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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about nuclear weapons.

You have suddenly abandoned our allies and backed Russian aggression leaving Europeans to consider their own nuclear deterrence which many could build within a few years. Both the Polish and S Korean governments have hinted at such thoughts and several others would likely join such proliferation. Ukraine bargained away its warheads for security only for you to shake them down for smears against President Biden and mineral rights while abandoning them to Russian attack. You scuttled Iran's deal setting their economy back decades while advancing their nuclear program. As the 60's analysis that brought us M.A.D. and decades of slow deescalation made clear: more players means more chance for catastrophe.

Please assure me that you will avoid nuclear war.

My pride in the US derives in part from our security assurances around the world.

Sincerely, Eric Babson