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President Emmanuel Macron  
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Monsieur le Président:

Congratulations on your recent win. Your vision of hope over fear is much needed during these challenging times. In addition to your positive message, I was impressed with your campaign's focus on empowering people across France with skills and opportunities in the new digital economy.

It is my honor to extend an invitation to you to visit Silicon Valley in California. I recall you visited the Valley a few of years ago to meet with tech leaders and hope you will visit again this summer at your convenience to discuss some pressing issues of mutual concern. We would be delighted to accommodate your schedule, and extended a similar invitation to Prime Minister Theresa May.

It is my privilege to represent Silicon Valley in the United States Congress. Global technology companies such as Apple, Google, Facebook, and Twitter are among those based in California's 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. I have called on these companies to do more for the rest of America. The U.S., like much of Europe, is transitioning from an industrial economy to a digital one. I want to make sure all Americans can be part of a technology future and perceive a lot of overlap in our visions for our respective countries.

I am inspired by your call to bring universal internet access to France, increase skills training, and provide technology job opportunities for all French people. Your thoughtfulness on the effects automation and artificial intelligence will have on society is much needed as our economies transition. I would enthusiastically welcome an opportunity to discuss the policies you have in mind to ensure all people can participate in the new tech economy.

In addition to focusing on the jobs and economy of the future, I noticed your call for tech companies to expand their efforts to fight the threat of terrorism on their platforms and new joint campaign with Prime Minister May. I agree Silicon Valley has an important responsibility in making sure that the online communities for which their companies are most known do not become a safe-haven for terrorists. There are important ways for us to work together on this pressing issue, while protecting the First Amendment.

If I may, I would like to highlight steps being taken by these leading technology companies to remove terrorist content and reduce the reach of extremist groups online.

Coupled with human review, new technologies can better address these threats. For example, Dr. Hany Farid, a Dartmouth College professor, developed a technology recognizing inappropriate online content. His software was originally developed to detect child pornography and can be used to cull through the millions of online postings to find violent beheadings, ISIS logos or soundtracks, and terrorist propaganda. Of course, technology companies still need human monitoring to review the content that Dr. Farid's software flags to make sure any actions they take are consistent with the First Amendment.

Tech companies are also collaborating with each other to meet the unique challenge of terrorism. Last December, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Microsoft partnered to create an online database to share the digital fingerprint of terrorist content online. Once this content is flagged as harmful, such images, videos, and audio content are shared in the database and removed across all platforms.

Perhaps, the most important way to reduce the threat of terrorism is to have counter narratives on social media. We need to win the battle of ideas online and allow refugees to tell their stories in captivating ways that expose ISIS. As you well know, migrants are fleeing states with an ISIS presence across the Middle East and Africa to seek a better life in Europe and America. We should work on developing a social media campaign in which these refugees talk about the experience of leaving some of the most miserable human conditions in search of a better future for themselves and their families.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope you consider my invitation to visit Silicon Valley as one made with an open heart and in good faith. We would love to hear your perspective on how we can work together to solve these great challenges facing our democracies around the world.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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