

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin
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Secretary Austin,

We are gravely concerned with General (GEN) Mark Milley's ability to exercise his duties and responsibilities as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In this recent case, our specific concerns involve reports from 14 September 2021, which indicate that GEN Milley blatantly disregarded the concept of civilian control of the military, and gave aid and comfort to America's principal adversary, the Chinese Communist Party. We request a formal **AR 15-6 Investigation** commence immediately with regard to these allegations.

According to a new book authored by reporter Bob Woodward, GEN Milley allegedly took great pains to assure his Chinese counterpart, General Li Zuocheng, that U.S. military exercises in the South China Sea would not precipitate armed conflict. Allegedly, on a phone call with General Li on 30 October 2020, GEN Milley deliberately undermined the sovereign interests of our Nation: "I want to assure you [General Li] that the American government is stable and everything is going to be okay...we are not going to attack or conduct any kinetic operations against you." GEN Milley allegedly added by promising, "General Li, you and I have known each other for now five years. If we're going to attack, I'm going to call you ahead of time. *It's not going to be a surprise* [emphasis added]."

On 8 January 2021, GEN Milley allegedly called General Li following the latter's concerns of an armed conflict and emphasized that "we are 100 percent steady. Everything's fine. But democracy can be sloppy sometimes." GEN Milley allegedly (and fascinatingly) then called the Indo-Pacific Commander and instructed him to call off all military exercises in the South China Sea, following up by assembling senior officers and mandating that any order to launch a nuclear weapon must include GEN Milley's involvement. He allegedly then asked all officers present to affirm their understanding of his order - hence establishing a parallel chain of command - with respect to the nuclear launch codes.

To conspire with a communist, malfeasant, hostile, and genocidal government regarding our intentions - or lack thereof - with utter disregard to the implications of said "promise" on our national security or our Service Members, is nothing short of craven (at best) and treasonous.

Mainstream media reports this story as if America were rendered a great service by GEN Milley, as if he simply were trying to ward off the supposedly unpredictable behavior of the elected President of the United States, Donald J. Trump. To be clear, however, if Mr. Woodward's account is true, GEN Milley's pledge to China is nothing less than outright treason.

Later on 8 January 2021, Speaker Pelosi reportedly contacted GEN Milley, with the latter allegedly pledging that "the nuclear triggers are secure and we're not going to do – we're not going to allow anything crazy, illegal, immoral, or unethical to happen." While nothing specifically is illegal or criminal with this statement, the General's previous behavior on this subject indicates that the House of Representatives must learn more about the conversation(s) between GEN Milley and Speaker Pelosi, to determine whether the General attempted to make a partisan issue of National security.

Given that these anecdotes have not been independently corroborated, to determine their veracity we request the immediate launch of a formal **AR 15-6 Investigation**. Specifically, we request that you investigate whether the phone calls between GEN Milley and General Li occurred, as well as the phone call between GEN Milley and Speaker Pelosi, and the content thereof in both.

To facilitate our oversight and constitutional responsibilities, we request your response to this letter, and results of the AR 15-6 Investigation no later than close of business **6 October 2021**. In the interim, General Milley's security clearance must be suspended pending the outcome of this investigation.

We await your prompt action and reply.

Sincerely,



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