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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about foreign affairs. The rapid collapse of Iran's Rial this week is a reminder that while your foreign policy is chaotic, it none the less matters. This was also Senator Flake's observation after your racist and uninformed commentary on South Africa today. In both cases your policies seem directed at some internal caricature of reality. After putting inexperienced neophytes such as Kushner and Tillerson in charge of major foreign policy goals and then ignoring and decimating the foreign service you are treating international affairs as a game with no thought of long term effects and with your growing legal troubles even more such distractions seem likely. In the case of Iran millions will suffer for your whims and another generation will grow up resenting the US.

Please assure me that you will leave diplomacy to diplomats.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson