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I am good with it.

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Sir, as a follow-up to this. **AC-Attorney Client** v/r [REDACTED]

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Sir,

Fox News' Jennifer Griffin & Politico's Lara Seligman have queried you and the SA regarding MG (R) Flynn's comments to NewsMax last night about using the military to help decided the election. The proposed response below is straight forward, and is taken from previous statements made by GEN Milley in response to similar questions. OCPA & OSD/PA has no issue with the proposed response. Response is also with [REDACTED] for SA review, as well as OTJAG. Will let you know if there are any issues from those end. Reporters' requested deadline is noon eastern. The intent would be to provide this as a combined response from you and

the SA. Standing by for any questions, discussion, edits, and or approval/disapproval from you. v/r [REDACTED]

PROPOSED RESPONSE: “There is no role for the U.S. military in determining the outcome of an American election.” Source: GEN Milley NPR interview -

<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/11/922848187/transcript-nprs-full-interview-with-joint-chiefs-of-staff-chairman-mark-milley>

QUERY FROM FOX NEWS: I am writing to you and BG Hannah requesting an on the record statement from Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy, Gen McConville and LTG Charles Flynn by noon Eastern today in response to Ret Gen Michael Flynn calling for martial law and for the US military (Army) to oversee a new vote for the Presidential election in the swing states that President Trump lost. Given that Flynn’s brother LTG Charles Flynn is the current U.S Army Director of Operations, Plans and Training I am including him in my request. My question is whether the senior leaders of the Army including LTG Flynn support or denounce ret Gen Flynn’s call for martial law and the use of the US military to be used to hold new elections.

FLYNN TO NEWSMAX: “There is no way in the world we are going to be able to move forward as a nation,” General Flynn said. “[The president] could immediately, on his order, seize every single one of these machines.”

“Within the swing states,” he continued, “if he wanted to, he could take military capabilities, and he could place those in states and basically rerun an election in each of those states.

“I mean, it's not unprecedented. These people are out there talking about martial law like it's something that we've never done. Martial law has been instituted 64 times.”

He added: ”We have a constitutional process. We clearly have a constitutional process. That has to be followed.”

<https://www.newsmax.com/politics/trump-election-flynn-martiallaw/2020/12/17/id/1002139/>

Politico basically same query – what is our comment on his remarks.

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