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DEAR Mr. LANEVE,

Just a note to thank you and Troop 29 for the packages I recieved. The contents of which were shared within my section among many grateful Marines. It means quite a bit to all of us here in Afghanistan that great Americans such as Troop 29 take time out of their busy lives to remember remember those serving in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

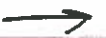
Now I have a job for Troop 29, It consists of 2 parts, each of which is equally important for distinct reasons.

First, future packages should consist of supplies or items that can be given to Afghan children in order to improve their ability to gain an education. Troop 29, many of you may not enjoy

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School, however education is key in order to establish a society capable of realizing life other than war. Children here in Afghanistan, do not have a consistent ability to attend school, something we are trying to change. In order to do that they need backpacks, writing material, pens, paper etc. Anything you can get your hands on will find its way to a young boy or girl who will treasure it.

SECOND, I want all of you to write a letter to a Marine who has been injured. Many of our troops are not much older than you, and as they recover from their wounds they find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings, isolated from family and friends, and in pain. A note or



picture from the troop letting them know they are in your thoughts and prayers will go an immeasurable distance in aiding their recovery process.

Do those two tasks for me and you will help all of us to shorten the length of this war, aid the citizens of this country, and remember those who have fought.

I wish all of you the best in your endeavors and thank you, on behalf of the Marines of I MEF(FWD) FOR your continuing support.

v/r
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