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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about war over Kashmir. This week the decades of tension between India and Pakistan escalated to a degree not seen for twenty years. Both countries have nuclear arsenals and both have internal political reasons not to stand down. With the US State Department in disarray and the political hacks calling the shots (Secretary Pompeo, Advisor Bolton, your son-in-law and yourself) focused on reestablishing nuclear threats in Iran and Russia and political theater in North Korea the world is left without the likes of President Clinton who is credited with talking down the 1999 crisis. With your penchant for keeping everything on the table, historic US support for India and ongoing negotiations with Pakistan's champion China I worry that far from de-escalation US foreign policy will help fumble the world into a nuclear holocaust. This worry is echoed by the analysis of our former diplomat Prof Singh.

Please assure me that you will defer to experienced hands for nuclear negotiations.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that is derived from our diplomatic prowess.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson