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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about bargaining. The US has spent the past year squandering decades of accumulated influence. With nuclear weapons the anti-Muslim comments and gratuitous threats of sanctions in Iran coupled with the propping up of North Korea with high profile meetings (with someone besides a basketball star) suggests that building weapons is essential to being taken seriously. With trade the threats of disruptions with allies through NAFTA and metals tariffs and vague open-ended discussions rather than the TPP framework with China will encourage countries to focus on other trade partners - as Chancellor Merkel noted more than a year ago. Your sudden interest in soccer simply highlights the loss of the US as a reliable ally.

Please assure me that you will leave diplomacy to career diplomats.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson