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Re: Condemning the recent actions of President Donald Trump

I am writing in light of the inspiring protests spreading across the United States and around the world right now following the horrific death of George Floyd at the hands of the police. These protests have been a common call to action against racial prejudice.

I am sure also that you will have seen the shocking scenes of excessive police force, using tear gas and rubber bullets, against often peaceful protestors in the US, actions incited by President Donald Trump.

The President has repeatedly threatened violence against protestors without offering any concessions to the very legitimate demands being made for racial justice. Just recently the President promised that any who scaled the White House fence would be met by the most 'vicious dogs' and 'ominous weapons'. He also stated that 'when the looting starts, the shooting starts', as well as causing the teargassing of countless peaceful protestors in order to clear the way for him to take a photo wielding a bible in front of a church. This is all amidst his repeated calls for State Governors to get tough on protestors as well as calling on the military to step in.

I am sure you will agree with me that we must condemn the actions of President Trump and call on him to deescalate tensions, by altering his language and listening to the pleas of peaceful protestors. You will have no doubt seen the Leader of the Opposition, Sir Keir Starmer, calling on the Prime Minister to do similar.

Lives are being lost; we cannot afford to stand by and let this happen. Our relationship with the USA is crucial, and the President demeans a great nation through his actions.

Yours sincerely

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