THE RISE AND POLITICAL DEMISE OF THE MOST METEORIC POLITICIAN OF OUR TIME

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No politician in US history has ever lost power more rapidly and completely than POTUS Donald Trump. With one political swoop, Mr. Trump has gone from kingpin and supreme power broker to a lame duck president virtually abandoned by his own party that he saved from extinction. It is one thing for an incumbent POTUS to lose a presidential election; it is another thing when the incumbent POTUS gets shellacked during a midterm election in which he is not a candidate. Mr. Trump made so many mistakes resulting in his political demise that it gives cause for concern as to the competency of those who advise him. From his failure to gain the full support of the Republicans in Congress, to his decision to initiate military operations against Iran with no political cover, his decision to make himself the focus of the midterm elections, his attempts to tamper with voting rights, his general failure to address certain economic problems, the list of mistakes go on and on. However, the intent of this commentary is not to bash Mr. Trump or chronicle his failures. The fact remains that Donald Trump put himself out there on behalf of the nation and is the single most bombastic and dynamic politician in recent American history. He saved the Republican Party from oblivion. He created a populist movement unprecedented in US history. He led a resurgence of the United States on the international scene. He was

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elected POTUS twice. He reshaped American politics. His name became synonymous with American power, prestige and strength. He put America first and TOOK A BULLET FOR THE COUNTRY. This unmatched record of accomplishment makes Mr. Trump's political collapse even more astonishing. While it is true that Trump still possesses tremendous authority as POTUS, his ability to wield this authority is now severely curtailed. This is the case because Trump has lost the political leverage needed to convert his presidential authority into action. How things will develop from here on obviously only time will tell, especially in regard to how Trump will now manage the presidency as a lame duck in a political constellation that he no longer controls. That too only time will tell.

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