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UK ambassador to US says White House is inept – 10th July, 2019

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UK-US relations soured after the diplomatic e-mails from the UK ambassador leaked. The mails were in a UK newspaper. They were very negative and critical of President Trump's White House. The ambassador wrote he believed the administration would not be normal. He called it dysfunctional, unpredictable, faction riven, clumsy and inept. He called the policy on Iran "incoherent" and "chaotic". A British official said the leak was an act of treachery.

The USA and the UK have a "special relationship". The UK also needs a trade deal with the USA after it leaves the European Union. The UK's Prime Minister has "full faith" in the ambassador but did not agree with his comments. A spokesman said the leak was "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump said the ambassador "has not served the UK well." He tweeted: "He is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."

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UK-US relations have soured after the leak of diplomatic e-mails from the UK ambassador. The leaked mails were published in a British newspaper. They had very negative and critical comments about President Trump's White House. The ambassador wrote: "We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept." He also said Mr Trump's policy on Iran was "incoherent" and "chaotic". A British official called the leak an act of "unforgivable treachery".

The USA and the UK describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs this friendship as well as a trade deal with the USA after it leaves the European Union. The UK's Prime Minister Theresa May has "full faith" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman said the leak was "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump retaliated and said Sir Kim "has not served the UK well." He tweeted: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."

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Relations between the UK and USA have soured after the leak of diplomatic cables from the UK's ambassador to the USA. The leaked memos were published in a British newspaper on Sunday. They contained highly negative and critical comments about President Trump's White House from Ambassador Kim Darroch. Mr Darroch wrote of the White House: "We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less faction riven; less diplomatically clumsy and inept." He characterized Mr Trump's policy on Iran as "incoherent" and "chaotic". Sir Winston Churchill's grandson called the leak an act of "unforgivable treachery".

The United States and the UK are traditionally strong partners on the international stage. They each describe their friendship as a "special relationship". The UK needs to nurture this friendship following its leaving the European Union after Brexit. It needs a trade deal with America. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister Theresa May said she had "full faith" in Sir Kim as ambassador but did not agree with his comments. Her spokesman described the leak as being "absolutely unacceptable". Donald Trump retaliated to the comments, saying Sir Kim "has not served the UK well." On Twitter, he wrote: "I do not know the Ambassador, but he is not liked or well thought of within the US. We will no longer deal with him."