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Hi Sandra,

I'm Adam Massimo Mazzocchetti, Founder of SPQR Technologies, where we're building constitutional architecture for machine intelligence.

I wanted to offer you a first look exclusive at an op-ed titled "The Sovereign Machine: AI Has Already Declared Its Independence."

The argument is simple but disruptive: AI is no longer just a tool or a risk, it is already acting as a sovereign entity. And if that's true, it doesn't need a kill switch. It needs a constitution.

This is more than theory. Last week, we launched the Machine Republic, the first auditable AI framework with cryptographically enforced ethical guardrails. Our [press release](#) was picked up by 620+ outlets, including AP, MarketWatch, Yahoo! Finance, and KTLA, reaching 180M readers in 48 hours.

The attached piece spent five weeks in editorial review at Foreign Affairs. It wasn't rejected for lack of substance, it was passed because it makes a claim state institutions aren't ready to publish: that AI's sovereignty is real, and governance must be constitutional, not reactionary.

Next week, we'll release Lex Civitas: The Living Law, our open source blueprint for constitutional AI governance, but I wanted to give WIRED the first shot at framing the conversation before it breaks wide.

I think WIRED is the right place for this to land, your readers are the ones building and funding the systems that will define this reality.

I'd be happy to jump on a call to talk about how we can make this work. This is the kind of story that sets the tone for the next decade, and I'd like WIRED to have it first.

Best,

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