

**Latin Text, DĒ BELLŌ GALLICŌ 5.28.14–15, p. 97**

15 *Caesare conventūra subsidia: postrēmō quid esse levius aut  
turpius, quam auctōre hoste dē summīs rēbus capere cōsiliūm?*

**Literal Translation Molinarius**

Caesar assistance [would be] going to come: finally, what was more frivolous or more foul than to take counsel concerning the highest things [i.e., matters of life and death], with an enemy as the instigator [or authority].

**Literal Translation McDevitte**

Caesar; lastly, they put the query, “what could be more undetermined, more undignified, than to adopt measures respecting the most important affairs on the authority of an enemy?”

**Discussion Questions**

1. How does the logic of Lucius Aurunculeius Cotta and the experienced officers compare to the logic of Arpineius and Junius?
2. How do you think Caesar would have assessed the situation? How does Caesar insert his own logic into the deliberations even though he was not actually present?
3. Can you separate a logic based on fear versus a logic based on analysis of military factors in Caesar’s narrative? Please justify your assessment with specific examples.

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