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The C-SPAN Board of Directors made a commitment to ensure that the C-SPAN Video Library was digital, free, and accessible to the public.

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