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**[EXTERNAL] scoping comments**

1 message

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My comments are pasted below and also attached as a letter.

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