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Dear Brian:

I watched Gorbachov give his stepping down speech on CNN. The English translation was rather formal and very boring. Later I watched the same speech as taped by C-SPAN. The translation was in Americanese and very interesting. I am always amazed at the ability of these translators to immediately translate some one talking. Now I realize their ability can be further enhanced by their educational background. It was obvious the C-SPAN translator was an American who had learned Russian. Whereas the CNN translator was either a Russian who had learned formal English or a person who speaks formal English and has learned Russian.

Brian, you are still doing a great job of informing us about government activities that otherwise don't get reported. Keep up the great work and continue to use translators who speak Americanese.

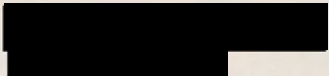
Some time ago I received a call from some one in your organization who asked if I would like to be an adviser to C-Span. I appreciate the opportunity. Since that time I have been looking for constructive suggestions. After listening to your tape of the joint Heritage Foundation and Progressive Foundation program on Congressional reform I was going to suggest you inform us how the House Rules Committee works. Wow! You've already anticipated my suggestion. Today I watched your tape taken several weeks ago when the expert informed those political students about how the Democrats use the House rules to their advantage.

I know you won't have time to answer this letter. Please have some one inform me to whom I should direct future correspondence.

Sincerely,

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