



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.

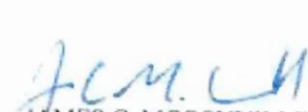
As Service Members, we must embody the values and ideals of the Nation. We support and defend the Constitution. Any act to disrupt the Constitutional process is not only against our traditions, values, and oath; it is against the law.


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.



MARK A. MILLEY
General, U.S. Army
Chairman of the Joint
Chiefs of Staff


JOHN E. HYTEN
General, U.S. Air Force
Vice Chairman of the Joint
Chiefs of Staff



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Commandant of the Marine
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Chief of Naval Operations


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Chief of Staff of the Air
Force


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Chief of Space Operations


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General, U.S. Army
Chief of the National Guard
Bureau

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Summary

Overview

Category Other	Tag Priority Green	Subject Message to the Joint Force	Urgent
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Assignment Data

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Details

Overview

Classification Unclassified	NATO Classification	Category Other	Event
CJCS Has Seen	VCFCs Has Seen	Urgent	Tag Priority Green

Originator Data

Originator Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff	Reference Number Riot, 6 Jan 21	Date 01/12/2021	Name General Milley	Phone
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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

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Organization

Assignee Selection

Assignee - Division/Branch/Action Officer

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Action Officer

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Attachments

Documents			
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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)

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