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NATO and the U.S. should anticipate Putin's next steps and let him know in advance what our response would be.

Despite differences of opinion, the White House and the President were relatively certain that Putin would attack Ukraine. They were right. Where they left themselves open to criticism was that they waited until after Russia moved to let Putin know what we would do and what we wouldn't do.

Putin has on several occasions raised the issue of tactical nuclear weapons. Our CIA director has very recently said that while we have not as yet seen evidence of Russia's use "we can't take lightly the possibility Russia could use tactical nuclear weapons."

We can't make the same mistakes we made at the beginning. We must not be reactive. We need to let him know in advance and in no uncertain terms how NATO and the U.S. would react. We need to inform the rest of the world who have chosen up until now to sit on the sidelines that if Russian chooses to use these weapons, we will no longer be passive in our dealings with them.