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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about your bluffing. Today you tweeted that you had no tapes of Comey. A few weeks ago you quietly acquiesced to NATO's article five. Earlier you threatened to withhold insurance subsidies. For threats to be effective people must believe them. It is instead beginning to appear that ignoring the federal government is the best approach. With domestic policies there are courts and congressional committees to hold you to account. With foreign governments there is no check, making this game particularly damaging. We are already seeing Europe and China drifting away from US interests. Canada and again China have been dealing directly with states.

Please assure me that you will plan for a call before bluffing.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson