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MEMORANDUM FOR LEADERS, TROOPS, CIVILIANS, AND FAMILIES OF U.S. AFRICA
COMMAND

SUBJECT: Our Moral Compass

Racial injustice is wrong and we are sickened by it. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

The violence we have witnessed at home in recent days does not represent the America we want nor does it reflect the ideals and promises of our Constitution, ideals we swore our lives to defend.

Our Constitution and the freedoms it enshrines set us apart from many nations. These freedoms include the right to equal treatment under the law and the right to assemble, and protest, peacefully.

We believe that people should run toward their troops, not from them. Our military is not perfect, but we have the trust and confidence of the American people, our allies and partners. Throughout our history, our military has led our nation in social progress. We will continue to do so.

We are committed to ensuring ALL people are treated with dignity and respect. As we navigate these extraordinary times, our military ethos and values will guide us.

We respect and value our African friends, our allies and other international partners. AFRICOM remains focused on helping our African partners achieve the security and stability we all deserve.

We stand in the phalanx beside you.

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