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And this is the transcript:

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I've already noted, and the whole world has noted, that Trump is trying to seduce the people of Canada so that they become the 51st state of the USA.

He's threatening Panama with military action if they don't give him the Panama Canal.

And he's threatening Denmark with military action if they don't give him Greenland.

Trump has expansionist plans. But once a megalomaniac has got such plans, and when he's begun to succeed - and I suspect that he will in some way succeed in some of

these claims, which really worries me - he won't stop there.

He won't even stop there before he succeeds. Once he's begun the process of demanding more economic room for the USA, as he would put it, he will increase his demands made to other countries. And I happen to think that one of the next places that he will demand for the USA is Scotland.

This might sound absurd, but I'm not quite sure it is. Trump, like most people in the USA, has remarkably little experience of travel outside that country. In the case of Trump, the place that he would appear to have travelled to most often is Scotland because he likes to claim it is the land of his forebears. He has golf courses there, and what else matters in the world as far as Trump is concerned? This is a place that he thinks is in some way his own.

And what he will have noticed is that, like Greenland, Scotland has enormous economic potential.

The economic potential of Greenland is realised if climate change happens. Once the ice recedes, there are minerals there that could be mined, which Trump wants to get his hands on. That is what motivates his demand for change of its ownership.

And when he looks at Scotland, he'll notice things like its enormous potential energy generating capacity, whether it be tidal, or wind, or hydro, or whatever, Scotland is the energy hub of Europe from now on. And it also has another resource which England is going to be desperate for, which is clean water, in quantities that England simply cannot replicate. So, Scotland is an economic powerhouse of the future, particularly as climate change gets worse. And I believe, for that reason, that Trump will see in Scotland something that is very close to the situation in Greenland, plus one other thing.

Scotland is a nuclear base. It is, at Faslane, the place where the UK currently keeps its nuclear submarines. But I have a very strong suspicion that Trump will realise that an independent Scotland will threaten that, and therefore, he will want to circumvent that risk by claiming Scotland for himself and keeping a nuclear base in Scotland in perpetuity.

He will claim it's for security reasons. I would beg to differ. As some people who watch this channel will know, I write a column for the National Newspaper in Scotland, and I put forward this idea that Scotland might be the next country that Trump tries to buy in a column in that newspaper very recently. And I think it's entirely possible.

And I also think it's entirely possible that England might sell. You've only got to imagine something which is now within the realms of possibility, which is Farage in Downing Street. And Farage in Downing Street with an economic crisis on his hands, which is very likely, because Farage is incompetent and Trump is going to create an economic

crisis.

Suppose Farage desperately needs to convince his supporters that he is doing the best for them. And remember, his supporters are in England. Scotland really doesn't like him. So, what will he do? He will say to Trump, here you are, have Scotland. Give us sufficient billions in dollars, and it's all yours.

Do I think that is a plausible situation? Yes, I do, in a world where Trump is creating this new idea that territories can be bought and sold at the whim of the USA. Now, it might be economic fantasy - it might be political economic fantasy - to discuss this, but we are living in a world that is so absurd that we have to think about what might be on the agenda of somebody who I think is frankly out of control.

And I don't dismiss this as a possibility, as something which might be on his agenda. Scotland up for sale to Trump? Why wouldn't he want it?

What do the Scottish people think? Farage wouldn't care, and nor would Trump.

And that's why Scotland needs to think about this. And indeed, that's why people who believe in the Union within the UK need to think about this.

I don't believe in the Union. I do think Scotland should be independent. But what I am certain of is that wherever you stand on that issue, if you believe in the right of Scotland to choose for itself, this is the moment to think about how that's best achieved. Because I believe a right-wing alliance between Trump, or his heirs in Washington, and Farage, or frankly, the far-right Tories in the UK, could give rise to a situation where Trump demands Scotland, and London is willing to give it.

You heard it here first, and I might be completely wrong, but in the world we live in, the crazy is now possible. And I'm preparing for it.