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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about relations with Iran. Today there have been further reports of plans to blacklist Iran's entire IRGC at the behest of Mr Bolton and Secretary Pompeo. This is a large segment of Iran's military which includes groups responsible for terrorism and serious violations of international law as well as groups with which the US has collaborated in your once primary goal of eliminating ISIS. Your action appears too broad to be effective in coercing better behavior from the Iranian military. It will also make any future cooperation more difficult and badly blur the terrorist designation to include thousands of ordinary recruits along side the actual architects of such operations. It is yet another move that strengthens the hand of the more dangerous elements in Iran's government even if it might sound tough in a stump speech.

*Please assure me that you will defer Iranian policy judgments to experts.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our effective diplomacy.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson