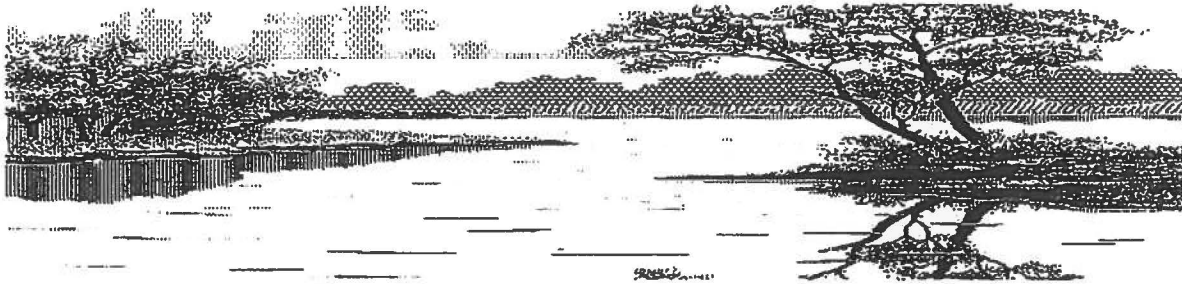

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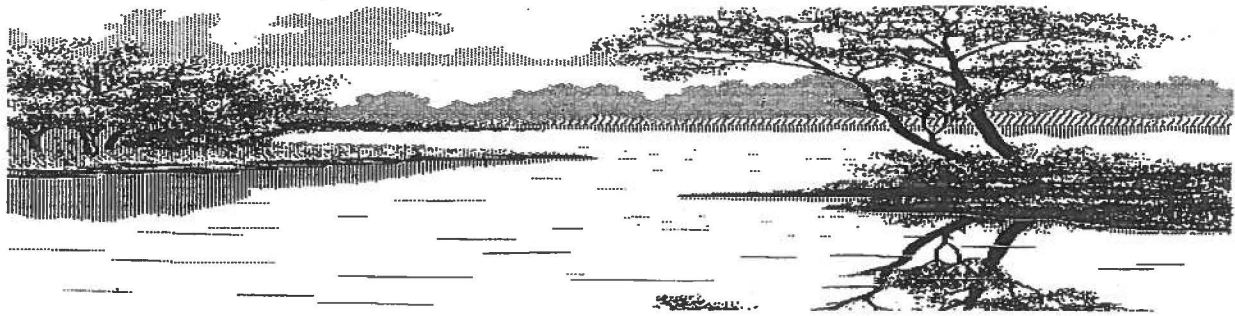
ANNEXE II

LETTRE DU 1^{ER} MARS 2002
AU GRAND CHEF JOSEPH T. NORTON
LE SENSIBILISANT DE LA SITUATION
ET SOLLICITANT SON INTERVENTION

DÉPOSÉE À LA DEUXIÈME PARTIE DES AUDIENCES
LE 25 MARS 2002

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Highway 30 - An overview of the situation...

Dear Mr. Norton,

It has been a while sir, since we last contacted you. I hope that things are going well in your life.

As you know by now, having sent you copies of our Committee's letter to Minister Boisclair (dated February 22) and of our article we submitted to the *Eastern Door* (to be published in next week's edition), our Committee (CPR) is somewhat involved.

Here is a list events that might help to inform you on what's happening in the Highway 30 issue:

- Early last December, At a ZIP Ville-Marie meeting, the CPR was asked to participate in stopping the Highway 30 Project from passing through Highway 132 (St. Catherine-Candiac) — North option.
- On January 11, we sent Minister Boisclair a letter demanding that Public hearings be held on the Project and that these hearings be held to well inform the citizens directly touched by the Project.

- Having received many similar letters from other concerned parties, the Minister of Environment invited everyone to **Part 1** of the Quebec Public Hearings on Environment (BAPE), scheduled to begin February 18. The Ministry of Transport (the promoter) was to give a complete and truthful presentation of all factors and impacts pertaining to all the given options for the Project. The promoter came short of doing this as the North option (Highway 132) had already been decided on over the South option (through the cornfields — from St. Catherine to Candiac). Thus, their presentation of the Project was biased and flawed (insufficient data from many involved ministries to compare both options and properly answer the people's questions).
- We attended the evening-held hearings. Still remembering, from the first evening till the beginning of the last one, the participants' comments, asking amongst themselves 'why the people of Kahnawake weren't present, fighting this with them'. I sadly answered 'I guess they weren't invited'. The next morning I contacted my colleague and friend, Mrs. Eva Johnson. The rest is History and some of it hasn't been written yet!

Comment: Chief Norton, you should have seen the promoters' and the BAPE Commissioners' face (Feb. 21) when Eva started off by asking why the people of Kahnawake were not invited at these hearings...

- On February 21 (closing of Part 1), participants were reminded that **Part 2** would be held on March 25 and that they had till March 18 to register their briefs (concerns and opinions) on the Project and that they would have a chance to table their document starting March 25.

*Comment: Be it of one (1) or one hundred (100) page(s), once registered before the BAPE, a **brief becomes a legal document.***

*Be it of approval or opposition, a **brief can be written by any concerned person or institution, and remains a legal document.***

In closing, Grand Chief Norton, we wholeheartedly and respectfully thank you, the Band Council, and the good people of Kahnawake for your help on this urgent matter.



Louis Salconi
President