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Letter to City Council from R Bercaw March 19, 2003

Manager. The response of the Executive Director is not to stop the abuses but to increase them.

Prior to the February 8, 2003, change, on January 8, 2003 due to forgetfulness (Ahem!), the cablecasters failed to rebroadcast my BeLive show from January 7, 2003. On or about January 24, 2003, Eli Kao, CCTV Programming Coordinator agreed (by email) to schedule two rebroadcasts of my January 7, 2003 BeLive Show.

On February 24, 2003 I submitted a video tape for broadcast. It was produced by the U.S. Coast Guard about readiness in protecting the U.S. coasts and rescuing Massachusetts fisherman.

But on February 28, 2003 the Programming Coordinator replied to my inquiry by email saying that he was "swamped with tasks of late." He promised to notify me when those tapes would be scheduled.

As of this date neither tape was scheduled for broadcast. It is now two months after I submitted one tape and one month after submitting the other tape.

In view of the timeliness of current events, support for the military cannot be overestimated. Yet the staff of CCTV removed locally produced efforts and replaced them with anti war and anti American propaganda. Instead of prioritizing military videos, they inhibit the process.

I'm aware that the entire City Council voted to oppose the war effort. But many Americans are placing their lives in danger to defend the freedoms that these anti American activists enjoy, to utter their hatred for the country.

Two Cambridge state Reps publicly lament the need for US funds to help pay for increased security to protect against terrorist acts. (See, e.g., Deborah Eisner, "City angry about federal support," *Cambridge TAB*, March 14, 2003, page 3) But they jeopardized the granting of those funds by attacking the President and the Governor. It shows that these two elected officials are opposed to fighting to protect the freedoms they enjoy. But they show no objection to money from officials they blame for all the wrongs of society.

US Senator Kennedy's position taking credit for a \$5 billion military defense contract for Raytheon, while opposing the war effort is typical of the conflicting expression of the limousine liberals in Massachusetts. The two Cambridge Reps adopt this hypocritical mercenary position.

How many lives of emergency personnel and military troops are placed in jeopardy by these elected officials whose public support is lacking?

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Abuses at CCTV

I urge the Cambridge City Council to address continuing unlawful abuses at Cambridge Community Television. The arrogance of the Executive Director of CCTV, and her obedient underlings knows no bounds. This abusive official continues her insults, slander and ridicule of a CCTV member contrary to state and US laws. She also violates the publicly stated discrimination policy of the City.

Recent events are retaliation for previous complaints which are separate violations of state laws. It is obvious that instead of trying to mitigate the abuses, the Executive Director exacerbates them by new attempts at provocations, slander and insults.

* Technical Abuses *

For many years (more than six at least) the BeLive Shows were rebroadcast beginning at 9:00 AM the day following the live broadcasts. But on February 8, 2003 under the direction of the Executive Director with no mandate from the members, the viewers nor the volunteer producers, the BeLive shows were no longer rebroadcast beginning at 9:00 AM.

Instead a one hour canned syndicated broadcast of "Free Speech TV" (Ahem!) was placed in the 9:00 AM slot five days per week; and rebroadcast later the same day. This is a total of ten hours each week of leftist foreign propaganda. The timing is curious at best. The main focus of this broadcast "news" propaganda is to oppose the current war effort.

The bona fides of this alleged news outlet is questionable. But most importantly this is not in any way, shape or form locally produced. No local news personnel nor producers contribute to this anti-war, anti-American propaganda. It is broadcast solely for the benefit of the Executive Director's personal and political views on the subject of the war effort.

That is an abuse of power and public funds. It is a violation of the state ethics laws. I've complained about prior unlawful abuses in my previous letters to the Council and to the City

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A communication was received
from Roy Bercaw, regarding
CCTV.

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