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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about television diplomacy.

Your cringeworthy antics in the oval office with Presidents Zelenskyy and Ramaphosa suggest nostalgia for The Apprentice. You even excitedly blurted that the former 'will be great television.' You show disdain for reality in turning to debunked anonymous social media posts over intelligence agencies - much as you trusted the 'strong and powerful' 'denial' of President Putin over them. Worse it appears that this make-believe world is driving foreign policy from demanding mineral rights in Ukraine, territorial rights in Panama, Denmark and Canada and ending a nonexistent genocide in South Africa. Sadly you focus on the immediate (and filmable) embarrassment of your guests over the long term effects of policy decisions. Please assure me that you will consider the future.

My pride in the US derives in part from our stable policies.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson