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General Caine,

There is an incredibly important question that simply must be considered:

What will you and your brethren in the Joint Chiefs of Staff if, or maybe even when, you receive an illegal order from Trump?

After hearing Hegseth's and Trump's words at Quantico, this is much more than a simple mental exercise. The probability that this situation will manifest is greater than it ever has been in this history of this country. Indeed, his attacks on vessels in the waters of other countries and his use of the National Guard and other military in U.S. cities might be illegal.

Any situation leading to such action will not allow much time for you and your brethren to deeply consider the possibilities. I sense it is important to consider those possibilities well in advance so that you will be ready.

For example, if the situation becomes really difficult, what will you do? Congress and the public need to know. How might you handle that? Our democracy is in peril and the JCS may play a critical role in its survival.

Each of you know far better than I some of the possible situations that must be considered so I stop here.

Please be prepared.

Extremely sincerely,