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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about conspiracy theories. Such theories are a seductive if intellectually lazy approach to dismissing evidence rather than having to rethink things. As the FBI bulletin of May 30 attests such delusions can lead to violence. Your political rise began with the theory the President Obama was born in Africa and you have since espoused a theoretical Cruz family connection to the death of President Kennedy, a massive fraud theory for Secretary Clinton's lead in the election, a campaign ad featuring Q-anon theories, a theory around the death of Mr Foster, two theories about the probe into your treason with Russia and this week a theory connecting President Clinton to Mr Epstein's death. The abuse of your bully pulpit to reaffirm the delusions of the least rational among us is making our country more dangerous and debasing the presidency.

Please assure me that you will stick to facts.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson