
Re: White House peaceful transfer of powers needs to occur; Republic of Turkey sanctions and the Afghanistan and Iraq situations

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Mr. Mark Meadows
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Mr. Meadows and Ms. Rollins,

I am extremely upset with some individuals that decided to come to Washington D.C to cause unlawful rioting and unlawful destruction of property at the Congressional Building. This type of conduct by some individuals is totally and is completely unacceptable and this makes the United States look stupid. These types of things are what someone would expect from a third world country and not from a super power, such as the United States. I believe that the current White house needs to be a better job at openly condemning that type of activity. While everyone in the United States do have a First Amendment Right to Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Expression, the First Amendment does not cover rioting by creating and inflicting physical harm onto others or destroying property. That is something that I am hoping that the current White House will make clear to everyone because the current White House is appearing by members of the general public to be adding fuel to the fire. A peaceful transfer of powers needs to occur and is something that the current White House needs to work towards.

I wanted also express extreme disappointment over the way in which the government of the Republic of Turkey (a NATO ally) has been treated over the S-400 deal and the United States failing to achieve its foreign policy objectives with regard as to Afghanistan and Iraq. I do believe that instead of sanctioning the Republic of Turkey over their S-400 deal with the government of the Russian Federation, it is of my belief that the easiest way to resolve that issue is by the White House (DOS and DOD or even another NATO ally) to reach out to senior government officials with the government of the Republic of Turkey for the purpose as to selling to them a similar defense system to the Russian S-400. That is the easiest way to resolve that issue. Sanctioning the Republic of Turkey is not going to stop their purchase of the Russian S-400 system. And as I am hopeful that such talks will occur between senior White House and senior government officials of the Republic of Turkey, the issue of also stopping attacks by both the Kurdish fighters and the armed forces of the government of the Republic of Turkey also needs to come up. The Kurdish fighters that have been extremely successful in stopping radical religious extremists (the Kurds that have also cooperated and supported the United States) do feel betrayed by the United States. This needs to change and both the government of the Republic of Turkey and the Kurdish fighters need to stop fighting against each other and should sign some type of a treaty that will address the security concerns that all sides have against each other. The same should also occur between representatives of the Houthi rebels in Yemen and the government of Saudi Arabia because that regional conflict is also unacceptable and has lead to humanitarian disasters in Yemen that have got to stop!

As with regard as to Afghanistan and the Republic of Iraq, I am in extreme opposition to the White House ordering the DOD to withdraw troops from Afghanistan. Such a decision needs to be made by the Biden-Harris Administration I believe. But anyway, withdrawing United States troops from Afghanistan is a slap in the face to the United States soldiers (and their families) that have died in Afghanistan. Now, adversaries of the United States in Afghanistan are gaining control of that country due to United States politics being allowed to

undermine the goals of the United States as to accomplishing their objectives overseas. The current government of the Afghanistan is going to be facing survival challenges. The Republic of Iraq is also an example of why the United States should focus on nation building instead of just being involved in a never ending "war on terrorism" because the current infrastructure now in the Republic of Iraq is totally a disaster and needs to be improved by and through nation building and community initiatives.

In conclusion, I am hoping that the POTUS will openly condemn the riots occurring in Washington D.C and that the current White House Administration will work to ensure that a peaceful transfer of powers will occur between the current White House Administration and the Biden-Harris team. Unity, love and unity needs to be ensured. Open tweets about unproven conspiracy theories on the election adds fuel to the fire and is not proper or presidential. The POTUS has a unique role in preserving and defending the Constitution of the United States and protecting the country from harm. From a foreign policy perspective, I am hoping that the current White House will stop sanctions being imposed on the Republic of Turkey and will work with the current government of the Republic on Turkey as to meeting their defense objectives, as well as keeping United States troops in Afghanistan for now (transferring United States troops out of Afghanistan should be made by the Biden-Harris White House) as well as working in improving the quality life of people in Iraq and Afghanistan. But at the very least, the current POTUS needs to openly condemn all of the violence and the destruction of property that some individuals participated in at the Congressional Building in Washington D.C. The United States is supposed to be a world leader (a superpower) and I am hoping that the White House will work in a way that brings respect and dignity to the United States and the world.

I hope that you all had a good New Year! I am hoping that it stays a good way this year. :)

Respectfully,
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