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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about foreign trade policy. Your comment on Fox that only you matter suggests you support the lack of appointments and high attrition at State. Events move on and an informed response could be helpful. The governments in Saudi Arabia, Zimbabwe and Lebanon have all seen recent shakeups and the slaughter in Burma and deaths in the Mediterranean continue. In many frameworks the US is losing its central role. The TPP is the clearest example of this with your visit to the region focused on military issues (prompting congress to rethink nuclear strike protocols) and ignoring trade, but also the Paris pact, NAFTA and even NATO all seem to be drifting away from the US. I have just returned from yet another trip in which Chinese development strategies were far more evident than any of the US. I worry that the current incoherence in policy will greatly weaken American influence abdicating any say over the direction of the world.

Please assure me that you will delegate foreign policy.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our moral world leadership.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson