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Mr. Kelly:

I have reflected on our exchange yesterday. I apologize for the way I spoke to you. That is not the way I like to deal with people.

I also take this opportunity to provide a correction to your message of yesterday and to add the context that it fails to furnish.

First, the correction. There was nothing "violent" about what happened. Your choice of words is characteristically tendentious.

As for the context, I realize upon reflection that I allowed myself to be provoked by your conduct. It is hard not to conclude that provocation was your very purpose.

1. Although I have made it clear to you in the past that I will only deal with you in writing, you entered my office unannounced and without an appointment for the second time in as many weeks.
2. In doing so, you frightened and upset my assistant and then walked towards my desk and confronted me about your issues.
3. When you walked in, I was in the midst of other work. Your manner and the intrusion were unsettling to say the least.

I choose to deal with you only in writing for reasons that include, among other things, your habit of taping conversations without telling your conversants that you are doing so. As I have assured you repeatedly, you will receive written responses to your emails when those responses have been prepared.

In all, your visit was provocative and, I assume, intended to be. None of that excuses the nature of my response, which I regret.

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