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Statement on the unfolding situation in the Ukraine Michael T. Flynn Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (Retired) Former National Security Advisor to 45th President of the United States

With the price of oil pushing above \$100 per barrel, the U.S. Stock market opening with heavy losses, more global economic challenges looming, the real potential for significant loss of life, and the international community in complete disarray with feeble attempts to condemn what was totally avoidable, we face the onset of another very grave and historic period of tension between competing ideologies and worse, the onset of WWIII.

This "invasion" was totally avoidable.

As one friend stated, President Biden and his failed foreign policy team set the table and sent the invitation and President Putin came and spoiled the dinner party.

Clearly, there are fault lines on both sides, but for now, we must pray that those affected without an ability to decide their fate, are able to survive this extraordinary period of world history unfolding (for many unraveling) on the world stage. Civilians and military forces will be killed, wounded, and displaced; those are the real consequences of war. Pray that this conventional war is limited in scope, purpose, and intent.

Yes, there were gross violations of previous agreements due to incompetence, arrogance and ignorance that got us to this point. Beyond this, what happens next is anyone's guess but Putin (and Xi—Taiwan?) just laid down a new world order marker.

That said, it is doubtful that our U.S. Administration will change its failed foreign policy and instead, they will make weak attempts to triple down on leveraging this extremely serious situation in Europe to continue to distract from problems here at home.

Starting with shutting down the Keystone pipeline and America's energy independence while and enabling Russia and Germany (read Europe) to reopen the Nordstream pipeline, one has to wonder about the discussions in the Oval office that came to these conclusions.

Describing America as a systemically racist nation, the appointment of Marxists and other radical ideologues to positions of power, allowing millions to surge across our southern border, attempts to federalize and take over our election systems and processes, implementing racist CRT in our schools, our military and across our government, all along, raising the national debt closing in on \$30 Trillion dollars, spending us toward extinction, all for left-wing causes.

Let us not forget the Afghanistan disaster, the myriad lies about COVID, a certain Biden owned laptop, and a fraudulent presidential election that has massive amounts of evidence coming out daily...all while China gets a pass.

It is extremely difficult to trust this administration as they lie with a straight face to the American people daily.



Anyone who questions these rotten foreign and domestic policies are called racist and demonized. We see the unleashing of the federal government on citizens who are simply exercising their constitutional rights and the media covers all this incompetence with a fake smile due to their own deep levels of corruption

Our president rarely entertains questions or takes responsibility for his tone deafness and failures. The WH ignored and laughed at Putin's legitimate security concerns, and legitimate ethnic problems in the Ukraine.

We have yet to hear from the President of the United States an explanation of U.S. national security interests, instead we continue to demonize Russia, similar to the fake Russia collusion hysteria we all now know was perpetrated against the Trump Administration by elements of the Clinton campaign and the Obama administration.

President Putin calculated this strategic, historic, and geographic play and made the decision to move, and he did. All that stated above, there will never be justification for this invasion or any other form of invasion. However, never forget that war results when diplomacy fails.

May God watch over and protect those in harm's way and may God continue to bless and protect the United States of America.

Sincerely,

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