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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about North Korea. Since the Manhattan project governments around the world have been enthralled by the prestige and bargaining power of a nuclear arsenal and nine now have them. Great effort has gone toward keeping this list short including treaties and sanctions involving Libya, Iraq, Iran and North Korea. I worry that President Kim is continuing to expand his nuclear threat, has shown no restraint in other settings and has little other international leverage. Your administration is sending very mixed signals from your high personal praise for dictators in general and President Kim in particular to the loud warmongering of Mr Bolton and your irrational attacks on Iran. After Secretary Tillerson's decimation of the State Department your approach to negotiation has been haphazard. In real estate this only risks losing your fortune (unless daddy or Russian mobsters are there to help out) but nuclear war is serious. *Please assure me that you will defer negotiation to experts.* 

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson