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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about war. You have just appointed Mr John 'mustache man' Bolton to be your third National Security Adviser. This seems like another poor choice as his reputed style is both incompatible with the responsibilities of the job and a poor fit for your own proclivities. The post conveniently does not require confirmation since all Democrats (for instance President Carter has just called this your worst error) and some Republicans (for instance Sens Voinovich and Rand) have refused to back him. His past colleagues claim that he is liable to invent facts supporting and quash those opposing his own position (often involving preemptive attacks) while the Security Adviser's job is to summarize the positions of those on the council. Your own refusal to check facts and fondness for the last opinion you have heard will further amplify his power. Finally such an appointment sends the message to Presidents Kim and Rouhani that the US will not negotiate in good faith.

Please assure me that you will soon fire John Bolton.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson