Stephen Eubank Testimony

Given the frivolous lawsuits this administration brings against anyone who opposes it, I feel I have to start by assuring you that none of the following comments are intended as a threat to your physical safety. They're just warnings about the threat your own behavior poses to your political power, your moral authority, the legacy you leave to your descendants, and your eternal souls.

The last time I offered public comments, I focused on the incredible disrespect the arch shows to our veterans – including my parents and grandparents – and the insanity of claiming that it's a fitting way to celebrate the 250th birthday of our democratic republic. I noticed, though that one of you was looking at his phone under the table through the whole public comment period and the chair only looked up to scold speakers when they said words like "fascist" or "dictatorial". You do realize, I hope, that many of those buried at Arlington gave their lives to prevent dictatorship from reaching our shores? This time, I'll just acknowledge the reality behind this charade. As someone has put it, "They were given their orders already. What we are doing now is preserving our objections for the record."

And really, it's hard to object to "the" arch because – even though it's hideously massive – it's a fast-moving target. It's going to be permitted because Congress authorized something to be built here a hundred years ago, only the plans changed a little bit this spring. Then, we found out it's not really for America, it's "for me". Now, just a few weeks ago, it turns out it's a much-needed military base (that has been in the planning stages for what? A few days?) complete with a sniper nest, ammo dump, and drone base. Now maybe those are gone, replaced by an anti-drone warfare mission. Is any of this nonsense even reflected in the plans you're about to approve?

As you finish your round at the Trump Memorial East Potomac Golf Course and look for your image in the Trump Memorial Reflecting Pool or dress up and head to the Trump Helipad or the Trump Memorial Patio where the Rose Garden used to be so you can take a quick spin around the Trump Ballroom before dinner-and-a-show at the Trump and What's-his-name Center for the Arts, wrapping up the evening by checking on the status of your FIFA award at the Trump Institute of Peace, just remember this piece of advice from an actual Nobel Prize winner:

"It's a hard rain's gonna fall".