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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, DC 20318

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT FORCE

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE JOINT FORCE

The American people have trusted the Armed Forces of the United States to protect them and our Constitution for almost 250 years. As we have done throughout our history, the U.S. military will obey lawful orders from civilian leadership, support civil authorities to protect lives and property, ensure public safety in accordance with the law, and remain fully committed to protecting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.


The violent riot in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021 was a direct assault on the U.S. Congress, the Capitol building, and our Constitutional process. We mourn the deaths of the two Capitol policemen and others connected to these unprecedented events.


We witnessed actions inside the Capitol building that were inconsistent with the rule of law. The rights of freedom of speech and assembly do not give anyone the right to resort to violence, sedition and insurrection.

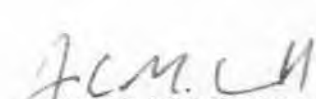
As Service Members, we must embody the values and ideals of the Nation. We support and defend the Constitution. Any act to disrupt the Constitutional process is not only against our traditions, values, and oath; it is against the law.

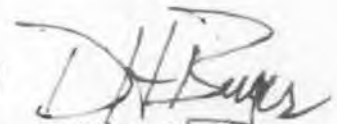
On January 20, 2021, in accordance with the Constitution, confirmed by the states and the courts, and certified by Congress, President-elect Biden will be inaugurated and will become our 46th Commander in Chief.

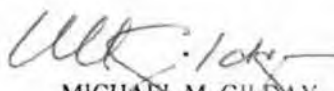
To our men and women deployed and at home, safeguarding our country—stay ready, keep your eyes on the horizon, and remain focused on the mission. We honor your continued service in defense of every American.

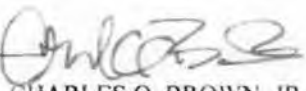
  
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Chairman of the Joint  
Chiefs of Staff

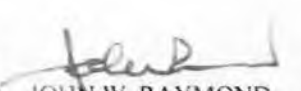
  
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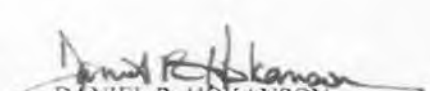
  
JAMES C. MCCONVILLE  
General, U.S. Army  
Chief of Staff of the Army

  
DAVID H. BERGER  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine  
Corps

  
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Chief of Space Operations

  
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General, U.S. Army  
Chief of the National Guard  
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## Summary

### Overview

<b>Category</b> Other	<b>Tag Priority</b> Green	<b>Subject</b> Message to the Joint Force	<b>Urgent</b>
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### Assignment Data

<b>Organization</b> null	<b>Action Officer</b> null	<b>How Referred</b> FILE
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### Suspense Data Change Count: 1

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## Details

### Overview

<b>Classification</b> Unclassified	<b>NATO Classification</b>	<b>Category</b> Other	<b>Event</b>
<b>CJCS Has Seen</b>	<b>VCJCS Has Seen</b>	<b>Urgent</b>	<b>Tag Priority</b> Green

### Originator Data

<b>Originator</b> Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff	<b>Reference Number</b> Riot, 6 Jan 21	<b>Date</b> 01/12/2021	<b>Name</b> General Milley	<b>Phone</b>
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### Submission Data

#### Subject

Message to the Joint Force

#### Summary

A memorandum for the Joint Force regarding the violent riot in Washington, D.C. on 6 January 2021 was signed by CJCS, VCJCS, COS Army, Commandant USMC, Chief of Naval Operations, COS AF, Chief of Space Operations, Chief NGB

<b>How Referred</b> FILE	<b>Keywords</b> Riot, 6 Jan 21, Biden	<b>Addressee</b> OCJCS	<b>Hardcopy</b>	<b>Record Series</b> 0001-01
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<b>Distribution</b> OCJCS	<b>Instructions</b>
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### Completion Data

<b>Tasker Changes</b> 0	<b>Date Last</b> 01/12/2021	<b>How Completed</b> CJCS Memo	<b>Date Completed</b> 01/12/2021	<b>Signed</b> CJCS	<b>Who Completed</b> (b)(6)
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## Organization

### Assignee Selection

Assignee - Division/Branch/Action Officer

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Action Officer

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## Attachments

### Documents

Document Name	Master Document Category	Date Created	Creator
Message to the Joint Force.pdf		01/12/2021 17:04	(b)(6) CIV JS DOM (US)
Message to the Joint Force 21-10089 OCR.pdf		01/28/2021 15:28	(b)(6) CIV JS DOM (US)

## Notes

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## Audit

### Audit Trail

Date	Activity Name	Action Taken	User Name	Message
01/12/2021 17:05	4.0 Assign	Added Attachment 'Message to the Joint Force.pdf'	(b)(6) CIV JS DOM (US)	
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