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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about tanks. Once again a trip abroad and the chance to hang with real dictators has brought to your mind a military parade. It is also campaign season and the Democrats have had a high profile debate while your attention grabbing gambits: 'whoops I almost started a war', 'whoops I almost ordered mass arrests' and 'look at me in the DMZ' have faded from the news so maybe taking over a national holiday and parking tanks around the mall will get the attention back. Shifting around the July 4th festivities to accommodate your friends and your whims is a reminder that selling out the country for your own gain has become habit. This week alone found you compromising nuclear security in Korea, compromising our elections in joking with President Putin, compromising regional stability and again nuclear security in backing Saudi Arabia and threatening Iran and driving the House to sue to find out what you have been up to. We do not need another expensive reminder of your authoritarian fantasies.

Please assure me that you will keep the holiday focus on unity not division.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our government of the people.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson