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To: All UVA students currently in the UK
From: Dudley J. Doane, Director

Re: US Embassy London Alert

As is now being widely reported in the news, the US Embassy in London has issued an [alert](#) to US citizens (and anyone who might be perceived as "American") to exercise caution and circumspection during US President Trump's visit to the UK. Mr. and Mrs. Trump are scheduled to be in London and Oxfordshire from July 12th-14th (Thursday to Saturday), and thus far, protest and anti-Trump demonstrations or marches are expected to occur in London, Bristol, Newcastle, Leeds, Cambridge, Cardiff, and Oxfordshire.

For context, the US State Department is mandated, by law, to share with US citizens any credible intelligence they have about potential threats to the safety of Americans abroad. For this reason, the University of Virginia takes very seriously alerts and warnings issued by the State Department or US Embassies. In other words, we consider the message that there is potential for harm to be directed at "Americans" over the next few days to be based not just on mere speculation but real intelligence available to government agencies.

Accordingly, as a UVA student, you are expected to read the [alert](#) and follow its recommendations.

Actions to Take:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Exercise caution if unexpectedly in the vicinity of large gatherings that may become violent.
- Keep a low profile.
- Monitor local media for updates.
- View updates from UK police at met.police.uk and follow @MetPoliceEvents and @MetPoliceUK for guidance.

By low profile, you are expected to listen, observe, and avoid participation, remembering that you are a guest in a foreign country and do not necessarily enjoy the same legal and customary freedoms that you would in the US or that are afforded UK citizens.

Should a crisis situation arise at any time, the International Studies Office maintains an emergency answering service 24/7 at (434) 982-3010 which will connect you with ISO and UVA resources.