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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about domestic military action.

DHS has requested twenty thousand National Guard personnel to assist in its terrorization of immigrants. The request was made to the Defense Department although such units are under state control. Perhaps - like declaring segments along the border to be military zones - this is another crude attempt to subvert the Posse Comitatus Act which forbids military actions within the country to avoid the horrors of martial law. It appears this is a fishing expedition for the approval of some court somewhere. Texas' SB4 sets National Guard members under state control on immigrants- an usurpation of federal authority the legality of which has another court hearing in July. Guard units have on rare occasion been nationalized but then the Comitatus Act might kick in. As Senator Duckworth notes: No one should believe that he will stop at immigrants if this plan moves forward.

Please assure me that you will continue civilian governance.

My pride in the US derives in part from our democracy.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson