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Dear Secretary Padilla:

I am concerned about MAD. Mutually assured nuclear destruction has long entertained game theorists but any benefit it may have once afforded is now clearly overshadowed by the crazy leader term every such model has. It also seems perverse to argue that any Commander-in-Chief should be able to destroy the world in a few minutes. Polite phone calls between the heads of the Joint Chiefs and the House as reported last week also do not seem to be the answer. Congress is explicitly tasked with war powers which have repeatedly been ceded to the executive - most recently with the 2001 Authorization.

*Please assure me that you will add a Congressional brake to the chain of command.*

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

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson