



C-SPAN TO AIR MIKE WALLACE'S 60 MINUTES INTERVIEW WITH IRANIAN PRESIDENT AHMADINEJAD IN ITS ENTIRETY MONDAY, AUGUST 14, AT 8 P.M. ET

WASHINGTON (Friday, August 11, 2006) - C-SPAN announced today that it has agreed to air Mike Wallace's entire *60 Minutes* interview with Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday, August 14, at 8 p.m./11 p.m. ET. According to CBS News, the request to air the entire interview on C-SPAN came directly from President Ahmadinejad. The *60 Minutes* interview airs on Sunday at 7 p.m. ET on CBS.

CBS News granted C-SPAN permission to air the *60 Minutes* segment, which will air at 8 p.m. Monday, immediately followed by Wallace's approximately 90-minute interview taped in Tehran earlier this week. C-SPAN will follow the presentation with an open-phone segment to solicit viewers' reaction. The program will also be simulcast on C-SPAN Radio.

"We agreed with CBS News that airing this interview in its entirety is very much in the public interest and fits with C-SPAN's style of airing events as they happened and without commercials," said Terry Murphy, C-SPAN's Vice President of Programming. "This is also a unique opportunity for viewers to see for themselves the editorial process at a major network news organization, and find out which portions of an extended interview actually make it on air."

Monday night's presentation of President Ahmadinejad's interview marks the fourth time that C-SPAN has agreed to air an entire *60 Minutes* interview between Mike Wallace and a foreign leader. In March 1997, C-SPAN aired an interview with Iran's outgoing President Rafsanjani, followed by a 1999 interview with Colombian President Pastrana and a 2000 interview with Chinese President Jiang.

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