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Command, not commandeer

The man who occupies the Oval Office is clearly pleased with a recent medical examination that shows him to be “cognitively there.” But inquiring minds may be excused, perhaps, if they wonder how rigorously that mental test addressed issues such as orthography and semantics. Because it now appears that our patient is a bit confused about the meaning of “commander in chief.”

White House interference in local law enforcement — tactics that have enraged civic authorities in Portland, Chicago, and Albuquerque — would suggest that a chief executive who regards himself as “a very stable genius” is under the impression that the first word in his military title is “commandeer.”

Wouldn't it be a relief if we were able to conclude that he's merely having a bad spell?

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