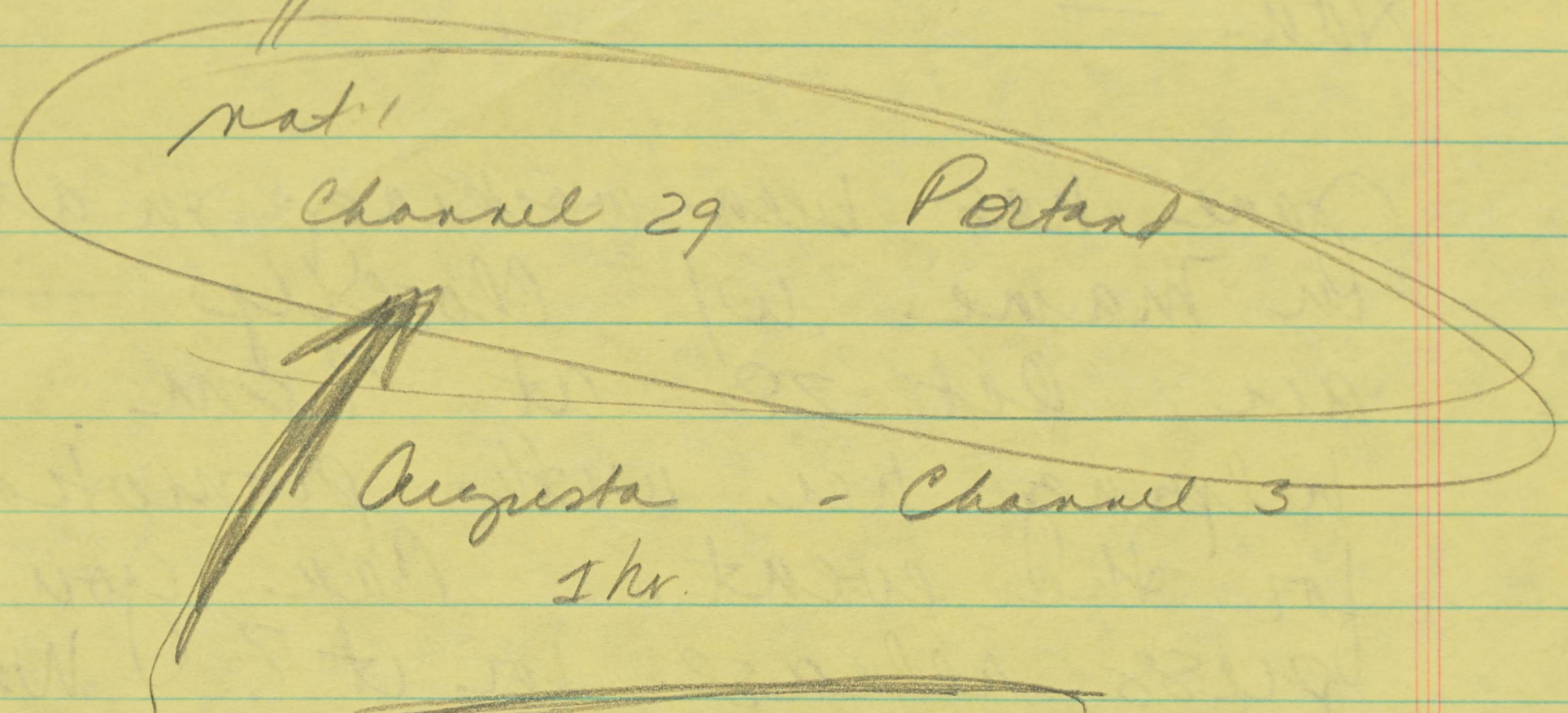
Jane has been working on a teleconference  
 in Maine w/ Closeup — it is to  
 air Oct 28 at 7pm. I am  
 helping her with promotional stuff  
 for the event. Can you do a  
 press release for it? We would  
 like it to go out by the end of the  
 week. The system has supplied  
 us w/ a mailing list. (about 20  
 people.) Let me know. Love ya!  
 Linda

Did Jane  
 give it ←  
 to you, yet?

Following is the scoop —

- \* C-SPAN / Closeup sponsored tele-  
 conference between: Sen. George  
 Mitchell from Maine,  
 another U.S. trade policymaker,  
 high school students in Bar Harbor,  
 Presque Isle, Portland & Augusta.  
 # of students involved
- \* Portland is the central location  
 Mitchell & guest in Washington studio
- \* one hour long — on trade deficit &  
 legislation  
 George interview in Portland / day of conference
- \* Students ask questions

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