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Re: Unusual letters

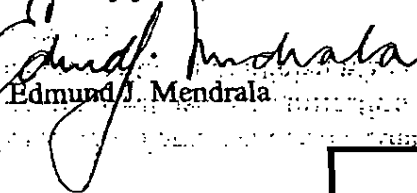
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a Boy Scout Leader with Troop 1, Purchase, New York. I am also a counselor for the Citizenship in the Community merit badge. As part of that merit badge qualification, Scouts are required to identify an issue in their Community, write to the administrator or politician who is addressing the issue and present to their counselor, the response they receive.

The Scouts and I have had a discussion related to the Tappan Zee Bridge project which you are all considering. The Scouts have written letters to you as part of the merit badge process. I am writing this letter to you as a precursor to the receipt of such letters. The envelopes will be handwritten in typical script of 11, 12 and 13 year olds. In this climate of terrorist threats and the use of the mails to achieve such ends, I did not want any one of you or your staffs to be concerned when you start to receive such unusual letters.

There are approximately five letters to each of you. If you have the time, I am sure that the Scouts would very much appreciate a response to their letters. If not, I understand that other priorities must control.

Sincerely yours,


Edmund J. Mendrala

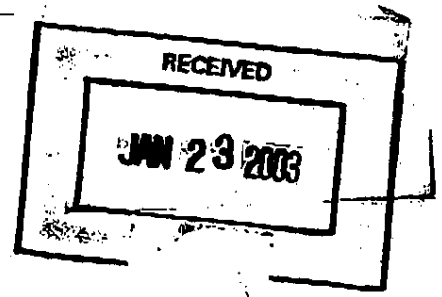
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Dear Ms. Mainiero,

I am a resident of West Harrison in Westchester County.
The purpose of this letter is to express my views on this issue
and to complete a requirement for the Boy Scout Citizenship
in the Community merit badge. I believe this issue to be
important to my community since it will have such a major
impact on the quality of life in Westchester County not
only now, but for many years to come.

After reviewing some of the proposals contained in the
Scoping Information Packet of December, 2002 and discussing
the alternatives at our Boy Scout troop meeting, I believe
that the best solution for the Tappan Zee Bridge project
would be: to build a tunnel. A tunnel would be easier to maintain
and it would allow larger vessels to pass. Thank you for your
consideration.

Very truly yours,
Edmund Mendrala