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Also attached is OCIAC’s Priority Information Needs as we head into Inauguration week.

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From
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To:
Cc:
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FBI DAILY SITREP (U/AFES)

Good evening,

Please find attached the 14 January 2021 National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) SITREP related to the violence associated with lawful protests.

Please note that this document is Unclassified//Law Enforcement Sensitive (U//LES). The FBI Office of Partner Engagement (OPE) at FBI Headquarters approves further dissemination with your trusted law enforcement, intelligence, and homeland security partners in accordance with the LES handling caveat.

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(U) PRIORITY INFORMATION NEEDS: 2021 INAUGURATION IMPACTS TO ORANGE COUNTY

(U) Overview

(U/FOUO) OCIAC is analyzing information about Orange County events associated to the 2021 Presidential Inauguration to assist public safety agencies in planning and responding to incidents involving potential crowd management. The review of information is mindful of Constitutional rights and is intended to assist partners in addressing any anticipated unlawful conduct and assess any concerns to Orange County.

(U) The OCIAC has prepared this list of Priority Information Needs (PiNs):

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Hello ASIS Community,

Allow me to get straight to the point with this one. I’m looking for models or best practices for security classification of business premises and spaces. Any helpful knowledge or resources relating to the subject matter would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Good afternoon,

The US Congress certified Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 presidential election in the early hours of Thursday (7 January) in a sitting delayed by a three-hour mob assault on the US Capitol Building in Washington, DC hours earlier. The incident highlights the likelihood for further politically-linked unrest in the weeks leading up to Biden’s inauguration on 20 January and beyond.

in the cybersecurity sphere, the fallout from the SolarWinds attack continues. The threat actors,
believed to be a Russian APT, accessed the Department’s Microsoft Office365 email environment and "around 3 per cent" of its mailboxes and the Administrative Office of the US Courts (AO) reported that it, too, had been compromised. Elsewhere, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand reported a "malicious incident." Details are scarce at the time of publication, but the institution has released a statement concerning the potentially serious data breach incident.

An espionage campaign, dubbed Operation Kremlin, has been detected targeting the Russian government. Many of the techniques and tactics being used in this campaign share similarities to Operation Domino, observed in September 2020. This campaign further demonstrates the fact that cyber-espionage campaigns are regularly carried out by state-sponsored groups looking to gather intelligence on behalf of their nation state.

in the technology sector, WhatsApp is set to change its terms of service, forcing all users to share their data with Facebook-affiliated companies or delete their accounts. Users in the UK and EU will not be affected at this time. Nairobi-based telecommunications provider Safaricom, a subsidiary of South Africa’s Vodacom Group, has announced the halt to its roll-out of 5G telephony in Kenya that was due by end of 2020.

Tensions with China continue and can have commercial implications. British retail giant Marks & Spencer (M&S) has signed onto a call to action against labour human rights abuses of ethnic Uyghurs in China’s western Xinjiang province. US President Donald Trump signed an executive order banning transactions with eight Chinese software apps on purported national security grounds, marking the latest US measure against Chinese technology interests in the US. The move comes as Trump prepares to leave office with Sino-US relations at a contemporary low point. Meanwhile, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) said it will delist three Chinese telecom companies in a move that could see US companies operating in China targeted by retaliatory action.

Multilateral tensions elevate the threat of cyberattacks. Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGCN) seized a South Korean oil tanker vessel headed for Al Jubail port in Saudi Arabia. The Chinese government warned that the United States would pay what it termed a ‘heavy price’ if its United Nations Ambassador Kelly Craft travelled to Taiwan in the coming days.

The report can be read in full here, but will become a subscribed service in February. To find out more, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Stay safe.
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Interesting idea.
I have no info on covid detection dogs but I suggest that the company culture and perceptions of covid K9s be discussed with considerations regarding the specific details on the use, benefits and possible bad perceptions be evaluated before deployment.
I can see this as an effective solution in some environments and a PR disaster in others.
This is an excellent example of "properly deploying" versus "deploying" a solution.
I look forward to hearing more in this thread on this topic.

Respectfully;

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Hello all, does anyone have any information or experience with the Certified Protection Officer designation. It is offered by the international foundation for protection officers. Any information would be helpful. Thank you and stay safe.
I am speaking from a former news media member...it's increasingly more common because of uncertainty with how a crowd will receive media members. I know that years ago, it was rare to have security. Today, several former colleagues of mine are assigned security when they are out.

A few years ago, news media has retained armed security details to protect the reporter and news vans for local news stations in the "City." (San Francisco)

How common is this in other states or countries? I know that in Oakland a security agent was shot while protecting a reporter doing a live news feed. Fortunately, the agent got off two rounds at the suspects. The suspects were apprehended when the went to the local hospital.
Hi,

May you please send me these papers as well.

I would highly appreciate.

Original Message:
Sent: 13 Jan 2021 10:11
From: 
Subject: Insider threat

I am enclosing two documents that may assist you. The first is a paper that I wrote for my
The topic is Insider Threat. The second is a 36 page listing of
Insider threat references. I hope this helps. Good luck with your research. Let me know if I can help.
This has been my professional focus for the past two years.
Hi,

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Sent: 14 Jan, 2021 08:53
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I'm surprised you can't access them. Here they are again. Good luck.
The team members gave you golden tips on how to approach the issue and build the foundation.

I believe that while building the work processes you need to think about how to train the teams on several difficulty levels starting with a simple exercise of the employee (follow or not follow the procedures until a red-team attacking).

I would love to help you with my experience in case you want to chat about this feel free to shoot me an e-mail at [redacted]
Hello dear colleagues,

I wonder if someone has content (SOP's / guidelines / written scenarios) for response to an unruly customer/visitor to your organization's location.

The person could be intoxicated, mentally disturbed, aggressive due to unsatisfactory services he received.

The goal is to train the security guards to respond to that scenario without causing harm to the individual/individuals, preventing harm to employees or other visitors to the premises.

thanks in advance
Hello,

This is a common issue and a good topic of discussion. I recommend considering providing your security guards training in hostility management and de-escalation techniques.

Please email me if you want to discuss further.

Best regards,

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Original Message:
Sent: 13 Jan, 2021 02:17
From:
Subject: Unruly client/visitor

Thanks a lot everyone for your valuable input,

Makes a great start for me to action.

All the best

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Thank you. That is the timeframe I have given myself, 6 months........if all goes as planned.
Preparation for ASIS CPP exams depends on your commitment and determination to succeed. Gather all the POA materials needed for the examination. Plan a schedule on how to study, cover the materials and understand security principles involved. With hard work and concentration six months timeline is ideal to pass.

Hello. I have a quick question for those who have achieved their CPP Certification. How long did you study or prepare (weeks, months, years, etc.) before you took your CPP Certification Exam? Thank you.
I agree, I will not let myself fail either. Plus, not only will we be putting a lot of time into the prep and exam also a lot of money. My goal is one and done.

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I am also studying for the exam. I thought I would get by reading the book and using flashcards. I guess I should devote more time. My thing is that I don't want to flunk. Failure for me is not an option.
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Sent 14 Jan 2027 03:30
From: [bot]
Subject: Construction Site Security; CCTVs Replacing Uniformed Security

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If it has become too expensive to pay for a security officer to remain on property around the clock, consider these options:
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2. Resort to paying for third party "periodic patrolling" and response as needed (this is where you are sharing resources with other businesses in the area)
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Good Luck!
thank you for bringing this up. I don't know if you had a chance to see it- but a few weeks ago, there was a discussion which amounted to: Does CCTV deter crime? It was an interesting discussion, as is this one.

I would state that unmonitored CCTV has absolutely zero effect on deterring crime. I state unmonitored, because, let's face it- the CCTV that construction sites, buildings under construction have placed there is unmonitored. If the Bad Guys knew this, there would be a crime wave the likes of which we have not seen since Mr. Alfonse Capone and his band of Merry Men.

Another reason, how many times has the "morning after" video of a break in/theft actually produced video of benefit? Be on the lookout for a man or woman, wearing a hoodie, face obscured, dark clothing?

I would say with some degree of unprovable certainty- unmonitored CCTV produces zero deterrence. Absolutely none.

If people are watching video, and with video analytics, it is a Detection Tool. Construction CCTV is not, for my money, a deterrence.

Thanks very much, be safe,
What it comes down to is "effective response". Security requires an effective response to activity. If you place "security officers" at a site who are not properly trained, not given adequate instructions, and not adequately supervised, the then chance of them proving an effective response to an event is small. VSS and any other technology is exactly the same. Installing the best VSS known to man that is not adequately configured for the specific location, specific risks, and specific response required will also produce poor results. Technology, when used as a force multiplier is a powerful tool, and often among the most cost effective. In many cases humans are the weak link and using technology to offset those common weak areas is the best response.

Much of the casework I take on involves exactly that. The best alarm system will never detect an intrusion if it is not armed. Is the best response to require a human to turn it on or use a technology option (supervised monitoring, arming on a set schedule, integrate ACS to allow arming associated with occupancy, etc.....).

In no way do I advocate replacing humans with security technology, but use the technology where appropriate to not only lower the ability of human error to create a failure, and augment what human's can't do as well so they are more effective. A team of security officers with a heavy coat and flashlight or 1-2 officers with a basic VMS properly positioned and monitored? Or a properly installed and monitored perimeter protection system (electronic fence monitoring, radar, etc)? Those who see security officers as the answer and technology to be simply a lesser solution will be left behind. The more tools in your toolkit is the key. What works in this site with this budget with those risks..... Effective response. Worth repeating.

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If the intent is to protect the client’s site from a gas explosion then there are a range of considerations. There are three main types of incidents that may result from damage to an LPG storage site:

- Mechanical rupture of a vessel possibly resulting in a burning jet, in which case wide area blast over pressure is not expected. This is the possible result from an IED placed on the storage vessel, should it penetrate the casing or damage the piping.
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First off, thank you for the wealth of information available on these forums and the help a lot of you offer out of kindness.

I do apologize for the anonymous post, but as I am bound by extremely strict NDA's, it would be best that my name and project information remain confidential for the time being. This would also help protect our client's confidentiality which is paramount.

We are working on assessing and hardening a project that has an interesting element: An LPG yard (two large tanks) which is sitting —for some odd reason— outside the client’s plot limit. The yard is fairly close to the public road (and the structure is visible from said road), but are concealed with plants and shrubbery that hide the chain link fence that forms the first layer of defence. The tanks sit behind a concrete block wall (not blast or HVM rated though) and about 15% of each tank (there are two) is exposed within the yard area, while the rest is covered within a chamber with compacted soil and topped with gravel.

There are plenty of issues that need looking at for this particular element of the project, but the main issue is that there seems to be no easy way to prevent encroachment from the main road to the yard boundary which puts any VBIED dangerously close to the tanks (we're talking roughly 30ft from where a vehicle can stop and the tank).

What would your experience suggest as the best mitigation option? So far, we are looking at reinforcing the existing wall to withstand the blast but unfortunately I cannot find a source to allow someone who is not a civil engineer / blast consultant to propose a viable solution to be carried out by a specialist contractor. Is there a better option that does not involve reinforcing the wall that we have overlooked, and are there open information sources to enable us to provide a high-level design which could be further developed by a specialist blast / civil engineer?

Please bear in mind that the standard / obvious mitigation options are either ruled out or already being discussed. Examples are:

1. Relocating the tanks to a more secure location.
2. Obtaining an exception from the roads authority to install HVM measures that prevent encroachment and provide decent standoff distances between the tanks and vehicles.

Would greatly appreciate your thoughts and expertise.

Cheers,
Addendum. Apologies second paragraph should read "he likelihood of damage to a vessel or fittings resulting from an explosion or vehicle impact should be discussed with the relevant engineers and specialist gas companies."

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There are laws in 36 states and the District of Columbia currently allowing the use of medical marijuana. The rescheduling of cannabis or legalization for recreational use is more likely to be affected than the medical side in my opinion. Keep my contact information close and if there is anything I can help you with please reach out. I have been directly involved with the industry since 2013 and foresee many more years of growth.

Best,

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Warmest Regards,

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you are correct in your assertion. Every once in a while, however, I do see jobs for security managers that require the CPP designation. In those instances, it would be worth it because the security manager started out with a base salary of $125,000. A lot of the high tech firms usually have the CPP as a prerequisite.
Hello sir how are you? I will tell you what I learned immediately after exhausting all of my Montgomery GI Bill on Police Academy. That the great title jobs are scarce in funny economies and you will always be competing with the guy that has more conventional college in his tool box. I thought for certain after graduating that I was going to get a great police job, pin on that badge and make some great money along the way. I was wrong most of the big city departments wanted me to go through their academies again and I was drained from attending a 7 month plus regular college classes police academy I was state certified and a military vet I was police hire ready. I interviewed at a couple departments but for some reason they did not want a college TCEQSE certified guy with spotty credit and no references and I'll leave it there policing can be a who you know club. Well I started working for this midsize security agency as a Operations Lieutenant and was mentored by a Captain that was actually former Dallas PD. He told me that guys he had worked with were running for the hills and getting the you know what out of policing because with a few different certifications they were able to secure highly financially lucrative gigs making more money than the police department would ever pay them. I have one friend that is a state certified PPO- Personal Protection Officer, he clears 80K a year escorting valuables around the state, and that is without overtime. The captain runs his own PI agency now and has called me numerous times checking to see if I needed work. He is grossing six figures!!! Both of these guys may have an associates degree between the two of them. I did not write this to discourage and discredit a conventional degree only to assure you that whatever investment you make in yourself will in due time pay for itself. I know plenty of people succeeding at this without the CPP designation but after looking into if you have put the time and effort into becoming an intentional security professional why not add this to your toolbox, it's just another tool in your box. Stay strong Bro keep charging at it!!!
Interesting post. I've read many say the flash cards are not helpful. You teach for the exam, though, so your opinion on the cards is helpful. Do you have an opinion on the ASIS CPP Study Manual?
I read the entire POA and took the local prep course before taking the CPP exam. I now teach parts of the course. I will say, with very few exceptions, memorizing the flash cards is the best way to prepare for the test. The POA is too vast to try to commit to memory, unless you are super-human. Flash cards and prep questions distill the basic ideas of what is in the POA down to more digestible forms. Before taking the CPP exam I memorized the roughly 1,000 flash cards the local chapter provided me, that is doable. For most mortals, memorizing the roughly 2000 pages that make up the POA is not. Trying to read the POA and get the general idea isn’t really an option either, the questions asked during the test are so specific, it’s akin to splitting hairs as to trying to determine what the correct answer is, among the choices given.

This could be somewhat off topic but you may advise so after I post this statement.
I am in favor of keeping abreast of the innovations within my chosen second career of Security Management. I was a federal agent for 25 years, am a licensed private investigator, and a full time college Director of Security. I am pursuing the certification for my own edification as well as its relevancy to my position as a Director of Public Safety. Additionally, my employer has invested in this pursuit financially by funding the purchase of the POA, the online certification review course, as well as sending me to a CPP preparatory seminar. I hope to test in a few months. Now the crux of my post which is as previously stated, a bit off topic. My concern is that when I read the POA, review the online course material, and answer flash card questions, they appear to overlap at times; however, not as often as I would think they would. In other words, out of all these CPP test preparatory methodologies, which one should I master? The most difficult is the reading of the POA and the easiest are the flash cards and online course materials. I am a member of the ASIS CPP Group, and those persons receiving certifications tend to give credit for their passing the exam to a variety of sources. While one person admonishes candidates to be well versed in the POA, others give complete credit to an individual for providing them their notes and flashcards. Which is best method to prepare?
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Wray Warns Of “Potential For Violence At Multiple Protests And Rallies.” Norah O’Donnell opened the CBS Evening News (1/14, lead story, 4:25, O’Donnell, 4.61M) by saying, “Tonight, the United States government is actively preparing to be attacked by its own citizens. ... The FBI and other agencies are warning police departments across the country that extremists and militias are discussing a second assault on the US Capitol along with the White House or state capitals.” FBI Director Wray says “he is concerned about conversations that are being picked up online about plans for multiple armed protests.” Wray said investigators “have already identified 200 suspects, warning more arrests are coming.”

Pierre Thomas said on ABC World News Tonight (1/14, lead story, 4:50, Muir, 7.47M), “A new intelligence assessment raises the specter of continued insurrection next week. The new FBI bulletin urges authorities in D.C. and all 50 state capitals to prepare for a fight, or face the prospect that violent offenders could ‘overwhelm local, state, and federal law enforcement.’" Six days until the inauguration, and with an expected 21,000 National Guard available, there are now more troops in Washington DC than US military in Afghanistan and Iraq combined.”

Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/14, lead story, 3:45, Holt, 5.91M), “Six days before the inauguration, and the tension is high in DC. The FBI is urging state and local police to share any and all intel about right-wing extremists targeting federal and state government buildings and lawmakers. The New York Times reports a national intelligence bulletin warns that extremists want to trigger a race war and may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States.” Wray: “We’re concerned about the potential for violence at multiple protests and rallies planned here in DC and the state capitol buildings around the country. So anybody who plots or attempts violence in the coming week should count on a visit.”

The AP (1/14, Tucker) reports Wray, “in his first public appearance since the Jan. 6 riot,” said the FBI “is tracking an ‘extensive amount of concerning online chatter,’ including calls for armed protests leading up to next week’s presidential inauguration.” The Washington Post (1/14, Harris, Mekhennet, Naklawi, 10.52M) reports officials “have warned authorities nationwide to be on alert for potential acts of violence at state capitols, as well as a possible second attack on the Capitol or on the White House,” and law enforcement sources say “extremists may use firearms and explosives and are monitoring online calls to rally in cities nationwide beginning Sunday.”

The Washington Examiner (1/14, Dunleavy, 888K) quotes Wray saying, “When we talk about potential threats ... we are seeing an extensive amount of concerning online chatter, is the best way I would describe it, about a number of events surrounding the inauguration. And together with our partners, we evaluate those threats and what kind of resources to deploy against them. Right now, we’re tracking calls for potential armed protests and activity leading up to the inauguration. And the reason I use the word “potential” is because one of the real challenges in this space is trying to distinguish what’s aspirational versus what’s intentional. We’re concerned about the potential for violence at multiple protests and rallies planned here in D.C. and at multiple state capitol buildings around the country in the days to come that could bring armed individuals within close proximity to government buildings and officials.”

Fox News (1/14, Pagones, 23.99M) reports, “Violent extremist activity will likely surge in the United States and pose ‘the greatest domestic terrorism threat in 2021,’ a trio of federal law enforcement agencies warned in a recently released bulletin.” According to Fox News, “The FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Counterterrorism Center announced in a Joint Intelligence Bulletin released Wednesday that this threat comes from ‘anti-government or anti-authority violent extremists,’ such as militia violent extremists (MVEs), racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists and domestic violent extremists ‘citing partisan political grievances.’”

However, USA Today (1/14, Carless, Bomey, 12.7M) reports, “leaders of far-right, extremist factions are telling their followers to stay away from protests planned across the country this weekend and on Inauguration Day. ... Experts on far-right extremism agree that, unlike the days before the Jan. 6 insurrection, the online ecosystem used by President Donald Trump’s most outspoken supporters has been muted, with few signs that large crowds will gather in Washington or state capitals for protests planned Sunday and Wednesday.”

Fox News (1/14, Barrabi, 23.99M) reports on its website that Acting DHS Secretary Gaynor “said preparations have been underway ‘for more than three years’ to ensure a safe inauguration. The law enforcement presence
covers most of downtown Washington D.C., with collaboration between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the FBI and the Secret Service.

Governors Prepare To Activate National Guard At Home. The Washington Post (1/14, Lamothe, Ryan, Schneider, 10.52M) reports, “Governors in multiple states moved Thursday to activate National Guardsmen to bolster security in their own jurisdictions through Inauguration Day. ... Some governors have put their guardsmen on standby status to deploy only if there is an emergency, while others have promised that troops will be on the streets alongside police officers.”

Online Extremists Ignoring Trump’s Call For Calm. Politico (1/14, Nguyen, 6.73M) reports, “President Donald Trump has instructed his followers to not engage in political violence following the deadly riots on the Capitol on Jan 6,” but “the video in which he made the plea has barely made a dent in the groundswell of extremism that was seen last week and has proliferated online since.” Politico adds, “A vast swath of the president’s diehard base in MAGA Nation — the conspiracy theorists, the militia members, and the followers of the QAnon conspiracy theory — has disregarded Trump’s Wednesday remarks. Instead, they are dissecting his phrases and using those cues as rallying cries, doubling down on their plans to keep the MAGA movement going after Trump leaves the White House.”

The AP (1/14, Klepper, Seitz) reports, “Online supporters of President Donald Trump are scattering to smaller social media platforms, fleeing what they say is unfair treatment by Facebook, Twitter and other big tech firms looking to squelch misinformation and threats of violence.” The AP adds, “The efforts by those mainstream platforms, prompted by the deadly rampage at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, will likely succeed, according to social media and misinformation experts,” but “the crackdown could send some of Trump’s fiercest supporters retreating to dark and secret spaces on the internet where conspiracy theories and violent rhetoric run rampant. ‘We’re going to see less opportunity to radicalize new people’ on mainstream platforms, Kate Starbird, a leading misinformation expert at the University of Washington said Wednesday. ‘But for those who are already radicalized, or already down the rabbit hole with conspiracy theories, this might not make a difference if the places they go become echo chambers.’”

Congressional Panels To Investigate Why FBI Warning Before Capitol Assault Wasn’t Heeded. Reuters (1/14, Hosenball) reports that the Intelligence and Homeland Security oversight committees “are opening investigations into why federal and local law enforcement agencies did not pay closer attention” to a January 5 warning by the FBI’s office in Norfolk — a day before the storming of the Capitol. The Congressional committees “join the Senate Homeland Security and Rules Committees investigating security lapses at the Capitol complex on Jan. 6 which resulted in rioters entering the building and threatening legislators, congressional staff and members of the media.” The FBI’s office had “circulated a warning widely to law enforcement agencies that extremists were preparing to travel to Washington to commit violence and ‘war,’ the FBI has confirmed.” The Senate Intelligence Committee “will interview witnesses on why federal and local agencies did not respond more aggressively and effectively to the FBI warning, a committee official said.”

Individuals In Terrorist Screening Database Were In DC On January 6. The Washington Post (1/14, Barrett, Hsu, Lang, 10.52M) reports, “Dozens of people on a terrorist watch list were in Washington for pro-Trump events” on January 6, “according to people familiar with evidence gathered in the FBI’s investigation. The majority of the watchlisted individuals in Washington that day are suspected white supremacists whose past conduct so alarmed investigators that their names had been previously entered into the national Terrorist Screening Database, or TSDB, a massive set of names flagged as potential security risks.” The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Frosch, Levy, Elinson, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports “numerous extremists and private militia groups” had made plans online to travel to Washington for events that day.

More Arrests Made In Cases Stemming From Riot. CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports, “Investigators have identified more than 200 suspects in their probe of the January 6 attack at the US Capitol and arrested more than 100 individuals,” FBI Director Wray “said Thursday in his first public appearance since the riot. ‘We know who you are if you’re out there, and FBI agents are coming to find you,’ he said during an inauguration security briefing at Federal Emergency Management Agency headquarters in Washington with Vice President Mike Pence.” Wray’s comments “come as federal investigators are chasing thousands of leads in twin efforts to prosecute people involved in last week’s attack on the US Capitol and to try to prevent feared follow-up attacks in Washington and around the country. The challenge, FBI and Justice Department officials say, is ‘unprecedented’ and Wray addressed the duality of the current situation in his comments Thursday by speaking directly to those who may be considering taking part in violent acts going forward. ‘My advice to people who might be inclined to follow in the footsteps of those who engaged in the kind of activity we saw last week is stay home,’ he said.”

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports, “About 10 new charges announced by the Justice Department on Thursday rammed home the message from law enforcement that it will find the participants in the siege of the Capitol that killed five people, including a Capitol Police officer.” According to CNN, “The new charges on Thursday rounded up two people who
allegedly hurt police officers and a man who shocked many across the country by carrying a Confederate flag inside the Capitol, where he was photographed extensively. CNN has counted at least 44 federal criminal defendants related to the January 6 insurrection. FBI Director Chris Wray said on Thursday that more than 200 people have been identified as suspects, and he sent a message to those still at large. 'We know who you are if you're out there, and FBI agents are coming to find you,' he said during an inauguration security briefing at Federal Emergency Management Agency headquarters in Washington.

NK 1/15, Cheney, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, "Federal prosecutors on Thursday for the first time described last week’s assault on the U.S. Capitol as a ‘violent insurrection that attempted to overthrow the United States Government’ – and one they consider to still be underway.” According to Politico, “The language was included in a filing in federal district court in Arizona, intended to deny bail to Jacob Anthony Chansley, a man they describe as ‘an active participant in’ and ‘the most prominent symbol of the insurrection. Chansley, an Arizonan who also goes by Jacob Angeli and ‘Q Shaman,’ has become a social media fixture in the aftermath of the mob violence at the Capitol. A shirtless Chansley has been seen in numerous pictures carrying a six-foot spear, donning horns, a coyote tail headdress and face paint – including one on the Senate’s rostrum.”

Reuters (1/15) reports, “Federal prosecutors offered an ominous new assessment of last week’s siege of the U.S. Capitol by President Donald Trump’s supporters on Thursday, saying in a court filing that rioters intended ‘to capture and assassinate elected officials.’ Prosecutors offered that view in a filing asking a judge to detain Jacob Chansley, the Arizona man and QAnon conspiracy theorist who was famously photographed wearing horns as he stood at the desk of Vice President Mike Pence in the chamber of the U.S. Senate.” The detention memo, “written by Justice Department lawyers in Arizona, goes into greater detail about the FBI’s investigation into Chansley, revealing that he left a note for Pence warning that ‘it’s only a matter of time, justice is coming.’ ‘Strong evidence, including Chansley’s own words and actions at the Capitol, supports that the intent of the Capitol rioters was to capture and assassinate elected officials in the United States government,’ prosecutors wrote.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/14, Phillips, 3.37M) reports that the crowd at the January 6 Capitol siege “included not just fringe radicals but also a broad cross-section of President Trump’s supporters – people with office jobs, kids and mortgages, and otherwise respectable public reputations. Among those identified and charged with crimes by law enforcement as participating in the insurrection were municipal employees, former members of the military, social media influencers, police officers and a school therapist. Also charged were a data analytics company CEO and a two-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer from USC.” The Times adds, “Law enforcement officials are alarmed by the varied backgrounds of the pro-Trump intruders and say it can be difficult to prevent attacks and uncover dangerous motives when extremists hide behind the veneer of normality.”

The New York Times (1/14, Feuer, Benner, 20.6M) reports, "The nationwide dragnet for those responsible for the worst incursion on the home of Congress since the War of 1812 has now entered its second week, and investigators are increasingly concerned that some of the attackers may have brought specialized skills to bear on the assault. So far, two off-duty police officers from a small town in Virginia and a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas are among the suspects with police or military links – a tiny fraction of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody."

Reuters (1/14) reports, “United by political grievances, they came in costumes, snapping selfies, calling themselves patriots. Some came armed for battle and planning for ‘war.’ As authorities begin to charge the rioters in the Jan. 6 siege of the U.S. Capitol, court documents paint a picture of a diverse mob that included both citizens with mainstream careers – police officers, a flower shop owner, a state lawmaker, military veterans, even an Olympic medalist – as well as Americans on the fringe. One was a member of the Proud Boys, a far-right extremist group. Another had a caveman costume beneath a police bulletproof vest. One served time in prison for attempted murder.”

In a round-up of arrests, the New York Times (1/14, McDonnell Nieto del Rio, Goldman, Benner, Ives, 20.6M) reports, “A man seen holding a Confederate battle flag, a person identified as striking a police officer with a flagpole and a retired firefighter identified as having thrown a fire extinguisher at officers were among those arrested Thursday for their role in last week’s riot.

The Washington Post (1/14, 10.52M) has a 5,100-word feature on the role of District of Columbia police during the insurrection.

The CBS Evening News (1/14, story 2, 2:30, O’Donnell, 4.61M) covered some of the arrests.

California Man Who Allegedly Smashed Capitol Windows Is Arrested. The Los Angeles Times (1/14, 3.37M) reports California resident Hunter Ehmke, “who allegedly smashed a window at the U.S. Capitol,” was arrested by FBI agents late Wednesday.

Pennsylvania Man Charged With Striking Capitol Police Officer With Fire Extinguisher. USA Today (1/14, Axon, Voyles Pulver, 12.7M) reports Robert Sanford of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania, “faces four federal charges, including
assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers while engaged in the performance of official duties and disorderly or disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds.”

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports that Sanford, 55, “was arrested on Thursday morning in Pennsylvania, the Justice Department said. Court documents say Sanford was seen on video carrying a ‘red object, which appears to be a fire extinguisher,’ as he stepped over a short wall at the lower west terrace of the Capitol. He allegedly threw the fire extinguisher toward police officers, striking one, who was wearing a helmet, before ricocheting and hitting two others. The records said Sanford was identified on Tuesday to the FBI’s Pennsylvania branch and charged on Wednesday in US District Court.”

The Hill (1/14, Castronuovo, 5.69M) reports that Sanford “faces federal felony charges, including assaulting a police officer, after authorities identified Sanford in footage showing a man throwing a fire extinguisher toward police. ‘The video was shot from an elevated position and showed an area of the Capitol with a large group of police officers surrounded on at least three sides by a group of insurrectionists,’ the court filing states. In the footage, according to the court documents, the fire extinguisher can be seen hitting one officer wearing a helmet before it ricochets and strikes an officer without a helmet. The object then ricochets again and strikes a third officer in the head. That officer was wearing a helmet.” The Hill adds, “The incident was separate from an ongoing investigation into the death of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who died after reportedly being struck in the head with a fire extinguisher during the Jan. 6 riot.”

HuffPost (1/14, Visser, 363K) and the Wall Street Journal (1/14, Viswanatha, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also report.

Arkansas Man Charged With Beating Officer With Flag. The Washington Post (1/14, Hsu, Weiner, Marimow, 10.52M) reports Peter Francis Stager of Conway, Arkansas, “is accused of using an American flag to beat a D.C. police officer who arrived late in the afternoon to support Capitol Police. Video from the scene shows the officer being dragged down the steps as he is attacked by the crowd.”

The Daily Beast (1/14, Menendez, 933K) reports, “An Arkansas man caught on video beating a Washington, D.C., cop with an American flagpole during the Capitol riots was charged on Thursday.” Peter Francis Stager “has been charged with obstructing a law enforcement officer for allegedly beating a Metropolitan Police officer who was guarding an entrance of the U.S. Capitol.” Prosecutors “allege in a criminal complaint that members of the MAGA mob who stormed the building last Wednesday grabbed the officer, dragged him down a flight of stairs, and forced him into a ‘prone position,’ before ‘forcibly and repeatedly’ hitting him in the head and body with ‘various objects.’” The FBI “said they learned of Stager’s identity from a confidential informant who saw the videos on social media.”

Florida Man Charged In Capitol Siege. Business Insider (1/14, Shamsian, 2.74M) reports, “A man who stormed the US Capitol building during the January 6 insurrection expressed doubt that he would be arrested for participating in the insurrection – before being arrested days later, according to prosecutors. ‘How are they going to arrest every single person?’ Andrew Williams said in a video taken while he was entering the Capitol’s rotunda, according to a sworn FBI affidavit. ‘We are storming the Capitol! Yeah baby!’ Williams also said while storming the Capitol, according to the affidavit. Williams “was arrested on January 13 at his home in Maitland, Florida, according to court records reviewed by Insider, on charges of disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and unlawful entry of a restricted building.” Williams, “a firefighter employed by the Sanford, Florida, police department, was identified after a law enforcement officer saw he posted a photo of himself in the Capitol building online, according to the affidavit.”

Delaware Father, Son Arrested After Carrying Confederate Flag During Capitol Riot. The AP (1/14, Drew) reports, “A Delaware man photographed carrying a Confederate battle flag during a deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol was arrested on Thursday after authorities used the image to help identify him, federal prosecutors said.” Federal prosecutors in Washington, DC “said that Kevin Seefried, who was seen carrying the flag, was arrested in Delaware along with his son, Hunter Seefried. Prosecutors said both entered the Senate Building through a broken window before Kevin Seefried was seen carrying around the Confederate flag in photos that caught attention from news outlets and social media. Both were charged with unlawfully entering a restricted building, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and degradation of government property.” The men “were identified after the FBI was told by a coworker of Hunter Seefried that he had bragged about being in the capitol with his father, court documents say.”

USA Today (1/14, Neiburg, Wilson, 12.7M) reports, “Court documents, citing video footage, say the Seefrieds entered the Capitol through a window that Hunter helped break at approximately 2:13 p.m. after hundreds of supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the building where lawmakers were trying to confirm the Electoral College votes from President-elect Joe Biden’s win in November. Court documents say the Seefrieds were in a large group that ‘verbally confronted’ several U.S. Capitol Police officers. Documents say Hunter took a ‘selfie photograph.’ The FBI, which circulated Kevin’s image on social media, was tipped off to the father and son by a co-worker of Hunter’s who told law enforcement officials that he
‘bragged about being in the Capitol with his father,’ according to court documents. The Seefrieds participated in ‘voluntary’ interviews with the FBI on Tuesday and confirmed their attendance at the Capitol.”

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports that Kevin Seefried “told the FBI he had brought the Confederate flag with him to Washington from his home in Delaware, where he normally displays it outside. Seefried was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.”

New York Men Charged In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/14, Hill, Thompson) reports from Albany, New York, “Syracuse resident Albert Ciarpelli, who acknowledged entering the U.S. Capitol with the mob and taking pictures as part of what he told federal agents was a ‘little adventure,’ was arrested Wednesday.” Ciarpelli, 65, “was released after pleading not guilty to charges of knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building and engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds. According to a court filing, Ciarpelli told agents he entered the Capitol through a partially opened door and spent about 15 minutes walking through the building.” The AP adds, “Also charged was a Buffalo-area man who was recorded trying to set fire to news media equipment and walking through the U.S. Capitol. Peter J. Harding, 47, appeared for a remote hearing Thursday in federal court, where his lawyer said his actions were ‘peaceful in nature.’”

Alabama Man Charged For Role In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/14, Chandler) reports from Montgomery, Alabama, “An Alabama man was arrested Thursday and charged with taking part in last week’s storming of the U.S. Capitol, identified in part from a YouTube video he made in which he spoke of how the crowd became an angry mob, prosecutors say.” Joshua Mathew Black of Leeds, Alabama, “was charged with entering a restricted building and violent entry or disorderly conduct. A federal agent wrote in the arrest documents that Black was identified as a man photographed on the Senate floor and also as the individual who recorded the anonymous video two days later describing his experience.” The AP adds, “According to arrest document, Black said in the video that the ‘crowd went crazy’ when Congress began proceedings to certify President-elect Joe Biden’s win over President Donald Trump and that he believed Vice President Mike Pence ‘turned on us and that they had stolen the election.’”

Prosecutors Say Man In “CFD” Had At Capito! Siege Is Retired Pennsylvania Firefighter. The Chicago Tribune (1/14, 2.03M) reports, “Federal authorities on Thursday alleged a Pennsylvania man is the person photographed at last week’s mob attack on the U.S. Capitol wearing a ‘CFD’ hat.” The Tribune adds, “According to an FBI affidavit filed in the case, a tipster told authorities the man pictured was Robert Sanford of Pennsylvania, who was retired from the Chester Fire Department in that state. Sanford, 55, was charged Thursday with knowingly entering a restricted building, disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds and assaulting officers engaged in official duties, according to authorities. The image of the man in the hat had attracted attention in Chicago, and spurred speculation on the Internet that the person could have connections to the Chicago Fire Department.”

Prosecutor: Texas Capitol RIoter Aimed To “Take Hostages.” The AP (1/14, Bleiberg) reports from Fort Worth, Texas, “A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week carried plastic zip-tie handcuffs because he intended ‘to take hostages,’ a prosecutor said in a Texas court on Thursday. He means to kidnap, restrain, perhaps try, perhaps execute members of the U.S. government,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Weimer said of retired Lt. Col. Larry Rendall Brock Jr. without providing specifics.” Weimer “had argued that Brock should be detained, but Magistrate Judge Jeffrey L. Cureton said he would release Brock to home confinement. Cureton ordered Brock to surrender any firearms and said he could have only limited internet access as conditions of that release.”

The Dallas Morning News (1/14, Smith, 772K) reports, “An FBI agent told the judge that Brock ‘had spoken of committing violence in furtherance of a coming civil war and rebellion against the U.S. government,’ but ‘Brook Antonio, a federal public defender, argued that his client is charged with misdemeanors and isn’t accused of hurting anyone.’ Weimer ‘said more serious federal charges against Brock are expected.”

Utah Liberal Activist Charged With Joining Capitol Riot. Politico (1/14, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, “A liberal activist from Utah was arrested on Thursday on federal charges that he took part in the riot at the Capitol last week.” John Sullivan, 26, “founder of a protest group called Insurgence USA, was charged in a criminal complaint with one felony count of interfering with law enforcement in connection with a civil disorder, as well as misdemeanor charges of unlawful entry and disorderly conduct.” Politico adds, “While the vast majority of the roughly 100 people hit with federal charges appear to be
sponsors of President Donald Trump and some backed known right-wing organizations, Sullivan is the first person to be charged who appears to have been active in liberal causes.

**Chicago-Area Man Arrested For Role in Capitol Riot.** Business Insider (1/14, Sheth, 2.74M) reports, “In an affidavit this week, the FBI detailed how one man turned over evidence of his alleged crimes to an agent he addressed as ‘Nice FBI Lady’ and explained how he walked into the office of ‘big boss’ Nancy Pelosi, the House speaker. The affidavit said the man, Kevin Lyons, posted photos on social media showing his plans to attend a rally in Washington, DC, headlined by the president on January 6. Trump has been widely accused of inciting the Capitol riot; at the rally, he urged supporters to march to the Capitol, ‘fight the election result, and ‘take back our country.’ One photo Lyons posted on Instagram was a screenshot of a map of the route from Chicago area to Washington, DC, the affidavit said.”

**Fox News** (1/14, Pagones, 23.99M) reports that Lyons “allegedly told agents who showed up to arrest him: ‘Wow, you’re pretty good,’ court papers show.” Lyons was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building without authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds for allegedly taking part in Jan. 6’s events, according to a criminal complaint signed Tuesday. Before his alleged involvement, Lyons posted a picture on Instagram showing the route of his 11-hour trip from the Chicago area to Washington, D.C., and captioned the photo: ‘I refuse to tell my children that I sat back and did nothing. I’m heading to DC to STOP THE STEAL!” according to a photo shared in the complaint.”

**The Hill** (1/14, Choi, 5.69M) reports, “Lyons was contacted by federal agents on Jan. 8, due to photos he posted on his Instagram account showing a map of the route from his Chicago home to D.C. as well as a wooden sign that said ‘Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.’ Lyons was arrested on federal charges this week, Insider reports, and was released on a $10,000 recognizance bond.”

**Iowa QAnon Supporter Who Chased Capitol Police Officer Up Stairs Is Charged.** The Hill (1/14, Budryk, 5.69M) reports, “An Iowa supporter of the far-right QAnon conspiracy theory has been charged in connection with the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol last week, with a federal charging document alleging he chased a police officer up a flight of stairs.” According to The Hill, “In the document, an FBI agent alleges that Douglas Jensen, of Des Moines, Iowa, who turned himself in to the Des Moines Police Department on Friday, was one of the first people to force his way into the Capitol. Jensen, the document states, disregarded multiple orders by an officer to stop and put his hands up, instead and ‘led the crowd toward the officer in a menacing manner, causing the officer to retreat and repeat his commands.’”

**Ohio School Therapist Charged In Capitol Riot.** The AP (1/14) reports that a Cleveland, Ohio school occupational therapist “who resigned after the riots at the U.S. Capitol was charged Thursday with taking part in the breach.” Christine Priola, 49, “was arrested at her home and charged with entering a restricted building, violent entry and unlawful activities on Capitol grounds, said FBI spokeswoman Vicki Anderson. Priola submitted a resignation letter to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District after social media users linked her to photos taken of supporters of President Donald Trump who stormed and ransacked the Capitol.” The AP adds, “Federal agents said in court documents that they found a coat, a sign and other items in Priola’s home that matched those that she had with her in the Capitol.”

**The Hill** (1/14, Gastronuovo, 5.69M) reports, “According to a criminal complaint filed Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia,” Priola “has been charged with unlawfully entering and remaining on restricted grounds, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and unlawful parading while at the Capitol. The filing says the Cleveland Division of the FBI received an anonymous tip on Friday that Priola was the woman pictured in the photograph, taken by a Getty Images photographer, holding a sign that read, ‘The Children Cry Out for Justice,’ while standing next to the chair reserved for Vice President Pence in the Senate chamber.”

**WEWS-TV** Cleveland (1/14, Cross) reports, “During her initial court appearance, Priola waived her identity hearing and reserved her preliminary hearing to be held in DC. She was released on a $20,000 unsecured bond, but with the conditions of home detention and electronic home monitoring. She cannot leave the Northern District of Ohio except to go to court in DC. She is also restricted to her computer use and must provide all passwords and submit to searches of all electronic devices.”

**Massachusetts Man Seen On Video At Capitol Riot.** The Taunton (MA) Daily Gazette (1/14, Goode, 33K) reports from Fall River, Massachusetts, “There is no doubt that city business owner Mike St. Pierre was in the crowd when rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 – he shared a video of himself on social media. The images of St. Pierre went viral, at least locally, and caught the attention of the FBI.” According to the Daily Gazette, “St. Pierre and his partner, Destinie Cabral, joined thousands of other Trump supporters in marching toward the Capitol building. St. Pierre, in a video posted to his Facebook page, is wearing head gear and a flak jacket, saying he wants to grab House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by the hair and twirl her around.”

**National Guardsman First In Military To Be Charged Over Capitol Assault.** Reuters (1/14) reports that off-duty police officer Jacob Fracker, a “member of the Virginia National Guard,” has become “the first known person currently in the military to be arrested” over the storming of the Capitol. On Wednesday, DOJ “said Fracker, along with another off duty police
officer, Thomas Robertson, were charged after they were photographed inside the Capitol ‘making an obscene statement in front of a statue of (Revolutionary hero) John Stark.’ The Virginia National Guard stated it ‘will conduct an investigation into the matter, and we will be able to release more information when that is complete.’ The disclosure ‘comes the same day a senior official said there had been an increase in extremism in the United States military over the past year.’

**Lawmakers Who May Have Conspired With Capitol Attackers Face Legal Consequences.**

Politico (1/14, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, “Lawmakers who interacted with the pro-Trump protesters who rioted at the Capitol last week could face criminal charges and will almost certainly come under close scrutiny in the burgeoning federal investigation into the assault, former prosecutors said. ‘This is incredibly serious,’ said Ron Machen, a former U.S. attorney for Washington, D.C. ‘Although you would need compelling evidence before charging a member of Congress with anything related to the breach of the Capitol that day, this has to be investigated.’ Politico adds, ‘Unlike with the president, there’s no Justice Department policy shielding members of Congress from legal accountability while in office. I’d say those are potentially viable prosecutions,’ added Peter Zeidenberg, another former federal prosecutor in Washington. ‘I’d say those guys should be worried.’”

**New Hampshire Man Arrested For Role In Siege.** The Boston Herald (1/14, Sobey, 327K) reports, “A New Hampshire man accused of storming the U.S. Capitol last week is the first local person tied to the pro-Trump mob who has been arrested by FBI Boston Division agents.” FBI agents on Wednesday ‘arrested Thomas Gallagher, 61, of Bridgewater, N.H., after the U.S. Court for the District of Columbia had issued an arrest warrant. Gallagher was taken into custody without incident in New Hampshire and charged with: knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. He was also charged with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” Gallagher “was one of the people initially arrested by Capitol Police. He was arrested and charged with unlawful entry.”

**Large Bitcoin Payments Made To Activists Before Capitol Riot Linked To Foreign Account.** In an exclusive, Yahoo! News (1/14, McLaughlin, 10.87M) reports, “On Dec. 8, someone made a simultaneous transfer of 28.15 bitcoins — worth more than $500,000 at the time — to 22 different virtual wallets.” Most of the wallets belonged “to prominent right-wing organizations and personalities.” Cryptocurrency researchers “suspect it was intended to bolster those far-right causes,” and “U.S. law enforcement is investigating whether the donations were linked to the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol.” Among the recipients of the donations were VDARE, the Daily Stormer, and Nick Fuentes, according to Chainalysis. The donations were sent by a “bitcoin account linked to a French cryptocurrency exchange.” According to an unnamed source, the transaction, “along with a number of other pieces of intelligence, has prompted law enforcement and intelligence agencies in recent days to actively investigate the sources of funding for the individuals who participated in the Capitol insurrection, as well as their networks.”

**Internet Detectives See Mixed Results In Identifying Members Of Capitol Riot Mob.** USA Today (1/14, Penzenstadler, 12.7M) reports, “Amateur internet detectives identified each one as a participant in the storming of the U.S. Capitol Jan. 6. Each suspected participant was then harassed online. And each subsequently could prove he was hundreds of miles away at the time of the riot.” USA Today adds, “The misidentifications were hiccups in the massive crowdsource effort that may be among the largest internet-based manhunts in history. The FBI said this week it has collected more than 100,000 digital photos, videos and fragments of social media in an effort to track down and charge participants in the riot.” According to USA Today, “That singular event had all the ingredients to attract a massive, global, ‘open-source intelligence,’ or OSINT, effort to compile digital breadcrumbs and pass them to law enforcement.”

The Washington Post (1/14, Bump, 10.52M) reports, “One of the software tools used by some of those who participated in the riot was Parler, a social-networking application which was taken offline after Amazon, which had been providing infrastructure for the network, cut Parler off for failing to moderate its content. Before that happened, though, a programmer identified as donk_enby managed to pull down most of the site’s content – including videos and photos taken in and around the Capitol on Jan. 6. After making that data public, an informal collection of researchers has pored over it, organizing it by location and date and sharing examples of videos from the scene.”

Business Insider (1/14, Shamsian, 2.74M) reports, “Parler is sharing information with the FBI in connection with the Department of Justice’s investigations into the violent riot at the US Capitol.” BI adds, “It is typical for major tech platforms to cooperate with law enforcement requests. Local and federal prosecutors routinely obtain the location and text message history of suspects from cell phone carriers like T-Mobile, Verizon, and AT&T, and direct messages from platforms like Facebook and Twitter. As Insider’s Madison Hall reported, Parler also recently cooperated with a separate FBI investigation, in a case against Michael Reyes, who’s accused of threatening to kill President Donald Trump and Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett.”

**DOJ Launches Webpage To Track Individuals Charged In Capitol Riot.** The Hill (1/14, Castronuovo, 5.69M) reports, “The Justice Department’s Office of Public Affairs on Thursday launched a new webpage listing every defendant
facing charges in Washington, D.C., over their alleged roles in last week’s violent pro-Trump riot at the Capitol. The page lists the
name of each defendant, along with their specific charges, place of residency, the case status and the date the information was
last updated on the website. The page’s extensive chart also includes links to digital copies of the press releases and charging
documents associated with each case.” The Hill adds, “Although individuals have been arrested in multiple states across the
country, the Justice Department’s website states that each case associated with the Jan. 6 siege at the Capitol is being
prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia.”

Wray Briefs Pence On Inauguration Security. 

Christopher Wray spoke Thursday with Vice President Pence and other security officials “tasked with securing” the inauguration.
Wray said in his public remarks, “We’re looking at individuals who may have an eye toward repeating that kind of violence we
saw last week.”

AP (1/14) reports Wray “said in a security briefing for Vice President Mike Pence that the FBI remains
concerned about the potential for violence at protests and rallies in Washington and in state capitols around the country.” He also
“said the FBI was receiving a “significant” amount of information that it was pushing out to other law enforcement agencies ahead
of the inauguration.”

The Financial Times (1/14, Subscription Publication, 1.48M) also reports.

Pence Vows To Uphold An “Orderly Transition” To The Biden Administration. 

Reuters (1/14, Shalal) reports Pence “vowed to uphold American history and ensure a safe transition of power to President-elect Joe Biden” in remarks
to the press on Thursday. He said, “We all lived through that day — January 6. And as the president made clear yesterday, we
are committed to an orderly transition and to a safe inauguration. The American people deserve nothing less.” He “made the
remarks before a security briefing at the headquarters of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.”

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports Pence added, “We’re going to ensure that we have a safe inauguration. That
President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are sworn in as the new president and vice president of the
United States. In a manner consistent with our history, with our traditions, in a way that gives honor to the American people and
the United States.”

The Washington Times (1/14, Boyer, 626K) reports that following his remarks, Pence “attended a security briefing at the
Federal Emergency Management Agency’s headquarters with officials from the FBI, Homeland Security Department and the
Secret Service.”

Pence Thanks National Guard Troops At Capitol. 

Jonathan Karl reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/14, story 2, 0:40, Muir, 7.47M) that Vice President Pence made “made a surprise visit to Capitol Hill, thanking the National Guard troops who
will be protecting the inauguration.” Pence: “Have a safe inauguration, and I just wanted to stop out today to say thank you.”

The Hill (1/14, Samuels, 5.69M) reports Vice President Pence “made an unscheduled stop at the U.S. Capitol
to greet National Guard members stationed there after last week’s riot and ahead of next week’s inauguration ceremonies for
President-elect Joe Biden.” Pence “expressed his well wishes and told the National Guard at the Capitol to have ‘a safe
inauguration and a swearing in of a new president and vice president.’”

Daily Wire (1/14, 504K) reports Pence added, “I’m your vice president, but I used to be a governor, so I’ve got
a special place in my heart for our National Guard.” He continued, “I want you to thank your families, as well. I know you all had
to move out to get here … at the Capitol providing the level of security that’s going to make it possible for us to have a historic
transfer of power, the inauguration of a new President of the United States. You all are going to make that possible.” He “closed out
his remarks by encouraging the troops to be ‘vigilant and ‘rescued the unified chain of command.”

Approximately 21,000 National Guard Troops To Be In DC For Inauguration. 

The AP (1/14, Khalil, Baldor) reports that ahead of next week’s presidential inauguration, “the number of National Guard troops coming to Washington to assist with
security has so far grown to about 21,000, but could increase as law enforcement agencies review the ongoing threats.”

National Mall To Be Closed For Inauguration. 

The Washington Post (1/14, Davies, Jouvenal, 10.52M) reports that the
National Mall will be closed for Inauguration Day, “only accessible by media and security personnel.” The Post says “the
extraordinary closure is the latest in a series of security measures to harden the city against the type of violence that rocked the
Capitol on Jan. 6.”

Airlines, FAA Bolster Safety Efforts Before Inauguration. 

In continuing coverage of the unruly behavior on airlines and
in airports, the Wall Street Journal (1/14, Sider, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports airlines, airports, and the FAA are
stepping up security as they prepare for next week’s inauguration, following conflicts over masks and unruly incidents on flights in
the Washington, DC area. The FAA will “pursue legal action against passengers who assault, threaten, intimidate or interfere
with airline crew members” without providing warnings following what the agency called a “disturbing increase in incidents where
airline passengers have disrupted flights with threatening or violent behavior.”
The New York Times (1/14, Chokshi, Savage, 20.6M) reports the penalties levied by the FAA “could include fines of up to $35,000 and referral for criminal prosecution.” FAA Administrator Steve Dickson said of the FAA’s new enforcement policy, “Flying is the safest mode of transportation, and I signed this order to keep it that way.” Association of Flight Attendants President Sara Nelson said, “We applaud F.A.A. Administrator Dickson for taking this clear stand for our safety and security,” saying the new policy “will help serve as a deterrent to unruly passengers who had been bucking the rules of aviation safety.” Airlines have begun banning people who heckled members of Congress on flights or in airports, as well as continuing to bar passengers who refused to abide by airline policies requiring masks. Delta CEO Ed Bastian said last week that Delta had banned more than 800 people due to its mask policy, and United Airlines said it has banned 615 people. The Times clarifies that airline bans “are independent from the federal no-fly list,” which is operated by the FBI. The FAA “has no authority over the list,” though it does collaborate with airlines and law enforcement to identify threats. The AP (1/14) reports Bastian said Delta has “significantly increased our security both seen and unseen on board planes and in airports” leading up to the Biden inauguration next Wednesday.

CNBC (1/14, Stankiewicz, 7.34M) reports Dickson spoke to CNBC’s (1/14, 7.34M) “Squawk on the Street” about the FAA’s new policies, saying, “I’m telling inspectors, I’m telling my attorneys in the FAA chief counsel office, that we need to expedite gathering facts on all of these [incidents] and we’re going to take immediate enforcement action in appropriate situations.” Dickson said of the rising number of unruly passengers, “Anytime we see a trend like this, we need to take action because traveling on a commercial airline in the United States is the safest form of travel in human history,” he said. “I want to make sure it stays that way.”

Reuters (1/14, Shepardson, Rucinski) reports Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, United Airlines, and Alaska Airlines announced on Thursday that they would be restricting passengers from checking firearms on flights to Washington, DC. Alaska Airlines will mandate that passengers to and from Washington, DC “remain seated for one hour from take-off or landing.” American Airlines will continue its suspension of alcohol on Washington, DC flights through January 21, as well as “revise[ing] pre-departure announcements to further emphasize the importance of following crew member instructions and complying with mandatory face-covering policies.” Among other safety protocol, the Washington Post (1/14, Aratani, 10.52M) reports some airlines have relocated their crew members staying in the Washington, DC-area away from downtown to outside the city.

Fox News (1/14, Moore, 23.99M) reports Airlines for America President and CEO Nicholas Calio said in a statement supporting the new rules, “The safety and security of passengers and employees is always the top priority of the U.S. airline industry, and we welcome the FAA’s order to implement a more stringent policy regarding unruly passenger behavior.” He added, “We cannot have any form of dangerous behavior that threatens the safety of passengers and crew members. We are grateful for the strong leadership of FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson and his unwavering commitment to aviation safety.”

In addition, Roll Call (1/14, Wehrman, 130K) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer and House Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson “have requested that those involved in the Jan. 6 attacks be added” to the federal no-fly list, and House Homeland Security Committee ranking member Rep. John Katko (R-NY) “signaled he was also amenable to the move.”

Railroad Workers Unions Asks DHS To Beef Up Security For Inauguration. The AP (1/14, Funk) reports, “Two major railroad workers unions have asked the Department of Homeland Security to beef up security on Amtrak and other passenger lines, including by creating a no-ride list akin to the no-fly list that prevents people identified as risks from boarding planes.” The unions “said Wednesday that tougher security measures are needed in light of last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol because people who took part in the insurrection and were subsequently placed on the no-fly list may turn to rail travel instead. The Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers — Transportation Division, or SMART-TD, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen unions also urged federal regulators to add more security at train stations to screen passengers before they board.”

New York AG Alleges Misconduct In Suit Over NYPD’s Response To Floyd Protests. The AP (1/14, Sisak) reports that New York Attorney General Letitia James (D) “sued the New York Police Department on Thursday, calling the rough treatment of protesters against racial injustice last spring part of a longstanding pattern of abuse that stemmed from inadequate training, supervision and discipline.” The suit describes “dozens of examples of alleged misconduct during the spring demonstrations in the wake of George Floyd’s police killing, including the use of pepper spray and batons on protesters, trapping demonstrators with a technique called kettling and arresting medics and legal observers.” The lawsuit, which names New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio (D), Commissioner Dermot Shea, and Chief of Department Terence Monahan, seeks “reforms including the appointment of a federal monitor to oversee the NYPD’s policing tactics at future protests and a court order declaring that the policies and practices the department used during the protests were unlawful.”

Reuters (1/14, Hals) reports that de Blasio and the police department “both said in statements they supported major discipline reforms but opposed the lawsuit.” De Blasio said, “A court process and the added bureaucracy of a federal...
monitor will not speed up this work.” James was appointed by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) in May “to investigate and produce a report” on clashes between NYPD officers and protesters. de Blasio and Shea at the time “defended the NYPD’s response to protesters as mostly proportionate, saying misconduct was limited to isolated cases that were being investigated.”

The New York Times (1/14, Southall, 20.6M) reports, “The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Manhattan, marked the first time in history that the state attorney general has sued a police department,” according to James’ office. NYPD Deputy Police Commissioner for Counterterrorism and Intelligence John Miller “said the department welcomed changes,” but “said the lawsuit does not show a ‘pattern and practice’ required by federal law for a monitor to be appointed.” James said, “There was ample ability and opportunity for the city and N.Y.P.D. leadership to make important changes to the way that officers interact with peaceful protesters, but time and time again, they did not.”

The Washington Post (1/14, Jacobs, 10.52M) reports that the lawsuit alleges that “protesters – many of whom were never charged with any crime and were merely exercising their First Amendment rights – suffered concussions, broken bones, cuts, bruises, and other physical injuries” as a result of police actions. The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Gershom, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the NYPD has been the target of several investigations into the 2020 protests, including a New York City Department of Investigation probe that published a report in December faulting the department for raising tensions.

The New York Post (1/14, Eustachewich, Hicks, McCarthy, 7.45M) reports that de Blasio early on in the protests “had regularly dismissed questions from reporters about first-hand observations and videos that showed the police tactics condemned in James’s lawsuit.” The federal suit “alleges that observers from his office were among those briefing him on the alleged civil rights violations by officers.” James “said since May 30, her office has received 1,300 complaints and pieces of evidence on alleged police misconduct from the protests and she heard from over 100 protesters during the 3-day public hearing in June.”

The New York Daily News (1/14, Tracy, Brown, 2.51M) reports that “the head of the city’s biggest police union,” Police Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch, “said James’ suit should target city political leaders rather than rank-and-file cops.” Lynch said, “What we witnessed in June was a failure of New York City’s leadership. They sent cops out to police unprecedented protests and violent riots with no plan, no strategy and no support.”

Prosecutors Say Rittenhouse Socialized With Proud Boys After Release. The Washington Post (1/14, Shepherd, 10.52M) reports, “Shortly after pleading not guilty to murder and weapons charges earlier this month, Kyle Rittenhouse showed up at a bar in Mount Pleasant, Wis., clad in a T-shirt that said ‘Free as F---,’ prosecutors said.” Rittenhouse “allegedly drank three beers, posed for photos with members of Proud Boys and flashed a ‘white power’ hand sign” during the excursion, publicized on social media last week. The Kenosha County District Attorney’s Office on Wednesday “asked a judge to forbid Rittenhouse from drinking alcohol, using ‘white supremacist’ signs and spending time with members of the Proud Boys,” arguing that his “continued association” with white supremacist groups “raises the significant possibility of future harm” and “may serve to intimidate potential witnesses.”

Trump Blamed For “Leadership Vacuum” At DOD, DHS, And DOJ. The Washington Post (1/14, Sonne, Zapotosky, Miroff, 10.52M) says, “The three top federal agencies responsible for protecting the nation — the Departments of Justice, Defense and Homeland Security — are all being run by acting officials, as the United States endures one of its most sensitive national security crises.” The Post says the “leadership vacuum is the product of President Trump’s tempestuous relationships with his Cabinet secretaries and tendency to replace them for long periods of time with acting officials who lack Senate confirmation — a pattern that has led to turmoil atop critical federal agencies for much of his presidency.” The Post adds, “When acting officials run critical agencies, they have reduced standing at the White House, according to former top officials, who say that can preclude uncomfortable but necessary discussions with the president.”

Likewise, Garrett Graff, writing for Politico (1/14, 6.73M), says, “The acting Defense secretary has been on the job only since the week after the election; the head of the Justice Department just since Christmas; and the acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security was the administrator of FEMA until midnight Tuesday morning.” Graff continues, “That means...that the U.S. government is entering what many officials are calling the most dangerous time since 9/11 with a leadership vacuum unlike anything in modern U.S. history.”

Uzbek Man Sentenced For Supporting ISIS. The New York Post (1/14, Rosenberg, 7.45M) reports Azizjon Rakhmatov, who had “pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization,” was “sentenced Thursday in Brooklyn federal court to 12 1/2 years in prison.” He “gave aspiring terrorist Akhror Saidakhmetov $400 cash to help bankroll a trip to Syria to join ISIS and to buy a gun once he arrived” in 2015.
US Prosecutors Accuse MIT Professor Of Hiding Ties To China In DOE Grant Application. The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Korn, Viswanatha, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports federal prosecutors have charged the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Gang Chen for failing to disclose ties to China in his applications for DOE grants. Other academics have been charged with attempting to hide research ties to China, including some researchers seeking NIH funding.

Bloomberg (1/14, Voreacos, Yassejko, 3.57M) reports that Chen was “charged with wire fraud, making a false statement in a tax return and failing to disclose a foreign bank account,” according to DOJ. A federal judge on Thursday said he anticipated requiring Chen to post a secured bond “in the neighborhood” of $1 million.” FBI special agent in charge Joseph Bonavolonta said, “To put this threat into perspective, we have now reached the point where the FBI is opening a new China-related counterintelligence case about every 10 hours,” adding that “of the 5,000 active counterintelligence cases the FBI has, nearly half of them are related to China.”

Following Chen’s arrest, Reuters (1/14, Raymond) reports the FBI “executed search warrants at his home in Cambridge and office at MIT, where he is the director of the MIT Pappalardo Micro/Nano Engineering Laboratory,” The professor was “later released on bail.” Reuters adds, “Of the FBI’s 5,000 active counter-intelligence investigations, nearly half are China-related, said Joseph Bonavolonta.” Chen was helping “promote China’s technological and scientific development, including acting as an ‘overseas expert’ for the Chinese government at the request of its New York consulate,” according to prosecutors.

The AP (1/14, Durkin Richer) reports that many of the roles played by Chen at MIT were “expressly intended to further the PRC’s scientific and technological goals,” authorities said in court documents.” Massachusetts US Attorney Andrew Lelling said, “It is not illegal to collaborate with foreign researchers. It is illegal to lie about it.” Groups including Asian Americans Advancing Justice recently “sent a letter to Democratic President-elect Joe Biden urging him to end the DOJ’s so-called ‘China Initiative.’” They “said the initiative has ‘greatly increased the targeting and profiling of Asian Americans and immigrants, particularly those of Chinese descent who are working in science and technology.’”

The Washington (DC) Examiner (1/14, Dunleavy, 888K) reports Chen “likely began working with China as early as 2012 and allegedly held various appointments with China ‘designed to promote the PRC’s technological and scientific development by providing advice and expertise — sometimes directly to PRC government officials — and often in exchange for financial compensation.’” Chen also “acted as an ‘overseas expert’ for the Chinese government ‘at the request of the PRC Consulate Office in New York’ and served as a member of at least two Chinese ‘Talent Programs.’”

Also reporting are the Boston (MA) Herald (1/14, Cohan, 327K) and Business Insider (1/14, Hall, 2.74M).

California Man To Plead Guilty To Operating Drone That Hit Police Helicopter. My News LA (CA) (1/14) reports, “A 22-year-old Hollywood man is expected to plead guilty Thursday to recklessly operating a drone that crashed into a Los Angeles Police Department helicopter in what’s considered the nation’s first use of the federal criminal charge.” Andrew Rene Hernandez “has agreed to enter a guilty plea to a class-A misdemeanor charge of unsafe operation of an unmanned aircraft, which carries a penalty of up to a year behind bars, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Hernandez’s arrest came in November during National Drone Safety Awareness Week, which is sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration and seeks to promote drone safety.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/14, Ormseth, 3.37M) reports, “In his plea agreement, Hernandez admitted that he ‘recklessly interfered with and disrupted’ the operation of the LAPD helicopter, which was responding to a burglary of a pharmacy, and that his actions ‘posed an imminent safety hazard’ to the chopper’s occupants.” The incident “began just after midnight on Sept. 18. The LAPD had dispatched a patrol unit, and eventually a helicopter, to a burglarized pharmacy, FBI Agent William Richau wrote in an affidavit. En route, the officer piloting the helicopter spotted a drone and pulled up in an attempt to avoid it, Richau wrote. The drone struck the bottom of the helicopter and the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing at Hooper Heliport.”

US Charges Texas Man With Making Threats Against Congress, Trump. The El Paso (TX) Times (1/14, Borunda, 168K) reports, “An El Paso man is accused of posting several online death threats last month against government officials, Congress, President Donald Trump and a Supreme Court justice.” The Times adds, “A federal grand jury indicted Michael Reyes, 49, on Wednesday on a charge of interstate communication with threat to injure, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Texas said. Reyes is accused of posting the threats under the alias ‘Raizzor99’ between Dec. 12-14 on the Parler social media app, according to a criminal complaint filed by an FBI agent. He has been held without bond at the El Paso County Jail Downtown since FBI agents arrested him on Dec. 18.” According to the Times, “The numerous threats ramble against ‘traitors’ and call for the killing of Democratic and Republican politicians and their children, as well as Asians and Muslims, according to the criminal complaint.”
New Jersey Man Pleads Guilty To Kickback Scheme.  

Daily Voice  
(1/14, 292K) reports Alex Fleyshmakher “pleaded guilty during a videoconference Thursday with U.S. District Judge Michael A. Shipp in Newark to conspiring to violate the federal anti-kickback statute and defraud the IRS.” Prosecutors “pegged the entire windfall from the scheme at $99 million.” 

Asbury Park (NJ) Press  
(1/14, 388K) also reports.

Senate Impeachment Trial Will Not Begin Before Inauguration Day.  
Peter Alexander reported on NBC Nightly News  
(1/14, story 2, 2:35, Holt, 5.91M), “Twenty-four hours after speeding through the historic second impeachment of President Trump, [House Speaker] Pelosi is still holding back on sending that incitement of insurrection charge over to the Senate. The earliest a trial could start is next Wednesday, Impeachment Day, an hour after [Joe] Biden’s been sworn in. Today, one of the House Republicans who voted to impeach saying he’s now concerned for his safety.” Rep. Peter Meijer (R-MI): “Many of us are altering our routines, working to get body armor. It’s sad we have to get to that point, but our expectation is that someone may try to kill us.” Alexander: “A new NBC News poll finds Americans are evenly split over the President’s impeachment and possible removal from office, with 90% of Republicans opposed.” 

Jonathan Karl of ABC World News Tonight  
(1/14, story 3, 3:20, Muir, 7.47M), citing Meijer’s remarks, reported that “House Republicans who broke ranks and voted to impeach the President are facing the fury of Trump loyalists.” Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY), “the most prominent Republican yes vote on impeachment, is fighting for her political life. She said of Trump, ‘There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States.’” Nancy Cordes said on the CBS Evening News  
(1/14, story 3, 2:45, O’Donnell, 4.61M) reported, “Now that the House has worked its will, the President’s defenders are working to head off a conviction in the Senate.” Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC): “If we go along with it as Republicans, we will destroy the Republican party.” Cordes: “The start date and length of the trial are currently being negotiated by the Senate’s Democratic and Republican leaders. Everyone agrees it would be inappropriate to try President Trump on the same day his successor is being sworn in next week.” 

The AP  
(1/14, Mascaro, Jalonick) reports, “In pursuing conviction, House impeachment managers said Thursday they will be making the case that Trump’s incendiary rhetoric hours before the bloody attack on the Capitol was not isolated, but rather part of an escalating campaign to overturn the November election results. It culminated, they will argue, in the Republican president’s rally cry to ‘fight like hell’ as Congress was tallying the Electoral College votes to confirm he’d lost to Biden.” Bloomberg  
(1/14, 3.57M) reports Trump is “having trouble finding a legal team to defend him.” According to Bloomberg, “Lawyers who defended him in the previous impeachment trial, including Jay Sekulow and White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, have said no this time.” 

The New York Times  
(1/14, Fandos, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports, “Democrats, poised to take unified power in Washington next week for the first time in a decade, worked with Republican leaders to try to find a proposal to allow the Senate to split time between the impeachment trial of Mr. Trump and consideration of Biden’s Cabinet nominees and his $1.9 trillion economic recovery plan to address the coronavirus.” Senate Majority Leader McConnell “has privately told advisers that he approves of the impeachment drive and believes it could help his party purge itself of Trump, but has refused to begin the proceedings this week while he is still in charge.” 

USA Today  
(1/14, Jansen, Hayes, 12.7M) reports, “Senators must first receive the article of impeachment House lawmakers approved Wednesday – and there’s no telling how long they’ll wait. The Senate must move directly to the trial once it receives the article.” But Pelosi “declined repeatedly to respond to questions about when she would send the article to the Senate.” The Wall Street Journal  
(1/14, Duehren, Wise, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports a source close to the House Democratic leadership said the article may be held for some time, until at least some of Biden’s nominees and agenda have been addressed. Politico  
(1/14, Everett, Desiderio, 6.73M) says, “Given that many Republicans oppose impeachment or think it’s not even constitutional once Trump has left office, it could be tough to get the cooperation Biden needs to handle a trial alongside Cabinet confirmations and begin work on a new coronavirus stimulus bill.” 

CNN  
(1/14, 89.21M) reports on its website, “Several senior GOP sources told CNN on Thursday that many Republicans are torn over whether Trump’s actions warrant the unprecedented step of prohibiting him from ever serving in office again after he leaves the White House next week.” Roll Call  
(1/14, Ruger, 130K) reports it is also unclear who would preside over the trial, since the Constitution expressly stipulates that role for a Supreme Court Chief Justice in the case of a trial of a sitting president.

Murkowski Says House Acted “Appropriately,” But Has Yet To Decide How She Will Vote.  
The New York Times  
(1/14, Shear, Crowley, 20.6M) reports that on Thursday, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) “said...that the House had acted ‘appropriately’ in impeaching President Trump, signaling possible support for convicting him at a Senate trial in a statement that
called his actions ‘unlawful’ and said that they warranted consequences.” Murkowski “said the second impeachment of Mr. Trump stood ‘in stark contrast’ to the first, which she and virtually every other Republican opposed.” The Fairbanks (AK) News-Miner (1/14, Bohman, 37K) reports Murkowski said she “wants to hear arguments during a Senate trial before deciding how she will vote and supports Senate leadership who wish to wait until after” Biden is inaugurated next week.

The Anchorage (AK) Daily News (1/14, 461K) reports Murkowski said in a statement, “For months, the President has perpetrated false rhetoric that the election was stolen and rigged, even after dozens of courts ruled against these claims. When he was not able to persuade the courts or elected officials, he launched a pressure campaign against his own Vice President, urging him to take actions that he had no authority to do.” Axios (1/14, Chen, 1.28M), Politico (1/14, Desiderio, 6.73M), and The Hill (1/14, Carney, 5.69M) also cover Murkowski’s comments.

McCARTHY REJECTS CALLS TO REMOVE CHENEY FROM LEADERSHIP. The New York Times (1/14, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports that “a group of President Trump’s most strident allies in the House is calling on [Cheney], the No. 3 Republican, to resign from her leadership post after she voted to impeach” Trump. But Politico (1/14, Choi, Zanona, 6.73M) reports House Minority Leader McCarthy is rejecting the calls. The Washington Post (1/14, DeBonis, 10.52M) reports, “The reckoning inside the House GOP signals the start of what is expected to be a bruising battle about Trump’s standing in the party during the next four years.”

TENSIONS REPORTEDLY ARISE BETWEEN TRUMP AND GIULIANI. The New York Times (1/14, Rogers, Haberman, 20.6M) reports on the “on-again, off-again tensions” between Trump and his attorney Rudy Giuliani, “a feature of a decades-long, mutually beneficial relationship between the former New York City mayor from Brooklyn and the former real estate developer from Queens. Although the two were never particularly close in New York, Mr. Trump enjoyed having the former mayor as his personal legal pit bull during the special counsel investigation into his campaign’s ties to Russia.” Trump “deployed Mr. Giuliani on politically ruinous missions that led to his impeachment – twice.” The Washington Post (1/14, Blake, 10.52M) reports Trump “has instructed aides not to pay Giuliani’s legal fees, two officials said, and has demanded that he personally approve any reimbursements for the expenses Giuliani incurred while traveling on the president’s behalf to challenge election results in key states. They said Trump has privately expressed concern with some of Giuliani’s moves and did not appreciate a demand from Giuliani for $20,000 a day in fees for his work attempting to overturn the election.”

Media Analyses Consider Trump’s Final Days. CNN (1/14, 89.21M) writes on its website, “Gone are the clicks of flashing cameras. Absent is the roar of a cheering crowd. Instead of a commanding final full week of winning, the President is playing the role of victim and not a gracious leader departing office.” The President “has been consumed by the unraveling of his presidency during his last days in office, according to people around him, which included a casual discussion among advisers recently about a possible resignation. Trump shut the idea down almost immediately. And he has made clear to aides in separate conversations that mere mention of President Richard Nixon, the last president to resign, were banned.”

The Hill (1/14, Chalfant, Samuels, 5.69M) reports Trump “is growing increasingly isolated. ... Cabinet members and White House officials have rushed for the exits following Trump’s remarks to a violent mob of supporters that ultimately stormed the U.S. Capitol last week in a bloody and dark episode of American history. Even Trump’s most loyal allies have been put off by the developments, and aides are absent from the airwaves and the public.” Defense One (1/14, 5K) reports, “The Pentagon, in a break with recent tradition, will not host an Armed Forces Farewell tribute” to Trump.

Bloomberg (1/14, Jacobs, Mohsin, 5.75M) reports Trump “plans to fly to his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida the morning of Joe Biden’s inauguration, where several current White House staff are expected to work for him or his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, after his presidency, according to people familiar with the matter.” The AP (1/14, Miller) says Trump “has yet to outline plans for his post-presidency, from establishing an office to selecting a site for a potential presidential library.”
The U.S. Department of Commerce on Thursday moved to cut off exports of technology that can be used for military intelligence or to help create weapons of mass destruction, in a regulation targeted at U.S. adversaries like China.

A Ninth Circuit panel pressed the Trump administration and users of the Chinese-owned WeChat app Thursday on what test courts should use to balance national security concerns with Americans' constitutional free speech rights, as it weighs the government's appeal of an injunction that blocked its ban on the social media service.
DOM Finalizes Ban On Chinese, Russian Telecom Equipment

The U.S. Department of Defense on Thursday finalized a rule barring the department from buying or using certain Chinese and Russian telecommunications and video equipment, making only minor tweaks despite concerns raised by contractors.

Commerce Blacklists Chinese Energy, Manufacturing Firms

The U.S. Department of Commerce has slapped two Chinese firms with severe restrictions on their ability to acquire U.S.-made goods, referencing alleged participation in activities "contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States."
Jokes about lawyers are as old as the profession itself. Law360 looks at what's so funny about being an attorney, and how legal humor has changed over time.

Diversifying Leaders Is Big Challenge in Law, Microsoft GC Says
Microsoft Corp.'s bonus program for its outside law firms that diversity has shown significant results, with an increase from 34% hitting diversity benchmarks in 2008 to 63% last year.

Calif. Law School Professor Retires Amid Capitol Riot Fallout
John Eastman, a Chapman University law professor and attorney for President Donald Trump, is retiring from his faculty position amid fallout within the university over his appearance at a Washington, D.C., rally that preceded a deadly riot in the U.S. Capitol.

Jeh Johnson Rips Trump, Allies For Capitol ‘Insurrection’
Former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson on Wednesday condemned the violent mob who took part in the siege of the U.S. Capitol last week as un-American and placed the blame for the violence squarely on President Donald Trump.

How COVID-19 Could Permanently Alter Litigation For GCs
Some court depositions and hearings might remain virtual once the coronavirus pandemic subsides, and general counsel will need to adjust their expectations and invest in technology to land among the winners, according to a report released Wednesday by Crowell & Moring LLP.

Clark Hill’s New Leader Officially Takes Over
Detroit-based Clark Hill PLC officially has a new chief executive to oversee a firm that has substantially expanded its footprint in recent years and saw its annual revenue triple during the previous decade.

‘Varsity Blues’ Alty Turns To Private Practice & An A-Rod Suit
The lead prosecutor in the “Varsity Blues” college admissions case, who prosecuted actresses Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman, has left the Boston U.S. attorney’s office for a boutique litigation firm and is now suing another high-profile defendant: Alex Rodriguez.

Lawsuit Was Lodged At Wilkinson To Avoid ‘Media Frenzy’
In a previously sealed filing made public late Wednesday, David P. Donovan laid out the reasons he filed a lawsuit against litigator Beth Wilkinson related to her probe of alleged sexual harassment in the Washington Football Team’s front office, saying he wanted to keep everything related to the case secret to avoid potential lawsuits and a “media frenzy.”

NYC Sues Insurer For Coverage In Workers’ Asbestos Suits
New York City asked a state court to compel an insurance company to defend it in two personal injury lawsuits stemming from alleged asbestos contamination at a Brooklyn courthouse, court documents show.

New Mexico’s AG Files Lawsuit Against Publisher
New Mexico Attorney General Hector balderas filed a lawsuit against Dia Communications Group, saying the company distributed ads containing false information about a new bill aimed at deregulating the state’s electric utilities.
Ex-MetLife Atty Joins Insurer AXA XL As General Counsel

Connecticut insurance company AXA XL has added the former senior vice president and chief counsel of MetLife Inc., who handled all litigation and employment law matters for the insurer, to be its general counsel in New York.

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Law360's The Term: In The Thick Of It

With the justices starting to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations, the U.S. Supreme Court is off and running in 2021, weighing in on abortion restrictions, the power of regulators and even Taylor Swift. Catch up with Law360's The Term.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is tracking an “extensive amount of concerning online chatter,” including calls for armed protests leading up to next week’s presidential inauguration, Director Chris Wray said Thursday.

Wray, in his first public appearance since the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, said in a security briefing for Vice President Mike Pence that the FBI remains concerned about the potential for violence at protests and rallies in Washington and in state capitol buildings around the country.

Those events could bring armed individuals near government buildings and elected officials, Wray warned, while also noting, “One of the real challenges in this space is trying to distinguish what’s aspirational versus what’s intentional.”

Wray said the FBI was receiving a “significant” amount of information that it was pushing out to other law enforcement agencies ahead of the inauguration. Information-sharing is critical before any significant public event like the inauguration, but the issue is receiving particular scrutiny because of signs law enforcement was unprepared for the violent, deadly surge at the Capitol by loyalists of President Donald Trump.

Federal officials have warned local law enforcement agencies that the riot at the Capitol is likely to inspire others with violent intentions.
"We're looking at individuals who may have an eye towards
repeating that same kind of violence that we saw last week," Wray
said, adding that since January 6, the FBI has identified over 200
suspects.

"We know who you are. If you're out there, an FBI agent is coming to
find you," he added.

States nationwide have already been stepping up security in
preparation for possible armed protests and violence this weekend,
particularly at statehouses amid legislative sessions and inaugural
ceremonies. Officials are reassessing their security plans for high-
risk targets and police in major cities are preparing to be put on
tactical alert if necessary. An FBI bulletin earlier this week warned of
potential armed protests in all 50 states.

To monitor threats, share intelligence and decide how to allocate
resources, the FBI during the inauguration will operate a round-the-
clock command post at headquarters and at each of its 56 field
offices, Wray said.

"Our posture is aggressive, and it's going to stay that way through
the inauguration," he said.

Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen attended a separate briefing
Thursday at the FBI's Strategic Information and Operations Center,
where he was briefed on specifics of the inauguration security plan
and met with FBI leaders for an update on the investigations.

Separately, Pence returned to the Capitol on Thursday for the first
time since the attempted insurrection forced security to whisk him to
a secure location after rioters interrupted his work overseeing the
congressional count of Electoral College votes.

The vice president visited with guard troops keeping watch outside
the Capitol, telling them he's familiar with the National Guard
because he used to be a governor.

"Thank you for stepping forward for your country," Pence said. He
told the troops they would be get to witness the transfer of power
and thanked them for their service.
“It’s been my great honor to serve as your vice president,” Pence added, before ending with another round of thanks and wishing the troops a “safe inauguration and a swearing-in of a new president and vice president.”

In response, the guardsmen yelled, “Hooah.”

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Quote of the Day

"Anything but Anne" — Anne Hathaway, on what she wants people to call her. Annie, are you OK?

Knock, Knock, WHO's There
The Story
World Health Organization experts are in China to do some digging.

What about?
The origins of COVID-19. It's been more than a year since the virus that brought the world to a standstill was first reported in Wuhan, central China. Ideally, when there's an outbreak like this, independent epidemiologists can swoop in ASAP to figure out what went wrong. The goal: to come up with recs to make sure it doesn't happen again. But this time is different.

What do you mean?
China has resisted an international probe. It doesn't exactly love being known as the place the virus was first identified. Instead, the gov has peddled theories that the virus came from outside the country. Meanwhile, President Trump has pushed a theory that the virus was released from a Wuhan lab. Experts believe the virus likely originated in bats and passed through another animal before jumping to humans. And they think it happened in a Wuhan wet market, where live animals are sold. But the Chinese gov has made it hard for independent scientists to verify that.

How so?
Last year, China said 'nope' to Australia's request to let outside experts in to investigate. After 110 countries chimed in to say 'no really we want an investigation,' China finally agreed. In July, they let in just two WHO experts...but they were reportedly barred from entering Wuhan. China was supposed to let in a team of experts earlier this month...but at the last minute, it denied them visas. Now, 13 WHO investigators have been allowed in -- still less than the full team the WHO expected. After two weeks in quarantine, they'll be able to do their research.

And what does that entail?
Looking at evidence and samples. Also, interviewing people from the wet market, hospitals, and research facilities. But Beijing has insisted their work be overseen by Chinese scientists. And it's hard to say how much access the international experts will have. Some fear that China's actions are undermining what should have been an entirely independent investigation. But scientists are still hopeful that even if they can't ID patient zero, they'll make headway in understanding how the virus first spread. The process could take months or longer.

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Since its origins, COVID-19 has spread to every single continent, killing hundreds of thousands of people, isolating millions more, and shutting down entire industries. With the rollout of vaccines, there's hope we will one day emerge from this. But in order to ensure this never happens again, we need to know what went wrong.
Who's ringing the alarm on policing...

New York Attorney General Letitia James. Yesterday, she filed a lawsuit against NYC, Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) as well as the NYPD and its leadership, accusing its officers of civil rights abuses. After an investigation into police response at the George Floyd protests – requested by Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D-NY) – James’ team found a "pattern of using excessive force." That includes officers driving into crowds, using pepper spray, making unlawful arrests, and kettling – a dangerous tactic used to corner protesters. The lawsuit also accuses NYPD leadership and de Blasio of failing to properly train the officers. James is asking for police reforms and oversight of future protests. De Blasio and the police dept agree reform is necessary. But claim the lawsuit doesn't "speed up" change.

New data. It found that police in the US are three times more likely to use force against left-wing protesters. Researchers looked at over 13,000 protests across the country starting in April 2020. And found that police used things like batons, tear gas, and rubber bullets against protesters at more than 500 left-wing demonstrations (including Black Lives Matter). But similar treatment was only documented at 33 right-wing protests (including those that were pro-Trump). When comparing strictly peaceful protests (think: no looting, vandalism or violence), an analysis of the data found that police were even more likely (3.5 times) to engage with left-wing protesters. It comes as last week’s riots at the Capitol highlighted discrepancies in policing in the last year.
Who's ready to show his plan...

President-elect Joe Biden. Yesterday, he unveiled a $1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package called the "American Rescue Plan." It dedicates $400 billion to combat the virus, direct payments of $1,400 to most Americans (adding to the $600 that's already been approved), and $440 billion to help communities and businesses get by amid the pandemic. Also included: an expansion of unemployment benefits and tax credits for families with children. And calls to raise the minimum wage to $15 an hour. Biden acknowledged that while the plan isn't cheap, failure to not pass additional relief would "cost us dearly." The US Chamber of Commerce welcomed Biden's plan. But some Republican lawmakers like Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) argued the proposal "does nothing" to help the economy.

- **Looking ahead**: Congress will have to approve the plan, and Dems will have control of both chambers. And while Biden's hoping to get some Republican support, it could be difficult since previous sticker shock on relief packages has halted negotiations.

What people are watching...

Uganda. Yesterday, the country held presidential elections, and more than 17 million people were registered to vote. Long-time ruler President Yoweri Museveni is vying for his sixth term. And is up against rapper-turned-lawmaker Bobi Wine and several other opposition candidates. The high-stakes election follows years of alleged gov corruption under Museveni, who's changed the constitution twice to stay in office. And has been accused of violence and attacks on the media. Wine – who's claimed he's been arrested and tear-gassed – hasn't backed down. And is hoping to bring economic growth to the country. The election's sparked #WeAreRemovingADictator to trend on Twitter. Early results showed Museveni leading the race. And final results are reportedly expected tomorrow.

- **Trouble brewing**: Observers from the US and the EU were reportedly not able to monitor the election because of pushback from the gov. And several opposition candidates worry the election was being rigged.
What's getting hotter by the minute...

Earth. Yesterday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said that 2020 was among the hottest years on record. Climate change is real, Earthlings.

Psst...here's how climate change can affect your wallet.

While Cardi B’s getting press, press, press...

Dolly Parton might be getting a statue.
Woahhh, we’re halfway there. And it feels so good. So good, that you might wanna take a picture. About that... We’re here to help you trash some photos. Because those random screenshots won’t delete themselves.

Today’s challenge: Set a timer for 10-15 mins and get rid of any pics that you obviously don’t need anymore to make your photo library feel like less of a mess. Then smile for the camera to mark this glorious moment. For ideas to make your memories last longer, click here. And to view all our past challenges, this is the place.

Last call: We’re looking for a “live” (read: virtual) audience for an upcoming episode of Skimm’d from the Couch. Enter here by 1PM EST for a chance to join our co-founders Carly and Danielle for real talk with author Rachel Hollis about making big changes and taking care of your mental health.

Skimm Reads
“Pretty Little Wife” by Darby Kane

This week, we partnered with Book of the Month to bring you two special Skimm Reads. Join now to get a copy for only $9.99. And then pick from five books every month to get one delivered right to your door. More details, coming right up…

Lila Ridgefield appears to have the perfect life...until her husband goes missing. The news shocks their small town, especially Lila. She thought she killed him, and now his body is nowhere to be found. This twisted thriller's got serious "Gone Girl" vibes. As in, the main character is deeply flawed, you won't always know what's real, and you won't be able to put it down.
For when you’re ready to pose like nobody’s watching...

Yoga-t this. And Athleta has gear to help. Like their fan-fave, buttery soft Salutation Tights in new colors and prints. They’re breathable and lightly compressive, keeping you supported in all the right places. Nama-slay.*

For when you can never find anything in your fridge...

Time for some changes. We partnered with Good Morning America and Blue Apron to bring you tips for meal planning, reducing food waste, and staying organized. Don’t miss it.*

For when the word ‘money’ makes your heart race...

Sounds about right. Our new guide is all about facing financial fears, overcoming anxieties, and setting goals you can actually reach. We also rec Bank of America Life Plan®, which can help you track your progress. Stay calm.*

For when you wanna refresh your routine in 2021...

Set yourself up for success with the right tools. Like a time marker water bottle, a power scrubber for your bathroom, and a guided journal to help kiss 2020 goodbye. Boom.

*PS: This is a sponsored post.
1. 140,000 jobs were lost in the last month — and they were all held by women. On this week's episode of "Skimm This," we spoke to economist Kathryn Edwards about how to better support women in the workplace. And resume expert Amanda Augustine broke down tips on how to put your best professional self forward.

2. As part of our How to Skimm Your Life Challenge, we teamed up with our friends at Good Morning America and Blue Apron to help Ginger Zee refresh her life — from beauty, to cooking, and more.

3. Calling all "Orange Is the New Black" fans: We texted with Laverne Cox about her new movie, quarantine hobbies, and who she’s most surprised follows her on Instagram (hi, Janet Jackson).

Programming Note

Skimm HQ is closed on Monday for Martin Luther King Jr Day. See you back in your inbox on Tuesday.

Skimm’rs
We like to celebrate the wins, big and small. Let us know how your friends, neighbors, coworkers (and yes, even you) are making career moves, checking off goals, or making an impact in the community.

**Raising awareness...Penelope B (WA).** She advocates for adult survivors of child abuse through NAASCA (National Association of Adult Survivors of Child Abuse — a nonprofit). And she hosts a weekly radio show called Stop Child Abuse Now, which covers topics to help adults struggling with the long-term effects of childhood abuse and maltreatment.

'Like a Gilmore'...Kristine E (NY). Her blog, the Gilmore Book Club, is based on a reading list of 346 books from "Gilmore Girls." The club's used books to cover how to find your soul mate, home buying, self-care, and more. Check it out.

*(Some) Birthdays...*

*Paging all members of the Skimm. Reach out [here](#) for a chance to be featured.*

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Holiday Message

In observance of the U.S. federal Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday, we will not publish on Monday, January 18, 2021. Service will resume on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. We wish our readers a safe holiday.
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Wray Warns Of "Potential For Violence At Multiple Protests And Rallies."

Norah O’Donnell opened the CBS Evening News (1/14, lead story, 4:25, O’Donnell, 4.61M) by saying, “Tonight, the United States government is actively preparing to be attacked by its own citizens. ... The FBI and other agencies are warning police departments across the country that extremists and militias are discussing a second assault on the US Capitol along with the White House or state capitals.” FBI Director Wray says “he is concerned about conversations that are being picked up online about plans for multiple armed protests.” Wray said investigators “have already identified 200 suspects, warning more arrests are coming.”

Pierre Thomas said on ABC World News Tonight (1/14, lead story, 4:50, Muir, 7.47M), “A new intelligence assessment raises the specter of continued insurrection next week. The new FBI bulletin urges authorities in DC and all 50 state capitals to prepare for a fight, or face the prospect that violent offenders could ‘overwhelm local, state, and federal law enforcement.’ Six days until the inauguration, and with an expected 21,000 National Guard available, there are now more troops in Washington DC than US military in Afghanistan and Iraq combined.”

Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/14, lead story, 3:45, Holt, 5.91M), “Six days before the inauguration, and the tension is high in DC. The FBI is urging state and local police to share any and all intel about right-wing extremists targeting federal and state government buildings and lawmakers. The New York Times reports a national intelligence bulletin warns that extremists want to trigger a race war and may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States.” Wray: “We’re concerned about the potential for violence at multiple protests and rallies planned here in DC and the state capital buildings around the country. So anybody who plots or attempts violence in the coming week should count on a visit.”

The AP (1/14, Tucker) reports Wray, “in his first public appearance since the Jan. 6 riot,” said the FBI is tracking an ‘extensive amount of concerning online chatter,’ including calls for armed protests leading up to next week’s presidential inauguration.” The Washington Post (1/14, Harris, Mekhennet, Nakhliawi, 10.52M) reports officials “have warned authorities nationwide to be on alert for potential acts of violence at state capitols, as well as a possible second attack on the Capitol or on the White House,” and law enforcement sources say “extremists may use firearms and explosives and are monitoring online calls to rally in cities nationwide beginning Sunday.”

The Washington Examiner (1/14, Dunleavy, 888K) quotes Wray saying, “When we talk about potential threats ... we are seeing an extensive amount of concerning online chatter, is the best way I would describe it, about a number of events surrounding the inauguration. And together with our partners, we evaluate those threats and what kind of resources to deploy against them. Right now, we’re tracking calls for potential armed protests and activity leading up to the inauguration. And the reason I use the word “potential” is because one of the real challenges in this space is trying to distinguish what’s aspirational versus what’s intentional. We’re concerned about the potential for violence at multiple protests and rallies planned here in D.C. and at multiple state capital buildings around the country in the days to come that could bring armed individuals within close proximity to government buildings and officials.”

Fox News (1/14, Pagones, 23.99M) reports, “Violent extremist activity will likely surge in the United States and pose the greatest domestic terrorism threat in 2021,” a trio of federal law enforcement agencies warned in a recently released bulletin.” According to Fox News, “The FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Counterterrorism Center announced in a Joint Intelligence Bulletin released Wednesday that this threat comes from ‘anti-government or
However, USA Today (1/14, Carless, Bomy, 12.7M) reports, "leaders of far-right, extremist factions are telling their followers to stay away from protests planned across the country this weekend and on Inauguration Day. ... Experts on far-right extremism agree that, unlike the days before the Jan. 6 insurrection, the online ecosystem used by President Donald Trump's most outspoken supporters has been muted, with few signs that large crowds will gather in Washington or state capitals for protests planned Sunday and Wednesday."

Fox News (1/14, Barrabi, 23.99M) reports on its website that Acting DHS Secretary Gaynor "said preparations have been underway 'for more than three years' to ensure a safe inauguration. The law enforcement presence 'covers most of downtown Washington D.C.,' with collaboration between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the FBI and the Secret Service."

Governors Prepare To Activate National Guard At Home. The Washington Post (1/14, Lamothe, Ryan, Schneider, 10.52M) reports, "Governors in multiple states moved Thursday to activate National Guardsmen to bolster security in their own jurisdictions through Inauguration Day. ... Some governors have put their guardsmen on standby status to deploy only if there is an emergency, while others have promised that troops will be on the streets alongside police officers."

Online Extremists Ignoring Trump's Call For Calm. Politico (1/14, Nguyen, 6.73M) reports, "President Donald Trump has instructed his followers to not engage in political violence following the deadly riots on the Capitol on Jan 6," but "the video in which he made the plea has barely made a dent in the groundswell of extremism that was seen last week and has proliferated online since." Politico adds, "A vast swath of the president's diehard base in MAGA Nation - the conspiracy theorists, the militia members, and the followers of the QAnon conspiracy theory - has disregarded Trump's Wednesday remarks. Instead, they are dissecting his phrases and using those cues as rallying cries, doubling down on their plans to keep the MAGA movement going after Trump leaves the White House."

The AP (1/14, Klepper, Seitz) reports, "Online supporters of President Donald Trump are scattering to smaller social media platforms, fleeing what they say is unfair treatment by Facebook, Twitter and other big tech firms looking to squelch misinformation and threats of violence." The AP adds, "The efforts by those mainstream platforms, prompted by the deadly rampage at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, will likely succeed, according to social media and misinformation experts," but "the crackdown could send some of Trump's fiercest supporters retreating to dark and secret spaces on the internet where conspiracy theories and violent rhetoric run rampant. 'We're going to see less opportunity to radicalize new people' on mainstream platforms, Kate Starbird, a leading misinformation expert at the University of Washington said Wednesday. 'But for those who are already radicalized, or already down the rabbit hole with conspiracy theories, this might not make a difference if the places they go become echo chambers.'"

Congressional Panels To Investigate Why FBI Warning Before Capitol Assault Wasn't Heeded.

Reuters (1/14, Hosenball) reports that the Intelligence and Homeland Security oversight committees "are opening investigations into why federal and local law enforcement agencies did not pay closer attention" to a January 5 warning by the FBI's office in Norfolk - a day before the storming of the Capitol. The Congressional committees "join the Senate Homeland Security and Rules Committees investigating security lapses at the Capitol complex on Jan. 6 which resulted in rioters entering the building and threatening legislators, congressional staff and members of the media." The FBI's office had "circulated a warning widely to law enforcement agencies that extremists were preparing to travel to Washington to commit violence and 'war,'" the FBI has confirmed. "The Senate Intelligence Committee "will interview witnesses on why federal and local agencies did not respond more aggressively and effectively to the FBI warning, a committee official said."

Individuals In Terrorist Screening Database Were In DC On January 6. The
Washington Post (1/14, Barrett, Hsu, Lang, 10.52M) reports, "Dozens of people on a terror­ist watch list were in Washington for pro-Trump events" on January 6, "according to people familiar with evidence gathered in the FBI’s investigation. The majority of the watchlisted individuals in Washington that day are suspected white supremacists whose past conduct so alarmed investigators that their names had been previously entered into the national Terrorist Screening Database, or TSDB, a massive set of names flagged as potential security risks."

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Frosch, Levy, Ellenson, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports "numerous extremists and private militia groups” had made plans online to travel to Washington for events that day.

More Arrests Made In Cases Stemming From Riot.

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports, “Investigators have identified more than 200 suspects in their probe of the January 6 attack at the US Capitol and arrested more than 100 individuals,” FBI Director Wray “said Thursday in his first public appearance since the riot. ‘We know who you are if you’re out there, and FBI agents are coming to find you,’ he said during an inauguration security briefing at Federal Emergency Management Agency headquarters in Washington with Vice President Mike Pence.” Wray’s comments “come as federal investigators are chasing thousands of leads in twin efforts to prosecute people involved in last week’s attack on the US Capitol and to try to prevent feared follow-up attacks in Washington and around the country. The challenge, FBI and Justice Department officials say, is ‘unprecedented’ and Wray addressed the duality of the current situation in his comments Thursday by speaking directly to those who may be considering taking part in violent acts going forward. ‘My advice to people who might be inclined to follow in the footsteps of those who engaged in the kind of activity we saw last week is stay home,’ he said.”

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports, “About 10 new charges announced by the Justice Department on Thursday rammed home the message from law enforcement that it will find the participants in the siege of the Capitol that killed five people, including a Capitol Police officer.” According to CNN, "The new charges on Thursday rounded up two people who allegedly hurt police officers and a man who shocked many across the country by carrying a Confederate flag inside the Capitol, where he was photographed extensively. CNN has counted at least 44 federal criminal defendants related to the January 6 insurrection. FBI Director Chris Wray said on Thursday that more than 200 people have been identified as suspects, and he sent a message to those still at large. ‘We know who you are if you’re out there, and FBI agents are coming to find you,’ he said during an inauguration security briefing at Federal Emergency Management Agency headquarters in Washington.”

Politico (1/15, Cheney, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, "Federal prosecutors on Thursday for the first time described last week's assault on the U.S. Capitol as a 'violent insurrection that attempted to overthrow the United States Government' - and one they consider to still be underway.” According to Politico, "The language was included in a filing in federal district court in Arizona, intended to deny bail to Jacob Anthony Chansley, a man they describe as 'an active participant in' and 'the most prominent symbol of' the insurrection. Chansley, an Arizonan who also goes by Jacob Angeli and 'Q Shaman,' has become a social media fixture in the aftermath of the mob violence at the Capitol. A shirtless Chansley has been seen in numerous pictures carrying a six-foot spear, donning horns, a coyote tail headdress and face paint — including one on the Senate's rostrum."

Reuters (1/15) reports, "Federal prosecutors offered an ominous new assessment of last week's siege of the U.S. Capitol by President Donald Trump's supporters on Thursday, saying in a court filing that rioters intended 'to capture and assassinate elected officials.' Prosecutors offered that view in a filing asking a judge to detain Jacob Chansley, the Arizona man and QAnon conspiracy theorist who was famously photographed wearing horns as he stood at the desk of Vice President Mike Pence in the chamber of the U.S. Senate. The detention memo, "written by Justice Department lawyers in Arizona, goes into greater detail about the FBI’s investigation into Chansley, revealing that he left a note for Pence warning that 'it’s only a matter of time, justice is coming.' 'Strong evidence, including Chansley's own words and actions at the Capitol, supports that the intent of the Capitol rioters was to capture and assassinate elected officials in the United States government,’ prosecutors wrote.”
The Los Angeles Times (1/14, Phillips, 3.37M) reports that the crowd at the January 6 Capitol siege “included not just fringe radicals but also a broad cross-section of President Trump’s supporters – people with office jobs, kids and mortgages, and otherwise respectable public reputations. Among those identified and charged with crimes by law enforcement as participating in the insurrection were municipal employees, former members of the military, social media influencers, police officers and a school therapist. Also charged were a data analytics company CEO and a two-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer from USC.” The Times adds, “Law enforcement officials are alarmed by the varied backgrounds of the pro-Trump intruders and say it can be difficult to prevent attacks and uncover dangerous motives when extremists hide behind the veneer of normality.”

The New York Times (1/14, Feuer, Benner, 20.6M) reports, “The nationwide dragnet for those responsible for the worst insurrection on the home of Congress since the War of 1812 has now entered its second week, and investigators are increasingly concerned that some of the attackers may have brought specialized skills to bear on the assault. So far, two off-duty police officers from a small town in Virginia and a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas are among the suspects with police or military links – a tiny fraction of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody.”

Reuters (1/14) reports, “United by political grievances, they came in costumes, snapping selfies, calling themselves patriots. Some came armed for battle and planning for ‘war.’ As authorities begin to charge the rioters in the Jan. 6 siege of the U.S. Capitol, court documents paint a picture of a diverse mob that included both citizens with mainstream careers – police officers, a flower shop owner, a state lawmaker, military veterans, even an Olympic medalist – as well as Americans on the fringe. One was a member of the Proud Boys, a far-right extremist group. Another had a caveman costume beneath a police bulletproof vest. One served time in prison for attempted murder.” Reuters adds, “They traveled from as far as Hawaii to join the protest,” and “some brought all manner of weapons or explosives, underscoring the grave threat from an insurrection that resulted in five deaths, including a police officer, and dozens of injuries.”

In a round-up of arrests, the New York Times (1/14, McDonnell Nieto del Rio, Goldman, Benner, Ives, 20.6M) reports, “A man seen holding a Confederate battle flag, a person identified as striking a police officer with a flagpole and a retired firefighter identified as having thrown a fire extinguisher at officers were among those arrested Thursday” for their role in last week’s riot.

The Washington Post (1/14, 10.52M) has a 5,100-word feature on the role of District of Columbia police during the insurrection.

The CBS Evening News (1/14, story 2, 2:30, O’Donnell, 4.61M) covered some of the arrests.

California Man Who Allegedly Smashed Capitol Windows Is Arrested. The Los Angeles Times (1/14, 3.37M) reports California resident Hunter Ehmke, “who allegedly smashed a window at the U.S. Capitol,” was arrested by FBI agents late Wednesday.

Pennsylvania Man Charged With Striking Capitol Police Officer With Fire Extinguisher. USA Today (1/14, Axon, Voyles Pulver, 12.7M) reports Robert Sanford of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania, “faces four federal charges, including assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers while engaged in the performance of official duties and disorderly or disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds.”

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports that Sanford, 55, “was arrested on Thursday morning in Pennsylvania, the Justice Department said. Court documents say Sanford was seen on video carrying a ‘red object, which appears to be a fire extinguisher,’ as he stepped over a short wall at the lower west terrace of the Capitol. He allegedly threw the fire extinguisher toward police officers, striking one, who was wearing a helmet, before ricocheting and hitting two others. The records said Sanford was identified on Tuesday to the FBI’s Pennsylvania branch and charged on Wednesday in US District Court.”

The Hill (1/14, Castronuovo, 5.69M) reports that Sanford “faces federal felony charges, including assaulting a police officer, after authorities identified Sanford in footage showing a man throwing a fire extinguisher toward police. The video was shot from an elevated position and showed an area of the Capitol with a large group of police officers surrounded on at least three
sides by a group of insurrectionists,' the court filing states. In the footage, according to the court documents, the fire extinguisher can be seen hitting one officer wearing a helmet before it ricochets and strikes an officer without a helmet. The object then ricochets again and strikes a third officer in the head. That officer was wearing a helmet." The Hill adds, "The incident was separate from an ongoing investigation into the death of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who died after reportedly being struck in the head with a fire extinguisher during the Jan. 6 riot."

HuffPost (1/14, Visser, 363K) and the Wall Street Journal (1/14, Viswanatha, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also report.

Arkansas Man Charged With Beating Officer With Flag. The Washington Post (1/14, Hsu, Weiner, Marimow, 10.52M) reports Peter Francis Stager of Conway, Arkansas, "is accused of using an American flag to beat a D.C. police officer who arrived late in the afternoon to support Capitol Police. Video from the scene shows the officer being dragged down the steps as he is attacked by the crowd."

The Daily Beast (1/14, Menendez, 933K) reports, "An Arkansas man caught on video beating a Washington, D.C., cop with an American flagpole during the Capitol riots was charged on Thursday." Peter Francis Stager "has been charged with obstructing a law enforcement officer for allegedly beating a Metropolitan Police officer who was guarding an entrance of the U.S. Capitol."
Prosecutors "allege in a criminal complaint that members of the MAGA mob who stormed the building last Wednesday grabbed the officer, dragged him down a flight of stairs, and forced him into a 'prone position,' before ‘forcibly and repeatedly’ hitting him in the head and body with ‘various objects.’" The FBI "said they learned of Stager’s identity from a confidential informant who saw the videos on social media."

Florida Man Charged In Capitol Siege. Business Insider (1/14, Shamsian, 2.74M) reports, "A man who stormed the US Capitol building during the January 6 insurrection expressed doubt that he would be arrested for partaking in the insurrection — before being arrested days later, according to prosecutors. ‘How are they going to arrest every single person?’ Andrew Williams said in a video taken while he was entering the Capitol’s rotunda, according to a sworn FBI affidavit. ‘We are storming the Capitol! Yeah baby!’ Williams also said while storming the Capitol, according to the affidavit. Williams ‘was arrested on January 13 at his home in Maitland, Florida, according to court records reviewed by Insider, on charges of disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and unlawful entry of a restricted building.’ Williams, ‘a firefighter employed by the Sanford, Florida, police department, was identified after a law enforcement officer saw he posted a photo of himself in the Capitol building online, according to the affidavit.’"

Delaware Father, Son Arrested After Carrying Confederate Flag During Capitol Riot. The AP (1/14, Drew) reports, "A Delaware man photographed carrying a Confederate battle flag during a deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol was arrested Thursday after authorities used the image to help identify him, federal prosecutors said." Federal prosecutors in Washington, DC "said that Kevin Seefried, who was seen carrying the flag, was arrested in Delaware along with his son, Hunter Seefried. Prosecutors said both entered the Senate Building through a broken window before Kevin Seefried was seen carrying around the Confederate flag in photos that caught attention from news outlets and social media. Both were charged with unlawfully entering a restricted building, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and degradation of government property.” The men "were identified after the FBI was told by a coworker of Hunter Seefried that he had bragged about being in the capitol with his father, court documents say."

USA Today (1/14, Neiburg, Wilson, 12.7M) reports, "Court documents, citing video footage, say the Seefrieds entered the Capitol through a window that Hunter helped break at approximately 2:13 p.m. after hundreds of supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the building where lawmakers were trying to confirm the Electoral College votes from President-elect Joe Biden’s win in November. Court documents say the Seefrieds were in a large group that ‘verbally confronted’ several U.S. Capitol Police officers. Documents say Hunter took a ‘selfie photograph.’ The FBI, which circulated Kevin’s image on social media, was tipped off to the father and son by a co-worker of Hunter’s who told law enforcement officials that he ‘bragged about being in the Capitol with his father,’ according to court documents. The Seefrieds participated in ‘voluntary’ interviews with the FBI on Tuesday and confirmed their attendance at the Capitol.”

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CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports that Kevin Seefried “told the FBI he had brought the Confederate flag with him from his home in Delaware, where he normally displays it outside. Seefried was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.”

New York Men Charged In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/14, Hill, Thompson) reports from Albany, New York, “Syracuse resident Albert Ciarpelli, who acknowledged entering the U.S. Capitol with the mob and taking pictures as part of what he told federal agents was a ‘little adventure,’ was arrested Wednesday.” Ciarpelli, 65, “was released after pleading not guilty to charges of knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building and engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds. According to a court filing, Ciarpelli told agents he entered the Capitol through a partially opened door and spent about 15 minutes walking through the building.” The AP adds, “Also charged was a Buffalo-area man who was recorded trying to set fire to news media equipment and walking through the U.S. Capitol. Peter J. Harding, 47, appeared for a remote hearing Thursday in federal court, where his lawyer said his actions were ‘peaceful in nature.’”

Alabama Man Charged For Role In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/14, Chandler) reports from Montgomery, Alabama, “An Alabama man was arrested Thursday and charged with taking part in last week’s storming of the U.S. Capitol, identified in part from a YouTube video he made in which he spoke of how the crowd became an angry mob, prosecutors say.” Joshua Mathew Black of Leeds, Alabama, “was charged with entering a restricted building and violent entry or disorderly conduct. A federal agent wrote in the arrest documents that Black was identified as a man photographed on the Senate floor and also as the individual who recorded the anonymous video two days later describing his experience.” The AP adds, “According to arrest document, Black said in the video that the ‘crowd went crazy’ when Congress began proceedings to certify President-elect Joe Biden’s win over President Donald Trump and that he believed Vice President Mike Pence turned on us and that they had stolen the election.”

Alabama Live (1/14, Robinson, 497K) reports that Black “is charged with entering a restricted building or grounds; violent entry and disorderly conduct. ‘Joshua Black has been arrested and made an initial appearance in the Northern District of Alabama in connection with the events at our Nation’s Capitol last week,’ said U.S. Attorney Prim Escalona. ‘This case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia and investigated by the FBI Washington Field Office. My office is assisting with the arrest and court proceedings held in our district. I want to take this time to thank the prosecutors in my office, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, the FBI, both here and in DC, and other law enforcement agencies who assisted in the arrest of Mr. Black,’ Escalona added.”

Prosecutors Say Man In "CFD" Hat At Capitol Siege Is Retired Pennsylvania Firefighter. The Chicago Tribune (1/14, 2.03M) reports, “Federal authorities on Thursday alleged a Pennsylvania man is the person photographed at last week’s mob attack on the U.S. Capitol wearing a ‘CFD’ hat.” The Tribune adds, “According to an FBI affidavit filed in the case, a tipster told authorities the man pictured was Robert Sanford of Pennsylvania, who was retired from the Chester Fire Department in that state. Sanford, 55, was charged Thursday with knowingly entering a restricted building, disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds and assaulting officers engaged in official duties, according to authorities. The image of the man in the hat had attracted attention in Chicago, and spurred speculation on the Internet that the person could have connections to the Chicago Fire Department.”

Prosecutor: Texas Capitol Rieter Aimed To "Take Hostages." The AP (1/14, Bleiberg) reports from Fort Worth, Texas, “A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week carried plastic zip-tie handcuffs because he intended ‘to take hostages,’ a prosecutor said in a Texas court on Thursday. ‘He means to take hostages. He means to kidnap, restrain, perhaps try, perhaps execute members of the U.S. government,’ Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Weimer said of retired Lt. Col. Larry Randall Brock Jr. without providing specifics.” Weimer “had argued that Brock should be detained, but Magistrate Judge Jeffrey L. Cureton said he would release Brock to home confinement. Cureton ordered Brock to surrender any firearms and said he could have only limited internet access as conditions of that release.”

The Dallas Morning News (1/14, Smith, 772K) reports, “An FBI agent told the judge that”
Brock "had spoken of committing violence in furtherance of a coming civil war and rebellion against the U.S. government," but "Brook Antonio, a federal public defender, argued that his client is charged with misdemeanors and isn't accused of hurting anyone." Weimer "said more serious federal charges against Brock are expected."

_Utah Liberal Activist Charged With Joining Capitol Riot._ Politico (1/14, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, "A liberal activist from Utah was arrested on Thursday on federal charges that he took part in the riot at the Capitol last week." John Sullivan, 26, "founder of a protest group called Insurgency USA, was charged in a criminal complaint with one felony count of interfering with law enforcement in connection with a civil disorder, as well as misdemeanor charges of unlawful entry and disorderly conduct." Politico adds, "While the vast majority of the roughly 100 people hit with federal charges appear to be supporters of President Donald Trump and some backed known right-wing organizations, Sullivan is the first person to be charged who appears to have been active in liberal causes."

_Chicago-Area Man Arrested For Role In Capitol Riot._ Business Insider (1/14, Sheth, 2.74M) reports, "In an affidavit this week, the FBI detailed how one man turned over evidence of his alleged crimes to an agent he addressed as 'Nice FBI Lady' and explained how he walked into the office of 'big boss' Nancy Pelosi, the House speaker. The affidavit said the man, Kevin Lyons, posted photos on social media showing his plans to attend a rally in Washington, DC, headlined by the president on January 6. Trump has been widely accused of inciting the Capitol riot; at the rally, he urged supporters to march to the Capitol. 'fight the election result, and 'take back our country.' One photo Lyons posted on Instagram was a screenshot of a map of the route from Lyons' home in the Chicago area to Washington, DC, the affidavit said."

_Fox News_ (1/14, Pagones, 23.99M) reports that Lyons "allegedly told agents who showed up to arrest him: 'Wow, you're pretty good,' court papers show." Lyons "was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building without authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds for allegedly taking part in Jan. 6's events, according to a criminal complaint signed Tuesday. Before his alleged involvement, Lyons posted a picture on Instagram showing the route of his 11-hour trip from the Chicago area to Washington, D.C., and captioned the photo: 'I refuse to tell my children that I sat back and did nothing. I'm heading to DC to STOP THE STEAL!' according to a photo shared in the complaint."

_The Hill_ (1/14, Choi, 5.69M) reports, "Lyons was contacted by federal agents on Jan. 8, due to photos he posted on his Instagram account showing a map of the route from his Chicago home to D.C. as well as a wooden sign that said 'Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.' Lyons was arrested on federal charges this week, Insider reports, and was released on a $10,000 recognizance bond."

_Iowa QAnon Supporter Who Chased Capitol Police Officer Up Stairs Is Charged._ The Hill (1/14, Budryk, 5.69M) reports, "An Iowa supporter of the far-right QAnon conspiracy theory has been charged in connection with the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol last week, with a federal charging document alleging he chased a police officer up a flight of stairs." According to The Hill, "In the document, an FBI agent alleges that Douglas Jensen, of Des Moines, Iowa, who turned himself in to the Des Moines Police Department on Friday, was one of the first people to force his way into the Capitol. Jensen, the document states, disregarded multiple orders by an officer to stop and put his hands up, instead and led the crowd toward the officer in a menacing manner, causing the officer to retreat and repeat his commands."

_Ohio School Therapist Charged In Capitol Riot._ The AP (1/14) reports that a Cleveland, Ohio school occupational therapist "who resigned after the riots at the U.S. Capitol was charged Thursday with taking part in the breach." Christine Priola, 49, "was arrested at her home and charged with entering a restricted building, violent entry and unlawful activities on Capitol grounds, said FBI spokeswoman Vicki Anderson. Priola submitted a resignation letter to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District after social media users linked her to photos taken of supporters of President Donald Trump who stormed and ransacked the Capitol." The AP adds, "Federal agents said in court documents that they found a coat, a sign and other items in Priola's home that matched those that she had with her in the Capitol."

_The Hill_ (1/14, Castronuovo, 5.69M) reports, "According to a criminal complaint filed Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia," Priola "has been charged with
unlawfully entering and remaining on restricted grounds, and unlawful gathering while at the Capitol. The filing says the Cleveland Division of the FBI received an anonymous tip on Friday that Priola was the woman pictured in the photograph, taken by a Getty Images photographer, holding a sign that read, ‘The Children Cry Out for Justice,’ while standing next to the chair reserved for Vice President Pence in the Senate chamber.”

WEWS-TV Cleveland (1/14, Cross) reports, “During her initial court appearance, Priola waived her identity hearing and reserved her preliminary hearing to be held in DC. She was released on a $20,000 unsecured bond, but with the conditions of home detention and electronic home monitoring. She cannot leave the Northern District of Ohio except to go to court in DC. She is also restricted to her computer use and must provide all passwords and submit to searches of all electronic devices.”

Massachusetts Man Seen On Video At Capitol Riot. The Taunton (MA) Daily Gazette (1/14, Goode, 33K) reports from Fall River, Massachusetts, “There is no doubt that city business owner Mike St. Pierre was in the crowd when rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6—he shared a video of himself on social media. The images of St. Pierre went viral, at least locally, and caught the attention of the FBI.” According to the Daily Gazette, “St. Pierre and his partner, Destinie Cabral, joined thousands of other Trump supporters in marching toward the Capitol building. St. Pierre, in a video posted to his Facebook page, is wearing head gear and a flak jacket, saying he wants to grab House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by the hair and swirl her around.”

National Guardsman First In Military To Be Charged Over Capitol Assault. Reuters (1/14) reports that off-duty police officer Jacob Fracker, a “member of the Virginia National Guard,” has become the “first known person currently in the military to be arrested” over the storming of the Capitol. On Wednesday, DQ1 “said Fracker, along with another off duty police officer, Thomas Robertson, were charged after they were photographed inside the Capitol making an obscene statement in front of a statue of (Revolutionary hero) John Stark.” The Virginia National Guard stated it “will conduct an investigation into the matter, and we will be able to release more information when that is complete.” The disclosure “comes the same day a senior official said there had been an increase in extremism in the United States military over the past year.”

Lawmakers Who May Have Conspired With Capitol Attackers Face Legal Consequences. Politico (1/14, Gerstein, 6.72M) reports, “Lawmakers who interacted with the pro-Trump protesters who rioted at the Capitol last week could face criminal charges and will almost certainly come under close scrutiny in the burgeoning federal investigation into the assault, former prosecutors said. ‘This is incredibly serious,’ said Ron Machen, a former U.S. attorney for Washington, D.C. ‘Although you would need compelling evidence before charging a member of Congress with anything related to the breach of the Capitol that day, this has to be investigated.’” Politico adds, “Unlike with the president, there’s no Justice Department policy shielding members of Congress from legal accountability while in office. ‘I’d say those are potentially viable prosecutions,’ added Peter Zeidenberg, another former federal prosecutor in Washington. ‘I’d say those guys should be worried.’”

New Hampshire Man Arrested For Role In Siege. The Boston Herald (1/14, Sobey, 327K) reports, “A New Hampshire man accused of storming the U.S. Capitol last week is the first local person tied to the pro-Trump mob who has been arrested by FBI Boston Division agents.” FBI agents on Wednesday “arrested Thomas Gallagher, 61, of Bridgewater, N.H., after the U.S. Court for the District of Columbia had issued an arrest warrant. Gallagher was taken into custody without incident in New Hampshire and charged with: knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. He was also charged with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” Gallagher “was one of the people initially arrested by Capitol Police. He was arrested and charged with unlawful entry.”

Large Bitcoin Payments Made To Activists Before Capitol Riot Linked To Foreign Account. In an exclusive, Yahoo! News (1/14, McLaughlin, 10.87M) reports, “On Dec. 8, someone made a simultaneous transfer of 28.15 bitcoins — worth more than $500,000 at the time
Internet Detectives See Mixed Results In Identifying Members Of Capitol Riot Mob.

USA Today (1/14, Penzenstadler, 12.7M) reports, "Amateur internet detectives identified each one as a participant in the storming of the U.S. Capitol Jan. 6. Each suspected participant was then harassed online. And each subsequently could prove he was hundreds of miles away at the time of the riot." USA Today adds, "The misidentifications were hiccups in the massive crowdsourcing effort that may be among the largest internet-based manhunts in history. The FBI said this week it has collected more than 100,000 digital photos, videos and fragments of social media in an effort to track down and charge participants in the riot." According to USA Today, "That singular event had all the ingredients to attract a massive, global, "open-source intelligence," or OSINT, effort to compile digital breadcrumbs and pass them to law enforcement."

The Washington Post (1/14, Bump, 10.52M) reports, "One of the software tools used by some of those who participated in the riot was Parler, a social-networking application which was taken offline after Amazon, which had been providing infrastructure for the network, cut Parler off for failing to moderate its content. Before that happened, though, a programmer identified as donk_enby managed to pull down most of the site's content -- including videos and photos taken in and around the Capitol on Jan. 6. After making that data public, an informal collection of researchers has pored over it, organizing it by location and date and sharing examples of videos from the scene."

Business Insider (1/14, Shamsian, 2.74M) reports, "Parler is sharing information with the FBI in connection with the Department of Justice's investigations into the violent riot at the U.S. Capitol." BI adds, "It is typical for major tech platforms to cooperate with law enforcement requests. Local and federal prosecutors routinely obtain the location and text message history of suspects from cell phone carriers like T-Mobile, Verizon, and AT&T, and direct messages from platforms like Facebook and Twitter. As Insider's Madison Hall reported, Parler also recently cooperated with a separate FBI investigation, in a case against Michael Reyes, who's accused of threatening to kill President Donald Trump and Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett."

DOJ Launches Webpage To Track Individuals Charged In Capitol Riot. The Hill (1/14, Castronuevo, 5.69M) reports, "The Justice Department's Office of Public Affairs on Thursday launched a new webpage listing every defendant facing charges in Washington, D.C., over their alleged roles in last week's violent pro-Trump riot at the Capitol. The page lists the name of each defendant, along with their specific charges, place of residency, the case status and the date the information was last updated on the website. The page's extensive chart also includes links to digital copies of the press releases and charging documents associated with each case."

Wray Briefs Pence On Inauguration Security.

Politico (1/14, Niedzwiedek, 6.73M) reports FBI Director Christopher Wray spoke Thursday with Vice President Pence and other security officials "tasked with securing" the inauguration. Wray said in his public remarks, "We're looking at individuals who may have an eye toward repeating that kind of violence we saw last week."

AP (1/14) reports Wray "said in a security briefing for Vice President Mike Pence that the FBI remains concerned about the potential for violence at protests and rallies in Washington and in
state capitol around the country." He also "said the FBI was receiving a "significant" amount of information that it was pushing out to other law enforcement agencies ahead of the inauguration."

The Financial Times (1/14, Subscription Publication, 1.48M) also reports.

Pence Vows To Uphold An "Orderly Transition" To The Biden Administration.
Reuters (1/14, Shalal) reports Pence "vowed to uphold American history and ensure a safe transition of power to President-elect Joe Biden" in remarks to the press on Thursday. He said, "We all lived through that day – January 6. And as the president made clear yesterday, we are committed to an orderly transition and to a safe inauguration. The American people deserve nothing less." He "made the remarks before a security briefing at the headquarters of the Federal Emergency Management Agency."

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports Pence added, "We're going to ensure that we have a safe inauguration. That President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are sworn in as the new president and vice president of the United States. In a manner consistent with our history, with our traditions, in a way that gives honor to the American people and the United States."

The Washington Times (1/14, Boyer, 625k) reports that following his remarks, Pence "attended a security briefing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's headquarters with officials from the FBI, Homeland Security Department and the Secret Service."

Pence Thanks National Guard Troops At Capitol. Jonathan Karl reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/14, story 2, 0:40, Muir, 7.47M) that Vice President Pence made "made a surprise visit to Capitol Hill, thanking the National Guard troops who will be protecting the inauguration." Pence: "Have a safe inauguration, and I just wanted to stop out today to say thank you."

The Hill (1/14, Samuels, 5.69M) reports Vice President Pence "made an unscheduled stop at the U.S. Capitol to greet National Guard members stationed there after last week's riot and ahead of next week's inauguration ceremonies for President-elect Joe Biden." Pence "expressed his well wishes and told the National Guard at the Capitol to have "a safe inauguration and a swearing in of a new president and vice president."

Daily Wire (1/14, 504K) reports Pence added, "I'm your vice president, but I used to be a governor, so I've got a special place in my heart for our National Guard." He continued, "I want you to thank your families, as well, I know you all had to move out to get here ... at the Capitol providing the level of security that's going to make it possible for us to have a historic transfer of power, the inauguration of a new President of the United States. You all are going to make that possible." He "closed out his remarks by encouraging the troops to be 'vigilant' and 'respect the unified chain of command.'"

Approximately 21,000 National Guard Troops To Be In DC For Inauguration. The AP (1/14, Khalil, Baidor) reports that ahead of next week's presidential inauguration, "the number of National Guard troops coming to Washington to assist with security has so far grown to about 21,000, but could increase as law enforcement agencies review the ongoing threats."

National Mall To Be Closed For Inauguration. The Washington Post (1/14, Davies, Jouvenal, 10.52M) reports that the National Mall will be closed for Inauguration Day, "only accessible by media and security personnel." The Post says "the extraordinary closure is the latest in a series of security measures to harden the city against the type of violence that rocked the Capitol on Jan. 6."

Airlines, FAA Bolster Safety Efforts Before Inauguration. In continuing coverage of the unruly behavior on airlines and in airports, the Wall Street Journal (1/14, Sider, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports airlines, airports, and the FAA are stepping up security as they prepare for next week's inauguration, following conflicts over masks and unruly incidents on flights in the Washington, DC area. The FAA will "pursue legal action against passengers who assault, threaten, intimidate or interfere with airline crew members" without providing warnings following what the agency called a "disturbing increase in incidents where airline passengers have disrupted flights with threatening or violent behavior."

The New York Times (1/14, Chokshi, Savage, 20.6M) reports the penalties levied by the FAA "could include fines of up to $35,000 and referral for criminal prosecution." FAA Administrator...
Steve Dickson said of the FAA’s new enforcement policy, “Flying is the safest mode of transportation, and I signed this order to keep it that way.” Association of Flight Attendants President Sara Nelson said, “We applaud FAA Administrator Dickson for taking this clear stand for our safety and security,” saying the new policy “will help serve as a deterrent to unruly passengers who had been bucking the rules of aviation safety.” Airlines have begun banning people who heckled members of Congress on flights or in airports, as well as continuing to bar passengers who refused to abide by airline policies requiring masks. Delta CEO Ed Bastian said last week that Delta had banned more than 800 people due to its mask policy, and United Airlines said it has banned 615 people. The Times clarifies that airline bans “are independent from the federal no-fly list,” which is operated by the FBI. The FAA “has no authority over the list,” though it does collaborate with airlines and law enforcement to identify threats. The AP (1/14) reports Bastian said Delta has “significantly increased our security both seen and unseen on board planes and in airports” leading up to the Biden inauguration next Wednesday.

CNBC (1/14, Stankiewicz, 7.34M) reports Dickson spoke to CNBC’s (1/14, 7.34M) “Squawk on the Street” about the FAA’s new policies, saying, “I’m telling inspectors, I’m telling my attorneys in the FAA chief counsel office, that we need to expedite gathering facts on all of these incidents and we’re going to take immediate enforcement action in appropriate situations.” Dickson said of the rising number of unruly passengers, “Anytime we see a trend like this, we need to take action because traveling on a commercial airline in the United States is the safest form of travel in human history,” he said. “I want to make sure it stays that way.”

Reuters (1/14, Shepardson, Rucinski) reports Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, United Airlines, and Alaska Airlines announced on Thursday that they would be restricting passengers from checking firearms on flights to Washington, DC. Alaska Airlines will mandate that passengers to and from Washington, DC “remain seated for one hour from take-off or landing.” American Airlines will continue its suspension of alcohol on Washington, DC flights through January 21, as well as “revising pre-departure announcements to further emphasize the importance of following crew member instructions and complying with mandatory face-covering policies.” Among other safety protocol, the Washington Post (1/14, Aratani, 10.52M) reports some airlines have relocated their crew members staying in the Washington, DC-area away from downtown to outside the city.

Fox News (1/14, Moore, 23.99M) reports Airlines for America President and CEO Nicholas Calio said in a statement supporting the new rules, “The safety and security of passengers and employees is always the top priority of the U.S. airline industry, and we welcome the FAA’s order to implement a more stringent policy regarding unruly passenger behavior.” He added, “We cannot have any form of dangerous behavior that threatens the safety of passengers and crew members. We are grateful for the strong leadership of FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson and his unwavering commitment to aviation safety.”

In addition, Roll Call (1/14, Wehrman, 130K) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer and House Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson “have requested that those involved in the Jan. 6 attacks be added” to the federal no-fly list, and House Homeland Security Committee ranking member Rep. John Katko (R-NY) “signaled he was also amenable to the move.”

Railroad Workers Unions Asks DHS To Beef Up Security For Inauguration. The AP (1/14, Funk) reports, “Two major railroad workers unions have asked the Department of Homeland Security to beef up security on Amtrak and other passenger lines, including by creating a no-ride list akin to the no-fly list that prevents people identified as risks from boarding planes.” The unions “said Wednesday that tougher security measures are needed in light of last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol because people who took part in the insurrection and were subsequently placed on the no-fly list may turn to rail travel instead. The Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers – Transportation Division, or SMART-TD, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen unions also urged federal regulators to add more security at train stations to screen passengers before they board.”

PROTESTS

New York AG Alleges Misconduct In Suit Over NYPD’s Response To Floyd Protests.
The AP (1/14, Sisak) reports that New York Attorney General Letitia James (D) “sued the New York Police Department on Thursday, calling the rough treatment of protesters against racial injustice last spring part of a longstanding pattern of abuse that stemmed from inadequate training, supervision and discipline.” The suit describes “dozens of examples of alleged misconduct during the spring demonstrations in the wake of George Floyd’s police killing, including the use of pepper spray and batons on protesters, trapping demonstrators with a technique called kettling and arresting medics and legal observers.” The lawsuit, which names New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio (D), Commissioner Dermot Shea, and Chief of Department Terence Monahan, seeks “reforms including the appointment of a federal monitor to oversee the NYPD’s policing tactics at future protests and a court order declaring that the policies and practices the department used during the protests were unlawful.”

Reuters (1/14, Hals) reports that de Blasio and the police department “both said in statements they supported major discipline reforms but opposed the lawsuit.” De Blasio said, “A court process and the added bureaucracy of a federal monitor will not speed up this work.” James was appointed by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) in May “to investigate and produce a report” on clashes between NYPD officers and protesters. de Blasio and Shea at the time “defended the NYPD’s response to protesters as mostly proportionate, saying misconduct was limited to isolated cases that were being investigated.”

The New York Times (1/14, Southall, 20.6M) reports, “The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Manhattan, marked the first time in history that the state attorney general has sued a police department,” according to James’ office. NYPD Deputy Police Commissioner for Counterterrorism and Intelligence John Miller “said the department welcomed changes,” but “said the lawsuit does not show a ‘pattern and practice’ required by federal law for a monitor to be appointed.” James said, “There was ample ability and opportunity for the city and N.Y.P.D. leadership to make important changes to the way that officers interact with peaceful protesters, but time and time again, they did not.”

The Washington Post (1/14, Jacobs, 10.52M) reports that the lawsuit alleges that “protesters — many of whom were never charged with any crime and were merely exercising their First Amendment rights — suffered concussions, broken bones, cuts, bruises, and other physical injuries” as a result of police actions. The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Gershman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the NYPD has been the target of several investigations into the 2020 protests, including a New York City Department of Investigation probe that published a report in December faulting the department for raising tensions.

The New York Post (1/14, Eustachewich, Hicks, McCarthy, 7.45M) reports that de Blasio early on in the protests “had regularly dismissed questions from reporters about first-hand observations and videos that showed the police tactics condemned in James’s lawsuit.” The federal suit “alleges that observers from his office were among those briefing him on the alleged civil rights violations by officers.” James “said since May 30, her office has received 1,300 complaints and pieces of evidence on alleged police misconduct from the protests and she heard from over 140 protesters during the 3-day public hearing in June.”

The New York Daily News (1/14, Tracy, Brown, 2.51M) reports that “the head of the city’s biggest police union,” Police Benevolent Association President Patrick Lynch, “said James’ suit should target city political leaders rather than rank-and-file cops.” Lynch said, “What we witnessed in June was a failure of New York City’s leadership. They sent cops out to police unprecedented protests and violent riots with no plan, no strategy and no support.”

Prosecutors Say Rittenhouse Socialized With Proud Boys After Release.
The Washington Post (1/14, Shepherd, 10.52M) reports, “Shortly after pleading not guilty to murder and weapons charges earlier this month, Kyle Rittenhouse showed up at a bar in Mount Pleasant, Wis., clad in a T-shirt that said ‘Free as F---,’ prosecutors said.” Rittenhouse “allegedly drank three beers, posed for photos with members of Proud Boys and flashed a ‘white power’ hand sign” during the excursion, publicized on social media last week. The Kenosha County District Attorney’s Office on Wednesday “asked a judge to forbid Rittenhouse from drinking alcohol, using ‘white supremacist’ signs and spending time with members of the Proud Boys,” arguing that his
“continued association” with white supremacist groups “raises the significant possibility of future harm” and “may serve to intimidate potential witnesses.”

**COUNTER-TELERRRISM**

**DOJ Indicts Groups Of Suspected MS-13 Gang Leaders.**

The FBI is mentioned by some of the media outlets covering developments in a federal government case that involves suspected leaders of a high-profile gang. The *Washington Examiner* (1/14, Dunleavy, 888K) reports the US Department of Justice (DOJ) has indicted 14 people who are suspected of being “the top global leaders of the transnational MS-13 criminal gang.” Eleven of those 14 individuals have been taken into custody in El Salvador, and the “FBI released wanted posters for” three individuals who have not yet been arrested. The *Examiner* highlights that an indictment which has been issued in this case “laid out the charges of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries, conspiracy to finance terrorism, and narcoterrorism conspiracy.”

In a similar online article, *WABC-TV* New York (1/14, 351K) reports the FBI and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) “have offered $20,000 in rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of each of the three fugitives.” The article quotes FBI Director Chris Wray, who stated, “In collaboration with our federal, state, local and international partners, we took aggressive steps to target and pursue some of the highest levels of leadership of MS-13. This operation is a clear signal to others who engage in this type of transnational criminal activity: the FBI will work tirelessly to bring them to justice wherever they are based.” A similar *New York Times* (1/14, Weiser, 20.5M) report says the charges in this case were announced by Wray “and other federal law enforcement officials.” The *New York Post* (1/14, Rosenberg, Fitz-Gibbon, 7.45M) reports Wray said, “The FBI is committed to combating all forms of terrorism that threaten the American people as well as our international partners.”

*Reuters* (1/14) highlights the reward money being offered by the FBI and HSI in this MS-13 case. The *AP* (1/14) reports the 14 people facing charges in the case are allegedly “members of an illicit commission known as Ranfla Nacional.” According to an “indictment filed in federal court in New York, Ranfla Nacional ordered an unsuccessful hit — what it called a ‘green light’ — on an FBI agent” who “was detailed to El Salvador.” This story is also covered by other media outlets, including the *Wall Street Journal* (1/14, O’Brien, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) and the *New York Daily News* (1/14, Goldberg, 2.51M).

**Trump Blamed For “Leadership Vacuum” At DOD, DHS, And DOJ.**

The *Washington Post* (1/14, Sonne, Zapotosky, Miroff, 10.52M) says, “The three top federal agencies responsible for protecting the nation — the Departments of Justice, Defense and Homeland Security — are all being run by acting officials, as the United States endures one of its most sensitive national security crises.” The Post says the “leadership vacuum is the product of President Trump’s tempestuous relationships with his Cabinet secretaries and tendency to replace them for long periods of time with acting officials who lack Senate confirmation — a pattern that has led to turmoil atop critical federal agencies for much of his presidency.” The Post adds, “When acting officials run critical agencies, they have reduced standing at the White House, according to former top officials, who say that can preclude uncomfortable but necessary discussions with the president.”

Likewise, Garrett Graff, writing for *Politico* (1/14, 6.73M), says, “The acting Defense secretary has been on the job only since the week after the election; the head of the Justice Department just since Christmas; and the acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security was the administrator of FEMA until midnight Tuesday morning.” Graff continues, “That means...that the U.S. government is entering what many officials are calling the most dangerous time since 9/11 with a leadership vacuum unlike anything in modern U.S. history.”

**Legislators Want Pentagon To Investigate White Supremacist Attitudes Among Troops.**
USA Today (1/14, Brook, 12.7M) reports, “Congress is calling on the Pentagon to police its troops for white extremism, demanding an investigation to determine the extent that white supremacist ideology has infected the ranks in light of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol.” Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) "was the lead author of a letter calling on the Pentagon’s Inspector General to develop recommendations to ‘prevent, address, and neutralize extremist ideology within the Armed Forces.’" The AP (1/14, Fernando, Nasir) examines the recent rise of white extremist groups under the headline “Years Of White Supremacy Threats Cumulated In Capitol Riots.”

The Hill (1/14, Mitchell, 5.69M) reports that the Pentagon’s internal watchdog will investigate whether DOD “has adequate procedures in place to prevent white supremacists and other extremists from joining and remaining in the military.” The IG’s office said Thursday, "Our objective is to determine the extent to which the DoD and the Military Services have implemented policy and procedures that prohibit active advocacy and active participation related to supremacist, extremist, or criminal gang doctrine, ideology, or causes by active duty military personnel." The probe will be launched this month. An official said there is a "resurgence in white supremacy and white nationalist activity over the past five or six years," adding that "between 2001 and today, right-wing extremists are responsible for more deaths in the U.S. than any other type of extremist group."

The Daily Beast (1/14, Ackerman, 933K) reports that the official told reporters, "If we’d had this discussion in June, we’d be talking about Boogaloo and other movements that were in the news and active. ... There is an increase based on the societal increases" in support for white supremacy. The outlet adds, "While the official defended the Pentagon’s vetting procedures to screen out support for white supremacist and other extremist ideologies, the indications of servicemember and veteran support for the Jan. 6 insurrection were serious enough for the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff to warn the ranks against acts of ‘sedition and insurrection’ in a Tuesday message.”

**New Jersey Lawmakers Announce Online Terrorism Prevention Act.**

The Lower Bucks (NJ) Times (1/14) reports that New Jersey Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R) and Josh Gottheimer (D) “announced new legislation, H.R.9943, the Online Terrorism Prevention Act, to require regular disclosure of the presence of designated foreign terrorist organizations on social media websites, and to impose financial and criminal penalties for social media companies that fail to eliminate terrorist content from their platforms.” The NCTC “has previously assessed that nearly every one of the 69 designated FTOs has a social media presence.” Fitzpatrick said, “For too long, foreign terrorist organizations have been able to spread propaganda and misinformation on social media platforms without consequence.” He added the legislation will allow the government “to address the growing presence of FTOs online and actively combat the spread of terrorist propaganda.”

**Uzbek Man Sentenced For Supporting ISIS.**

The New York Post (1/14, Rosenberg, 7.45M) reports Azizjon Rakhmatov, who had “pledged guilty to one count of conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization,” was “sentenced Thursday in Brooklyn federal court to 12 1/2 years in prison.” He “gave aspiring terrorist Akhror Saidakhmetov $400 cash to help bankroll a trip to Syria to join ISIS and to buy a gun once he arrived” in 2015.

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

**US Prosecutors Accuse MIT Professor Of Hiding Ties To China In DOE Grant Application.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Korn, Viswanatha, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports federal prosecutors have charged the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Gang Chen for failing to disclose ties to China in his applications for DOE grants. Other academics have been charged with attempting to hide research ties to China, including some researchers seeking NIH funding.

Bloomberg (1/14, Voreacos, Yasieiko, 3.57M) reports that Chen was "charged with wire
fraud, making a false statement in a tax return and failing to disclose a foreign bank account,” according to DOJ. A federal judge on Thursday “said he anticipated requiring Chen to post a secured bond “in the neighborhood” of $1 million.” FBI special agent in charge Joseph Bonavolonta said, “To put this threat into perspective, we have now reached the point where the FBI is opening a new China-related counterintelligence case about every 10 hours,” adding that “of the 5,000 active counterintelligence cases the FBI has, nearly half of them are related to China.”

Following Chen’s arrest, Reuters (1/14, Raymond) reports, the FBI “executed search warrants at his home in Cambridge and office at MIT, where he is the director of the MIT Pappalardo Micro/Nano Engineering Laboratory.” The professor was “later released on bail.” Reuters adds, “Of the FBI’s 5,000 active counter-intelligence investigations, nearly half are China-related, said Joseph Bonavolonta.” Chen was helping “promote China’s technological and scientific development, including acting as an ‘overseas expert’ for the Chinese government at the request of its New York consulate,” according to prosecutors.

The AP (1/14, Durkin Richer) reports that many of the roles played by Chen at MIT “were expressly intended to further the PRC’s scientific and technological goals,” authorities said in court documents.” Massachusetts US Attorney Andrew Lelling said, “It is not illegal to collaborate with foreign researchers. It is illegal to lie about it.” Groups including Asian Americans Advancing Justice recently “sent a letter to Democratic President-elect Joe Biden urging him to end the DOJ’s so-called ‘China Initiative.’” They “said the initiative has ‘greatly increased the targeting and profiling of Asian Americans and immigrants, particularly those of Chinese descent who are working in science and technology.’”

The Washington (DC) Examiner (1/14, Dunleavy, 888K) reports Chen “likely began working with China as early as 2012 and allegedly held various appointments with China ‘designed to promote the PRC’s technological and scientific development by providing advice and expertise — sometimes directly to PRC government officials — and often in exchange for financial compensation.’” Chen also “acted as an ‘overseas expert’ for the Chinese government ‘at the request of the PRC Consulate Office in New York’ and served as a member of at least two Chinese ‘Talent Programs.’”

Also reporting are the Boston (MA) Herald (1/14, Cohan, 327K) and Business Insider (1/14, Hall, 2.74M).

Executive Order Clarifies Ban On Investing In Some Chinese Companies.

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Hagel, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that an executive order issued on Wednesday by President Trump “explains that investors are prohibited from the sale of publicly traded securities related to designated companies after a government-scheduled wind-down period.” The order also clarifies that US investors cannot “hold securities of these blacklisted entities after the wind-down period is over.” The order is related to a November 12 directive from the Trump Administration pertaining to investments in companies linked to the Chinese military.

Elections Experts Discuss The Integrity Of The 2020 Presidential Election.

The Christian Science Monitor (1/14, Mendoza, Perfas, 234K) interviewed Mark Lindeman, interim co-director of Verified Voting, and Larry Norden, director of the Election Reform Program at NYU’s Brennan Center for Justice, about election integrity in the 2020 Presidential election. Lindeman said, “free, fair, and secure means in the end that the candidates have had a fair chance to compete.” He said Verified Voting is “concerned about it being technically sound and also that voters have a basis for confidence that it’s technically secure.” Norden said, “What is new is having candidates after the election arguing that the result was not legitimate.” Compared to the 2000 Presidential election, Norden said, “as soon as the Supreme Court ruled on Bush v. Gore and the election was certified, Al Gore conceded. So that’s the difference.”

Parler Suing AWS For Taking Down The Platform As It Gained Popularity.

Politico (1/14, Levine, 6.73M) reports, “Parler is arguing before a judge today that Amazon Web Services [AWS] violated antitrust law by shutting it down over content related to the riots.”
Opinion: Taking Parler Offline Could Make Domestic Terrorism Worse. Satya Marar, a Young Voices senior contributor and tech policy fellow, writes in an op-ed in the Washington Times (1/14, Marar, 626K) that the decision to remove Parler from Apple's app store and revoke service to the platform by webhosting servers "wasn't wise." Marar says public platforms "out in the open make it easier for security and intelligence agencies to track and police threats." The tech companies may be "further fracturing the country's existing divides."

USA Today “Fact Check” Explores Claim Dominion Voting Machines Can Create Ballots.

A USA Today (1/14, Cox, 12.7M) “fact check” examines the claim that “Dominion voting machines can create ballots and can be hacked.” A Facebook post claims the company’s machines can create ballots, and that they "can be hacked and can count test ballots as legitimate results." A Dominion spokesperson "told USA TODAY that ballots can be printed out by its Ballot Marking Devices after a voter makes selections and reviews them." There is also "no indication from the machine manual that test ballots are counted with regular ballots submitted on Election Day." USA Today concludes "test ballots could not have changed the ballot count for either candidate, nor did Dominion Voting machines delete official votes for Trump or switch votes to Biden.”

Confirmation Hearing Postponed For DNI Director Nominee Haines.

The AP (1/14, Jalonick, Tucker) reports that the confirmation hearing of President-elect Biden’s pick for DNI Director, Avril Haines, "has been postponed until next week, according to leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee.” Originally scheduled for Friday, the confirmation hearing "was postponed until next week after at least one of the committee members objected to holding it on an expedited basis," according to an unnamed source. Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Mark Warner (D-VA) said in a statement, "Despite the unusual circumstances on Capitol Hill, the committee is working in good faith to move this nominee as fast as possible and ensure the committee’s members have an opportunity to question the nominee in both open and closed settings.” They added the committee "looks forward to holding a hearing next week with Ms. Haines.” The Biden transition team said in a statement, "We are disappointed the hearing was delayed," but added Haines "eagerly awaits the opportunity to answer the Committee’s questions next week.”

Biden’s Pick For DNI Director Asked To Be Transparent. Just Security (1/14) reports, “Avril Haines will have her confirmation hearing on Friday” for the DNI Director position. In confirmation hearings her “approach to the pressing issues” will be discussed, and the process will “provide needed transparency on the leadership intentions of the nominee.” Haines should be “prepared to present their vision for the role, their leadership philosophy, and how they will lead the IC during this time of great turmoil and adversity. That includes a conversation about the authorities of the DNI and whether any should be strengthened.” The outlet has “distilled the following list of key policy issues that Congress should address in Haines’ confirmation hearing.” The list includes politicization of intelligence, the foreign/domestic divide, and more.


The AP (1/14, Lee) reports that on Thursday, the Trump Administration "imposed new sanctions on Chinese officials over Beijing’s increasing assertiveness in the South China Sea.” The AP says the Administration "said it was adding China’s state oil company, the China National Offshore Oil Corporation, to a list of companies with which U.S. citizens are banned from doing business.” Secretary of State Pompeo is quoted as saying, “The United States stands with Southeast Asian claimant states seeking to defend their sovereign rights and interests, consistent with international law. We will continue to act until we see Beijing cease its coercive behavior in the South China Sea.” According to the AP, “the penalties are yet another Trump administration move that may make...Joe Biden’s diplomacy with China more difficult when he takes office next week.”
Bloomberg (1/14, Martin, 3.57M) reports that it was the Commerce Department that announced the "blacklisting" of CNOOC, "after years of involvement in offshore drilling in disputed South China Sea waters." Commerce Secretary Ross is quoted as saying, "China's reckless and belligerent actions in the South China Sea and its aggressive push to acquire sensitive intellectual property and technology for its militarization efforts are a threat to U.S. national security. CNOOC acts as a bully for the People's Liberation Army to intimidate China's neighbors, and the Chinese military continues to benefit from government civil-military fusion policies for malign purposes."

According to Reuters (1/14, Shepardson, Alper, Brunstrom), the US "has long opposed China's extensive territorial claims on the South China Sea," and "accuses Beijing of seeking to intimidate other Southeast Asian coastal states such as Vietnam and the Philippines that have competing claims there."

David Wertime of Politico (1/14, 6.73M) says, "Attention is fast turning to who will populate...Biden's China team." According to Wertime, "The Biden administration has selected its 'Asia Czar,' albeit under a different name. Former State Department diplomat Kurt M. Campbell will join the administration as Indo-Pacific Coordinator at the National Security Council (NSC), which fills the 'Asia Czar' role Biden's team has contemplated." Wertime says Ely Ratner of the Center for a New American Security is "also likely to join the Department of Defense in a senior role, while Rush Doshi of the Brookings Institution...is likely to join the NSC as a China Director."

**Proposed Rule Would Let US Stop Purchases Of Communications Technology From China, Others.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Davis, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports the Commerce Department on Thursday announced rules to allow the US to prevent US purchasing of communications technology from China. The rules would take effect in 60 days, giving the incoming Biden Administration a chance to decide the matter. Also under the rule would be trade with Russia, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, and Venezuela.

**NCSC Director Interviewed About Russian Hack, Attack On Capitol.**

Mary Louise Kelly from NPR (1/14, 3.69M), on "All Things Considered," interviewed NCSC Director William Evanina "about the recent Russia hack and the riot at the U.S. Capitol." Evanina called the Russian hack "very concerning." The hack is the subject of an ongoing investigation "that's being done in an aggressive manner by the FBI and CISA and some private sector organizations." The government will "continue to expose some of the vulnerabilities that we currently have in our system, as well as look at how we as a nation are now going to have to deal with a supply chain vulnerability and how we're going to mitigate that," Evanina said. Regarding the attack on the Capitol, Evanina said the country will have to "let the investigation take its place in movement." He added the attack will serve to "amplify" the ability of foreign actors to sow "discord with the ultimate goal...to say, democracy doesn't work."

**IC's Chief Data Officer Interviewed About Data Management, Security.**

A bonus podcast episode on FedScoop (1/14) features Nancy Morgan, who in her role as chief data officer for the IC has led "the data sharing and standardization efforts across the 18 member agencies." She "spoke recently at the Cloudera Data Cloud Summit, discussing how IC is 'reimagining' its information and data landscape." The episode gives listeners "access to the entirety of Morgan's interview with Cloudera's Christine Kearns." Morgan said, "We really need to get that information to the right people, at the right time and in the right form - but also to the right machines and the right analytics."

**DNI's John Beleier Interviewed About Biometric Data Use In IC.**

Biometric Update (1/14, Nash) reports that John Beleier, "the DNI's director of science and technology coordination," was interviewed for a Federal News Network Podcast episode. Beleier and his staff "work with purchasers and developers in, among others," the NSA, CIA, "as well as departments including Energy and State (which have their own information-gathering activities)." One of the "19 technology domains on which Beleier's directorate consults and guides" is...
blometrics, Beierle asked how the government can “make use of the data that we have to do our job better, faster and more accurate,” or “make sure that as a community, we’re appropriately lashed together.”

**Opinion: Biden’s CIA Director Nominee Will Restore “Confidence” In Agency.**

Fred Fleitz, former Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff of the NSC, writes in an op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* (1/14, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) that William Burns, President-elect Biden’s pick for CIA director, is an “experienced and highly respected national-security expert.” Fleitz adds Burns “will be an asset to Mr. Biden and could help restore bipartisan confidence in the agency he leads.”

**Filmmaker Fired Over Failing To Protect Reality Winner.**

The *Washington Post* (1/14, Ellison, 10.52M) reports that filmmaker Laura Poitras was fired from First Look Media “in retaliation for speaking to the media about the organization’s failure to protect” Reality Winner, she alleges. The filmmaker “revealed her departure from First Look in an open letter on Thursday.” The firing is “ironic,” the Post writes, given the company’s “primary concerns at its outset were data privacy and source protections – areas in which the Intercept failed when it came to the case of Reality Winner.” She is a “young Air Force veteran and NSA intelligence specialist who in 2017 sent the publication a classified document about Russian hackers accessing U.S. voter registration databases.” Also reporting are The *Hill* (1/14, Budryk, 5.69M) and The *New York Times* (1/14, Tracy, 20.6M).

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**California Man To Plead Guilty To Operating Drone That Hit Police Helicopter.**

My News LA (CA) (1/14) reports, “A 22-year-old Hollywood man is expected to plead guilty Thursday to recklessly operating a drone that crashed into a Los Angeles Police Department helicopter in what’s considered the nation’s first use of the federal criminal charge.” Andrew Rene Hernandez “has agreed to enter a guilty plea to a class-A misdemeanor charge of unsafe operation of an unmanned aircraft, which carries a penalty of up to a year behind bars, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Hernandez’s arrest came in November during National Drone Safety Awareness Week, which is sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration and seeks to promote drone safety.”

The *Los Angeles Times* (1/14, Ormseth, 3.37M) reports, “In his plea agreement, Hernandez admitted that he ‘recklessly interfered with and disrupted’ the operation of the LAPD helicopter, which was responding to a burglary of a pharmacy, and that his actions ‘posed an imminent safety hazard’ to the chopper’s occupants.” The incident “began just after midnight on Sept. 18. The LAPD had dispatched a patrol unit, and eventually a helicopter, to a burglarized pharmacy, FBI Agent William Richau wrote in an affidavit. En route, the officer piloting the helicopter spotted a drone and pulled up in an attempt to avoid it, Richau wrote. The drone struck the bottom of the helicopter and the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing at Hooper Heliport.”

**US Charges Texas Man With Making Threats Against Congress, Trump.**

The *El Paso (TX) Times* (1/14, Borunda, 168K) reports, “An El Paso man is accused of posting several online death threats last month against government officials, Congress, President Donald Trump and a Supreme Court justice.” The Times adds, “A federal grand jury indicted Michael Reyes, 49, on Wednesday on a charge of interstate communication with threat to injure, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Texas said. Reyes is accused of posting the threats under the alias ‘Raizzor99’ between Dec. 12-14 on the Parler social media app, according to a criminal complaint filed by an FBI agent. He has been held without bond at the El Paso County Jail Downtown since FBI agents arrested him on Dec. 18.” According to the Times, “The numerous threats ramble against ‘traitors’ and call for the killing of Democratic and Republican politicians and their children, as well as Asians and Muslims, according to the criminal complaint.”
Drug And Gang Investigation Leads To More Than 50 Arrests.
The Delaware News Journal (1/14, 477K) reports the DEA and the FBI were involved with a "drug and gang investigation" that aimed to help reduce violent crime in Dover, Delaware. The investigation "netted more than 50 arrests, tens of thousands of dollars in drug proceeds and thousands more worth of narcotics." The investigation's results are also covered by the Delaware State News (1/14, Anderson), the WBOC-TV Salisbury, MD (1/14, Semyon, 35K) website, First State Update (DE) (1/14), and the WDEL-AM Wilmington, DE (1/14) website.

North Carolina Judge Rejects Case Against NC Insurance Commissioner.
The Triangle (NC) Business Journal (1/14, Subscription Publication, 854K) reports, behind a paywall, that a judge has rejected Thursday a lawsuit, which "claimed N.C. Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey was out to get Greg Lindberg and set him up for crimes - resulting in Lindberg losing hundreds of millions of dollars.”

Texas Dentist Arrested Following FBI Raid.
KFMX-FM Lubbock, TX (1/14) reports Lubbock dentist Jason P. White “was arrested on Thursday, January 14th,” after a joint FBI-DHS raid. He “was arrested and booked into the Lubbock County Detention Center just before 4:30 p.m.”, but no public details have been released on his charges.

Husband Of New York Lawmaker’s Chief Of Staff Pleads Guilty In Drug Case.
The New York Daily News (1/14, Goldberg, 2.51M) reports Orlando Dennis, whose wife is New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie’s chief of staff, has “pleaded guilty to cocaine trafficking charges.” Dennis, who “is set to be sentenced” in May, “faces up to 45 years in prison.” The New York Post (1/14, Goldberg, 7.45M) also covers this story.

Illinois Man Sentenced For Attempted Enticement Of Minor.
The Urbana-Champaign (IL) News-Gazette (1/14, Schenk, 137K) reports U.S. District Court Judge James Shadid "sentenced James Russian...to 19 years and seven months in federal prison" on charges he "attempted enticement of a child to engage in illegal sexual activity; attempted sexual exploitation of children; attempted sex trafficking of minors; and attempted receipt of child pornography.”

FBI Pittsburgh Field Office Warns About Increase In Human Trafficking.
KDKA-TV Pittsburgh (1/14, 144K) reports that FBI Pittsburgh agents "say the cases of human trafficking keep rising” in Pennsylvania and across the country because children using digital applications are “entering a world filled with the praying eyes of human traffickers.” The article examines FBI success stories of children rescued by trafficking efforts.

Michigan Man Sentenced For Child Pornography.
MLive (MI) (1/14, 828K) reports Dustyn Olimstead "was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison" over his efforts to solicit nude photos from teenage girls. The FBI investigation “began in February when an Allegan County school district found inappropriate text messages on a student’s school-owned laptop computer.”

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New Jersey Man Pleads Guilty To Kickback Scheme.
Daily Voice (1/14, 292K) reports Alex Fleishmakher “pleaded guilty during a videoconference Thursday with U.S. District Judge Michael A. Shipp in Newark to conspiring to violate the federal anti-kickback statute and defraud the IRS.” Prosecutors “pegged the entire windfall from the scheme at $99 million.”

Asbury Park (NJ) Press (1/14, 388K) also reports.
Former California Council Member Facing Little Jail Time After Pleading Guilty.

The Los Angeles Times (1/14, 3.37M) reports former Councilman Mitchell Englander, who was indicted for "taking envelopes of cash, lying to the FBI about that money and obstructing its investigation," pleaded guilty. However, federal prosecutors "are voicing objections to the sentence recommended by federal probation officials: three years' probation, a $9,500 fine and no jail time or community service."

Indiana Corruption Trial Delayed Again.

WRTV-TV Indianapolis (1/14, 92K) reports former Muncie Mayor Dennis Tyler's public corruption trial "has been rescheduled to July due to COVID-19 concerns." The jury trial "was previously scheduled for Feb. 8, according to federal court records."

Former VA DMV Manager Sentenced For Bribery.

The Augusta (VA) Free Press (1/14) reports former Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles employee Bruce Biondo "was sentenced today to 28 months in prison for his role in a seven-year bribery conspiracy involving the DMV's Virginia Rider Training Program." His indictment alleged that he "accepted bribes from outside contractors, including a $15,000 payment from the sham sale of a motorcycle in 2011, additional cash payments totaling over $74,000 between February 2014 and February 2018, as well as the use of a Ford F-450 pick-up truck for personal purposes."

President Trump Commutes 2015 Sentence Of Frank Clark Jr.

Law360 (1/14, Subscription Publication, 9K) reports, behind a paywall, that President Trump "has commuted the 40-year sentence of Fred Davis "Deve" Clark Jr., who was convicted in 2015 of helping run a $300 million Ponzi scheme through the Florida Keys-based company Cay Clubs Resort and Marinas." Clark "must serve five years of supervised release and remains on the hook for" restitution.

DOJ Announces $1.8B In Health Care Fraud Settlements In 2020.

The Hill (1/14, Axelrod, 5.69M) reports that the DOJ "said Thursday that last year it reached about $1.8 billion in settlements in health care fraud and false claims cases against the government." The department "said the recovered funds stemmed from cases involving "the health care industry, including drug and medical device manufacturers, managed care providers, hospitals, pharmacies, hospice organizations, laboratories, and physicians" in fiscal 2020."

Toyota To Pay $180M Fine For Clean Air Act Violations.

The New York Times (1/14, Tabuchi, 20.6M) reports, "Toyota Motor is set to pay a $180 million fine for longstanding violations of the Clean Air Act...the largest civil penalty ever levied for a breach of federal emissions-reporting requirements," it was announced by the US attorney's Office in Manhattan. Toyota "systematically failed to report defects that interfered with how its cars controlled tailpipe emissions" for the period 2005-2015.

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Prang, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports the US Justice Department announced that Toyota had filed reports on emissions defects late affecting millions of vehicles.

DOL Says BLS Was Hacked But Data Wasn't Lost Or Corrupted.

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Morath, Cambon, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the DOL's statistical arm, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "was breached in the SolarWinds hack, but data wasn't lost or corrupted." DOL Secretary Scalia called the breach a "serious episode," but added the "public can have total confidence in the data that BLS has."

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Uberti, Nash, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports separately that following the hack of SolarWinds, companies are reassessing their vendor vetting
process and pausing application updates. Cybersecurity experts say their efforts could grow more complicated as details about the hack continue to be revealed.

CISA Analysis Shares Tips For Diminishing Cyber Threats Following SolarWinds Hack. NextGov (1/14, Baksh) reports that on Wednesday the CISA “shared 21 bullet points – more for organizations using Microsoft’s Office 365 – for diminishing the extent to which adversaries are taking advantage of challenging-to-secure cloud configurations.” The analysis “draws from incidents the agency has responded to where indicators of compromise show threat actors effectively targeting organizations’ use of the cloud with techniques such as phishing.” CISA “noted that the analysis is not explicitly related to” the SolarWinds hackers. The analysis said, “Threat actors are using phishing and other vectors to exploit poor cyber hygiene practices within a victims’ cloud services configuration.”

Opinion: SolarWinds Hack Shouldn’t Make US Retreat From Defend Forward. In an op-ed in Lawfare (1/14), Gary Corn, a cyber and national security law expert and professor at American University, writes “that following the SolarWinds hack, there has been a “quick and steady drumbeat of postmortems declaring the shortcomings or outright failures of one aspect or another of the United States’s cybersecurity strategy and posture.” He argues a “number of these critiques have taken an opportunistic aim specifically at the Department of Defense’s 2018 Cyber Strategy, singling out as SolarWinds scapegoats two relatively nascent operational approaches that ground the Defense Department strategy: defend forward and persistent engagement.” Instead, Corn writes, “These overly precipitous reactions, especially at a time of limited information, are not only unhelpful but also potentially harmful.”

The Hill (1/14, Thomas, 5.69M) reports, “Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.) on Thursday said cybersecurity will be a top priority this year for the House Homeland Security subcommittee where he’s the ranking member.” Katko spoke at the publication’s “Advancing Innovation: Technology Leading the Way” event. He “said both domestic and foreign hackers pose a major security threat to U.S. households.” Katko said, “Cybersecurity is our biggest threat and we’re going to make it a very high priority in this term.” He added, “If there is any silver lining out of this tragedy it’s that telehealth has come of age, remote working has come of age...a lot more can be done remotely.”

Scottish Environmental Regulator Hit By Cyber Attack.
PBC News (1/14, 876K) reports that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (Sepa) “says criminals are demanding a ransom to unlock its digital systems which have been subjected to a cyber attack since Christmas Eve.” The environmental regulator “said international groups were likely to be behind the ransomware attack that has locked its emails and contacts centre.” About 1.2 gigabytes of data were stolen, “with indications suggesting that at least 4,000 files may have been accessed and stolen.” Sepa’s “internal communications have also been locked but critical services, such as flood forecasting and warnings, have not been affected.”

Experts Praise Biden’s Choice For NSA Cybersecurity Chief.
The Washington Post (1/14, Riley, 10.52M) reports, “Cybersecurity experts praised the choice of Anne Neuberger” as President-elect Biden’s pick for deputy national security adviser for cyber and emerging technology on the NSC. Neuberger is “truly an expert and she has experience with management, which I think is key,” said Ari Schwartz, Venable’s managing director of cybersecurity services. The choice “signals that handling fallout from the SolarWinds breach will be a major priority.” The Administration “will need to quickly get up to speed on the sweeping hack of government agencies and private companies, likely tied to Russia, to follow through on promises to make cybersecurity a top priority from Day 1.” Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) said, “the sooner we can get a confirmed DNI in place to start fixing the damage the last four years have done to our intelligence agencies, the better.”

DOD’s Weapon Tester Seeks To Better Offensive Cyber Tool Assessments.
C4ISR & Networks (1/14, Pomerleau) reports that DOD's Director of Operational Test and Evaluation office "wants to improve the way the Pentagon assesses tools and capabilities for offensive cyber operations that disrupt or destroy enemy data systems." Testing those operations "involves simulating realistic operations is not routine or rigorous enough to give commanders confidence the capabilities will work as designed," according to DOT&E's annual report. The office "will continue its assessments with service representatives and Cyber Command's cyber mission force to increase confidence in offensive cyber capabilities and provide information that could enhance future exercises." It will address challenges including improving access “for testers to advanced cyber expertise to help them plan and execute tests on advanced offensive cyber operations technologies.”

**DOD Weapons Tester Finds Problems With Network Security System.**

C4ISR & Networks (1/14, Eversden) reports that DOD's Director of Operational Test and Evaluation "recommended Thursday that components stop migrating to a fraught network security system until the department proves that the system can effectively help defend against cyberattacks." The Joint Regional Security Stacks program, managed by the Defense Information Systems Agency, "faces numerous shortfalls, continuing to provide insufficient network defense capabilities," according to the office's annual report. The program is "supposed to be deployed on both the Nonclassified Internet Protocol (IP) Router Network (NIPRnet) and Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNet). Its capabilities include firewall functions, intrusion detection and prevention, enterprise management, and virtual routing."

**DOD Aims To Spread AI Across Military Services.**

Roll Call (1/14, Ratnam, 130K) reports that the DOD's Joint Artificial Intelligence Center is "shifting its focus to helping military services and agencies figure out how to incorporate [AI] technologies in their systems." Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Michael Groen "said the small office can be more effective in seeding artificial intelligence technologies across the department by being a 'catalyst for success for others’ rather than developing those tools by itself.” Groen is quoted saying, “What we’re trying to do is generate scale across the department to transform the department in three primary ways: transform the warfighting aspects of the department, transform the support enterprises in the department ... and then transform the business practices.” For FY21, DOD "sought a total of $941 million for artificial intelligence efforts across the department, of which JAIC’s request was $290.7 million."

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Prosecutors In Mexico: Cienfuegos Drug Case In US Was Unfounded.**

The AP (1/14) reports a drug case that the US government brought against former Mexican Defense Secretary Salvador Cienfuegos was unfounded, according to prosecutors in Mexico who have cleared "Cienfuegos of accusations that he helped a drug cartel in return for bribes." Mike Vigil, the DEA's "former chief of international operations, said" this outcome "could be the straw that broke the camel's back as far as US-Mexico cooperation in counter-drug activities." The New York Times (1/15, Lopez, 20.6M) also highlights Vigil's comment in its coverage of this story. Reuters (1/14) runs a similar article. The Los Angeles Times (1/14, McDonnell, 3.37M) reports the Mexican government's Cienfuegos "decision appears to be the conclusion of an extraordinary case in which” Mexican “officials suggested that a US prosecution of the ex-defense chief could lead to reduced Mexican cooperation with” DEA agents who are stationed in Mexico.

The Washington Post (1/14, Sheridan, 10.52M) reports that after last October's arrest of Cienfuegos in the US strained relations with Mexico, then-US Attorney General William Barr agreed to allow Mexico to decide whether Cienfuegos should be prosecuted. The hope was that this would improve US-Mexico relations, but “in December, López Obrador’s government retaliated anyway, urging” Mexico's Congress to pass legislation "that would limit the activity” of DEA agents in Mexico. According to the Post article, that legislation has been enacted. The Wall Street Journal
McSwain To Resign From US Attorney Post Next Week.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/14, Roebuck) reports US Attorney William M. McSwain, who is “the top federal prosecutor in Philadelphia and the surrounding region, announced” on Thursday that he is resigning, effective Jan. 22. The Inquirer adds, “The US Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, working with federal” organizations such as the DEA and the FBI, “has broad investigative and prosecutorial powers in Philadelphia and eight surrounding counties.”

Senate Impeachment Trial Will Not Begin Before Inauguration Day.

Peter Alexander reported on NBC Nightly News (1/14, story 2, 2:35, Holt, 5.91M), “Twenty-four hours after speeding through the historic second impeachment of President Trump, [House Speaker] Pelosi is still holding back on sending that incitement of insurrection charge over to the Senate. The earliest a trial could start is next Wednesday, Inauguration Day, an hour after [Joe] Biden’s been sworn in. Today, one of the House Republicans who voted to impeach saying he’s now concerned for his safety.” Rep. Peter Meijer (R-MI): “Many of us are altering our routines, working to get body armor. It’s sad we have to get to that point, but our expectation is that someone may try to kill us.” Alexander: “A new NBC News poll finds Americans are evenly split over the President’s impeachment and possible removal from office, with 90% of Republicans opposed.”

Jonathan Karl of ABC World News Tonight (1/14, story 3, 3:26, Muir, 7.47M), citing Meijer’s remarks, reported that “House Republicans who broke ranks and voted to impeach the President are facing the fury of Trump loyalists.” Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY), “the most prominent Republican yes vote on impeachment, is fighting for her political life. She said of Trump, ‘There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States.’” Nancy Cordes said on the CBS Evening News (1/14, story 3, 2:45, O’Donnell, 4.61M) reported, “Now that the House has worked its will, the President’s defenders are working to head off a conviction in the Senate.” Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC): “If we go along with it as Republicans, we will destroy the Republican party.” Cordes: “The start date and length of the trial are currently being negotiated by the Senate’s Democratic and Republican leaders. Everyone agrees it would be inappropriate to try President Trump on the same day his successor is being sworn in next week.”

The AP (1/14, Mascaro, Jalonick) reports, “In pursuing conviction, House impeachment managers said Thursday they will be making the case that Trump’s incendiary rhetoric hours before the bloody attack on the Capitol was not isolated, but rather part of an escalating campaign to overturn the November election results. It culminated, they will argue, in the Republican president’s rally cry to ‘fight like hell’ as Congress was tallying the Electoral College votes to confirm he’d lost” to Biden. Bloomberg (1/14, 3.57M) reports Trump is “having trouble finding a legal team to defend him.” According to Bloomberg, “Lawyers who defended him in the previous impeachment trial, including Jay Sekulow and White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, have said no this time.”

The New York Times (1/14, Fandos, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports, “Democrats, poised to take unified power in Washington next week for the first time in a decade, worked with Republican leaders to try to find a proposal to allow the Senate to split time between the impeachment trial of Mr. Trump and consideration” of Biden’s Cabinet nominees and his “$1.9 trillion economic recovery plan to address the coronavirus.” Senate Majority Leader McConnell “has privately told advisers that he approves of the impeachment drive and believes it could help his party purge itself” of Trump, but has “refused to begin the proceedings this week while he is still in charge.”

USA Today (1/14, Jansen, Hayes, 12.7M) reports, “Senators must first receive the article of
impeachment: House lawmakers approved Wednesday – and there’s no telling how long they’ll wait. The Senate must move directly to the trial once it receives the article.” But Pelosi “declined repeatedly to respond to questions about when she would send the article to the Senate.” The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Duehren, Wise, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports a source close to the House Democratic leadership said the article may be held for some time, until at least some of Biden’s nominees and agenda have been addressed. Politico (1/14, Everett, Desiderio, 6.73M) says, “Given that many Republicans oppose impeachment or think it’s not even constitutional once Trump has left office, it could be tough to get the cooperation Biden needs to handle a trial alongside Cabinet confirmations and begin work on a new coronavirus stimulus bill.”

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports on its website, “Several senior GOP sources told CNN on Thursday that many Republicans are torn over whether Trump’s actions warrant the unprecedented step of prohibiting him from ever serving in office again after he leaves the White House next week.” Roll Call (1/14, ruger, 130K) reports it is also unclear who would preside over the trial, since the Constitution expressly stipulates that role for a Supreme Court Chief Justice in the case of a trial of a sitting president.

Murkowski Says House Acted “Appropriately,” But Has Yet To Decide How She Will Vote. The New York Times (1/14, Shear, Crowley, 20.6M) reports that on Thursday, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) “said . . . that the House had acted ‘appropriately’ in impeaching President Trump, signaling possible support for convicting him at a Senate trial in a statement that called his actions ‘unlawful’ and said that they warranted consequences.” Murkowski “said the second impeachment of Mr. Trump stood ‘in stark contrast’ to the first, which she and virtually every other Republican opposed.” The Fairbanks (AK) News-Miner (1/14, Bohman, 37K) reports Murkowski said she “wants to hear arguments during a Senate trial before deciding how she will vote and supports Senate leadership who wish to wait until after” Biden is inaugurated next week.

The Anchorage (AK) Daily News (1/14, 461K) reports Murkowski said in a statement, “For months, the President has perpetrated false rhetoric that the election was stolen and rigged, even after dozens of courts ruled against these claims. When he was not able to persuade the courts or elected officials, he launched a pressure campaign against his own Vice President, urging him to take actions that he had no authority to do.” Axios (1/14, Chen, 1.26M), Politico (1/14, Desiderio, 6.73M), and The Hill (1/14, Carney, 5.69M) also cover Murkowski’s comments.

McCarthy Rejects Calls To Remove Cheney From Leadership. The New York Times (1/14, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports that “a group of President Trump’s most strident allies in the House is calling on [Cheney], the No. 3 Republican, to resign from her leadership post after she voted to impeach Trump.” But Politico (1/14, Choi, Zanona, 6.73M) reports House Minority Leader McCarthy is rejecting the calls. The Washington Post (1/14, DeBonis, 10.52M) reports, “The reckoning inside the House GOP signals the start of what is expected to be a bruising battle about Trump’s standing in the party during the next four years.”

Tensions Reportedly Arise Between Trump And Giuliani. The New York Times (1/14, Rogers, Haberman, 20.6M) reports on the “on-again, off-again tensions” between Trump and his attorney Rudy Giuliani, “a feature of a decades-long, mutually beneficial relationship between the former New York City mayor from Brooklyn and the former real estate developer from Queens. Although the two were never particularly close in New York, Mr. Trump enjoyed having the former mayor as his personal legal pit bull during the special counsel investigation into his campaign’s ties to Russia.” Trump “deployed Mr. Giuliani on politically ruinous missions that led to his impeachment – twice.” The Washington Post (1/14, Blake, 10.52M) reports Trump “has instructed aides not to pay Giuliani’s legal fees, two officials said, and has demanded that he personally approve any reimbursements for the expenses Giuliani incurred while traveling on the president’s behalf to challenge election results in key states. They said Trump has privately expressed concern with some of Giuliani’s moves and did not appreciate a demand from Giuliani for $20,000 a day in fees for his work attempting to overturn the election.”

Media Analyses Consider Trump’s Final Days. CNN (1/14, 89.21M) writes on its website, “Gone are the clicks of flashing cameras. Absent is the roar of a cheering crowd. Instead of a commanding final full week of winning, the President is playing the role of victim and not a gracious leader departing office.” The President “has been consumed by the unraveling of his
presidency during his last days in office, according to people around him, which included a casual
discussion among advisers recently about a possible resignation. Trump shut the idea down almost
immediately. And he has made clear to aides in separate conversations that mere mention of
President Richard Nixon, the last president to resign, were banned.”

The Hill (1/14, Chalfant, Samuels, 5.69M) reports Trump “is growing increasingly isolated. ...
Cabinet members and White House officials have rushed for the exits following Trump’s remarks to
a violent mob of supporters that ultimately stormed the U.S. Capitol last week in a bloody and
dark episode of American history. Even Trump’s most loyal allies have been put off by the
developments, and aides are absent from the airwaves and the public.” Defense One (1/14, 5K)
reports, ”The Pentagon, in a break with recent tradition, will not host an Armed Forces Farewell
tribute” to Trump.

Bloomberg (1/14, Jacobs, Mohsin, 3.57M) reports Trump “plans to fly to his Mar-a-Lago
resort in Florida the morning of Joe Biden’s inauguration, where several current White House staff
are expected to work for him or his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, after his presidency, according to
people familiar with the matter.” The AP (1/14, Miller) says Trump “has yet to outline plans for his
post-presidency, from establishing an office to selecting a site for a potential presidential library.”

NYTimes Analysis: State And Local GOP Leaders Maintain “Almost-Religious Devotion”
To Trump.
The New York Times (1/14, Lerer, Epstein, 20.6M) reports under the headline “How Trump’s
Worldview Is Ingrained In State And Local Republicans” that as President Trump’s term nears its
end, “his ideas continue to exert a gravitational pull in Republican circles across the country. ....
Interviews with more than 40 Republican state and local leaders conducted after the siege at the
Capitol show that a vocal wing of the party maintains an almost-religious devotion to the
president, and that these supporters don’t hold him responsible for the mob violence last week.
The opposition to him emerging among some Republicans has only bolstered their support of him.”

Lankford Apologizes For Role In Questioning Election Results.
The Tulsa (OK) World (1/14, 241K) reports Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) “apologized to Black
Tulsans on Thursday for not recognizing that his involvement in questioning presidential election
results would offend them. In a letter addressed to ‘My friends in North Tulsa,’ Lankford
acknowledges that his actions ‘caused a firestorm of suspicion among many of my friends,
particularly in Black communities around the state. I was completely blindsided, but I also found a
blind spot.’” He continued, “What I did not realize was all of the national conversation about states
like Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, was seen as casting doubt on the validity of votes
coming out of predominantly Black communities like Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Detroit.”

Lawmakers Seek Congressional Gold Medal For Capitol Police Officer.
The Washington Post (1/14, Tan, 10.52M) reports, ”The Black Capitol Police officer who faced off
against a mob of predominantly White rioters Jan. 6 may soon receive more than just praise for
his actions. On Thursday, a bipartisan group of federal lawmakers announced that they would
introduce a bill to award Officer Eugene Goodman the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the
highest awards a civilian can receive in the United States.” ABC World News Tonight (1/14, story
10, 1:05, Muir, 7.47M) and the CBS Evening News (1/14, story 7, 0:20, O’Donnell, 4.61M) also
covered the effort.

Biden Proposes $1.9T Coronavirus Spending Package.
ABC World News Tonight (1/14, story 5, 1:00, Muir, 7.47M) reported, “Joe Biden unveiling his $2
trillion American rescue plan tonight.” ABC’s Mary Bruce added, “This is a massive, ambitious plan.
Nearly $2 trillion in relief. It would provide an additional $1,400 in direct payments to most
Americans ... $130 billion to help schools reopen safely, and $160 billion to create a national
vaccine program and boost testing. Biden campaigned as a bipartisan deal maker, and this will
test his ability to make good on that promise.”
The CBS Evening News (1/14, story 5, 2:05, O’Donnell, 4.61M) reported, “Biden is showing how he plans to rescue the country from the coronavirus pandemic and the struggling economy. It is a big plan with an even bigger price tag.” CBS’ Weijia Jiang added that it is “a nearly two trillion-dollar rescue package that he’ll urge lawmakers to pass quickly. ... Mr. Biden’s plan would provide another round of stimulus checks, increase unemployment insurance, and up the child tax credit. With the pandemic continuing to kill thousands of people a day and overwhelming many emergency rooms nationwide, Mr. Biden will also call for $400 billion in new funding to help get control of the virus and improve the vaccine rollout.”

NBC Nightly News (1/14, story 4, 0:45, Holt, 5.91M) reported, “Biden is unveiling his plan to combat the COVID pandemic and boost the economy.” NBC’s Geoff Bennett added, “Now, this will be an early test of Biden’s ability to work with a divided Congress and help start steering the nation out of the COVID crisis. And tomorrow, the transition says that [Biden] will lay out his plan to pick up the pace of COVID vaccinations.”

The AP (1/14, Alonso-Zaldivar, Barrow) reports Biden “unveiled a $1.9 trillion coronavirus plan” including “speeding up vaccines and pumping out financial help to those struggling with the prolonged economic fallout.” Labeled the “American Rescue Plan,” it “would meet Biden’s goal of administering 100 million vaccines by the 100th day of his administration, while advancing his objective of reopening most schools by the spring,” and “deliver another round of aid to stabilize the economy.” In addition to “$1,400 checks for most Americans,” it “would also extend a temporary boost in unemployment benefits and a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures through September,” as well as “long-term Democratic policy aims such as increasing the minimum wage to $15 an hour, expanding paid leave for workers, and increasing tax credits for families with children.”

The New York Times (1/14, A1, Tankersley, Crowley, 20.6M) reports Biden “outlined a type of sweeping aid that Democrats have demanded for months.” The plan “includes more than $400 billion to combat the pandemic directly,” while “another $350 billion would help state and local governments bridge budget shortfalls,” and “would also include $1,400 direct payments to individuals, more generous unemployment benefits, federally mandated paid leave for workers and large subsidies for child care costs.” The Times adds that “it is also unclear how easily Mr. Biden can secure enough votes for a plan of such ambition and expense, especially in the Senate.”

USA Today (1/14, Morin, 12.7M) reports that Biden said this would be the first of a two-part plan with the second part “a recovery plan” to be unveiled “next month during his address to a joint session of Congress.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, A1, Collins, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that some aspects of the plan are likely to receive broad support, but other elements have already been rejected by Republicans. The Journal also reports that the plan does not include cuts in spending or tax increases to help cover the cost.

The Washington Post (1/14, A1, Werner, Stein, 10.52M) reports the plan “will serve as an early test of his ability to steer the nation out of the pandemic disasters and make good on his promises to unite a divided Congress.” The Post adds that “Biden is aiming to get GOP support for the measure...although at nearly $2 trillion the price tag is likely to be too high for many Republicans to swallow.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/14, Lauter, 3.37M) reports, “Biden called for quick congressional action” and he “cast the plan as an immediate response to a continuing pandemic and an economic crisis that is worsening,” while “many of the proposals...also serve as down payments toward longer-run Democratic goals.” The package is expected to be “a tough sell in a narrowly divided Senate,” but it “drew quick support from top Democrats.”

Reuters (1/14, Saphir) reports the package “could lay the foundation for a surge in jobs and spending that many economists say is needed to avoid long-term damage from a record-breaking pandemic recession.”

Politico (1/14, Ollstein, Cancryn, 6.73M) reports Biden “broke sharply with the Trump administration on fighting the coronavirus pandemic, unveiling a new plan for a robust federal role in everything from testing to vaccine delivery.”

Survey Finds More Than Half Say COVID Aid Needed For Financial Stability.
Today (4/14, Menton, 12.7M) reports on a Credit Karma/GQualtrics survey finding that "about 54% of people who received first-round stimulus checks believe that the money helped them make ends meet this spring," and "55% of those surveyed feel that their financial stability depended on receiving a second check." Over half of those polled said that they "plan to use the second round of funds for necessities such as rent, utilities and groceries."

Deaths In States Across US Hitting Levels Not Seen In Many Months.

ABC World News Tonight (1/14, story 4, 2:55, Muir, 7.47M) reported, "The surge is now worse than what we saw here in the US in the spring and summer," with "more than 387,000 American lives lost," and "30 million vaccine shots have now been sent out across the country, but only about a third have been given." ABC's Matt Gutman added that "nearly 4,000 American lives were reported lost to the virus in 24 hours, making the race to vaccinate even more urgent" as mass vaccination sites struggle "to meet soaring demand." Hospitals are "just as swamped as vaccination sites," and "looming over all of it, that UK variant now confirmed in 13 states."

The CBS Evening News (1/14, story 4, 2:20, O'Donnell, 4.61M) reported that the CDC predicted "that up to 90,000 Americans could die from COVID in the next three weeks" as cases spike "in cities across the country" and the last seven days deliver "the deadliest of the entire pandemic." CBS' Carter Evans reported on Arizona's "soaring" cases and hospitalizations, placing "added urgency on getting the vaccines out fast." Evans added that "cases are rising so fast" in Los Angeles County "that one out of every three residents is believed to have been infected," and "even with mega vaccinating people by the thousands in places like Disneyland, supply is short." Evans said, "Help may come soon from Johnson & Johnson expecting results on its single dose vaccine, but production is behind schedule."

NBC Nightly News (1/14, story 3, 2:25, Holt, 5.91M) reported, "A sobering new projection by the CDC" that COVID "could kill as many as 92,000 more Americans in the next three weeks, as frustration grows over the chaotic rollout of the vaccine." NBC's Miguel Almaguer added, "Only 11.1 million doses [have been] administered after roughly three times that number was distributed," with many questioning "where and when to get the vaccine," as well as "how it works." Almaguer said that with "more than 36,000 deaths...reported in just the last two weeks, tonight, the need for a vaccine is greater than ever, and so are the hurdles to get one."

The New York Times (1/14, Mazzei, 20.6M) reports that "deaths from the coronavirus are skyrocketing in the United States, reaching levels never before seen, largely fueled by relentless surges in California and Arizona. As the national death toll nears 400,000, weekly deaths in Maricopa County, Ariz., and in Los Angeles and Fresno Counties in California have reached new highs, according to data compiled by The New York Times." According to the Times, "There were at least 3,900 virus deaths in the United States reported on Wednesday, a day after the country hit a daily record of more than 4,400."

The New York Times (1/14, Mazzei, 20.6M) reports, "The virus has been raging for weeks in California - especially in Los Angeles County, where Covid-19 has claimed one life about every eight minutes - although state officials said on Wednesday that they were seeing some encouraging signs." Meanwhile, "in Arizona over the past week, state officials have recorded the highest number of new coronavirus cases per capita in the country." The Times adds that "earlier in the pandemic, cities bore the brunt of the virus," but while "metropolitan areas are still suffering, rural communities are, too."

Bloomberg (1/14, 3.57M) reports that on Thursday, New York State "reported more than 200 daily Covid-19 deaths for the first time since May." And Florida "also reported over 200 deaths, the most in one day since August." At the same time, Texas "said it's the first U.S. state to top 1 million vaccinations."

The Washington Post (1/14, Firozi, 10.52M) reports, "More than 4,000 covid-19 deaths were reported in the United States for the second day in a row, according to Washington Post data," a week after "the death toll surpassed that milestone for the first time."

WSJournal Analysis Finds Global Deaths Increased 1.2% In 2020. The Wall Street Journal (1/14, A1, Overberg, Kamp, Michaels, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that according to an analysis of data from 59 countries, the number of deaths globally is closer to over...
2.8 million, accounting for a 12% increase in average deaths last year. Data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that the US logged over 475,000 excess deaths, including 281,000 linked to COVID, representing a 10% increase.

Over One-Third Of Los Angeles County Residents Believed To Be Infected. Axios (1/14, 1.26M) reports, “Southern California’s COVID outbreak is in a terrible place, and hospitals haven’t even been hit with a wave of potential infections from Christmas and New Year’s.” While “hospitalizations have stabilized” in the state, “public health officials say that’s just from infections linked to Thanksgiving,” the L.A. Times reports. Authorities believe over a third “of the 10 million people in Los Angeles County...have been infected with COVID” and “are urging essential workers and people who run errands to wear masks when they’re at home.” The Los Angeles Funeral Service told ABC that mortuaries are being forced to turn families away after hitting capacity limits, as Los Angeles County Director of Health Services Christina Ghaly indicated that hospitals will be in “dire straits for the next month.”

Expanded Vaccine Availability Results In New Distribution Challenges.
The AP (1/14, Har, Breed) reports, “The rapid expansion of COVID-19 vaccinations to senior citizens across the U.S. has led to bottlenecks, system crashes and hard feelings in many states because of overwhelming demand for the shots.” The Mississippi “Health Department stopped taking new appointments the same day it began accepting them because of a ‘monumental surge’ in requests,” California “counties begged for more” doses, “hospitals in South Carolina ran out of appointment slots within hours,” and phone lines jammed in Georgia in the rush to receive a vaccine. Some states “are waiting before throwing open the doors,” while others, like South Carolina, are implementing rule changes about who can administer shots “to step up the pace of vaccinations.”

States Look To National Guard For Help Distributing Vaccines. The New York Times (1/14, Steinhauser, 20.6M) reports, “As the pandemic continues to rage nationwide and a vaccine program to control it struggles, governors are increasingly turning to the National Guard to help expedite the process. At least 16 states and territories are using Guard members to give shots, drawing on doctors, nurses, medics and others skilled in injections.” Other states, including West Virginia, “are using thousands more Guard personnel for logistical tasks, like putting together vaccine kits and moving them around, logging in patients and controlling lines at state vaccination sites.” The Times says, “The growing presence of the Guard is a stark reminder that even as the country reels from the attack on the Capitol last week, a pandemic continues to roil all the states, which are struggling to expedite a complex vaccine program with no modern precedent.”

Bureaucratic Hurdles Make It Difficult For New York City Residents To Get Vaccinated. The New York Times (1/14, A1, Otterman, 20.6M) says “over a million older New Yorkers started the week with optimism that they would finally gain access to the vaccine after months of fearing they would fall victim to the coronavirus. But the reality of actually getting the shots has proved to be far more maddening.” According to the Times, “Buggy websites, multiple sign-up systems that act in parallel but do not link together and a lack of outreach are causing exasperation and exhaustion among older New Yorkers and others trying to set up vaccination appointments.” The Times adds that situation is “also stymying New York’s early efforts to get the vaccine to many of the city’s most vulnerable.”

California’s Expanded Vaccine Rollout Hit With “Logistical Woes.” The Los Angeles Times (1/14, Gutierrez, Shalby, 3.37M) reports, “In many areas of California, it is going to take time and patience before residents over 65 years old have access to the COVID-19 vaccine” after Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) “announced that the age group was now eligible.” County health officials are “pushing back against the claim that all residents” in the “group of nearly 6 million individuals” are immediately eligible. Health Officers Association of California Executive Director Kat DeBurgh said, “Expanding the list of who is eligible for the vaccine does not get us more doses.” The Times says some counties “do not have either enough doses or the distribution capacity” to expand vaccinations, even as “some healthcare workers have declined to be vaccinated.”

Espaillat Is Latest Lawmaker To Test Positive After Capitol Attack.
The New York Times (1/14, Cochrane, Wu, 20.6M) reports that Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY) announced on Thursday he had tested positive for the coronavirus, as concerns continue to mount on Capitol Hill that efforts to corral lawmakers into secure locations during last week's siege by Trump supporters may have led to a super-spreader event.” Espaillat, "who received his second dose of the Pfizer vaccine last week, said he was not experiencing any symptoms and that he was isolating at home.” Espaillat “said he understood that it took time for the vaccine to be fully effective and that he had continued to take all necessary precautions.” Espaillat is the fourth Democratic member of the House to test positive since the Capitol Hill siege, though “it was unclear whether [he] took shelter in the secure room.”

Studies Find Infections Among Children Are Rare But Rising.

The New York Times (1/14, Rabin, 20.6M) reports, “After falling over the summer, coronavirus infections among children, teens and young adults rose steadily from September through mid-December, paralleling the virus’s trajectory among older adults in the U.S. population,” the CDC reported Wednesday. The CDC’s report found that of the 2.8 million COVID infections in the group aged under 25, incidence were “lowest among children ages 10 and younger,” with most infections “among young adults aged 18 to 24.” The CDC “study was one of two published this week that also looked at how often children have been hospitalized.” On Monday, University of Minnesota researchers published a study in JAMA Pediatrics that “found a troubling increase in hospitalizations among infected children and adolescents,” as the percentage rose “more than double” that of “adult hospitalization rates over the same period.”

HHS Officials Say No Evidence Of Increased Child Abuse During Pandemic.

The AP (1/14, Crary) reports, “Top officials overseeing child welfare at the Department of Health and Human Services say they’ve seen no solid evidence to bear out warnings that serious forms of child abuse would surge during the coronavirus pandemic.” Child welfare experts “warned of a possible surge of child abuse perpetrated by harried parents and other caretakers” during initial COVID lockdowns. However, HHS Assistant Secretary for Children and Families Lynn Johnson and HHS Children’s Bureau Associate Commissioner Jerry Milner “said many parents indeed have faced pandemic-related stresses, but questioned whether that fueled abuse.” While official data for all 50 states “won’t be available for several more months,” calls reporting abuse appear to be have dropped from 2019.

Tuberville Suggests Delaying Inauguration Due To COVID.

WIAT-TV Birmingham, AL (1/14, Highsmith) reports on its website that in a Wednesday interview, Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) “questioned the timing of the inauguration on January 20.” Tuberville said, “We probably could have had a swearing-in and inauguration later after we got this virus behind us a little bit.” WIAT says the “20th Amendment to the Constitution requires that the inauguration and swearing-in of a new President take place on January 20th. It wasn’t clear if Tuberville was aware of that during the interview.”

Biden Set To Outline His Plans To Accelerate Vaccination Distribution.

The Washington Post (1/14, Firozi, 10.52M) reports that on Thursday night, Joe Biden gave a speech that was set to “include additional plans to combat the coronavirus,” and is “expected to announce an emergency relief plan that will focus heavily on bolstering vaccine production and delivery.” According to the Post, Biden “announced last week that after taking office, he plans to release nearly all available vaccine doses to speed up inoculations. The plans he is expected to unveil Thursday will build on that pledge.”

The New York Times (1/14, A1, Tankersley, Crowley, 20.6M) reports that “in a briefing on Thursday, one Biden official added that the existing national planning and infrastructure for mass vaccinations and testing was far less developed than the incoming White House team had anticipated.”

Bloomberg (1/14, Tozzi, 3.57M) says Biden has “set an ambitious goal of administering 100 million shots in his first 100 days in office, even as he acknowledges this will be ‘one of the hardest
and most costly operational challenges in our nation’s history.” Bloomberg adds, “Leading this
effort, one of the toughest jobs in Washington, will be Bechara Choucair, a 47-year-old physician
and former commissioner of Chicago’s health department. As the incoming administration’s
vaccinations coordinator, he will be in charge of roughly tripling the pace of daily shots to date to
meet Biden’s immunization goal.”

Experts Predict Biden Team Vaccine Rollout Will Face Challenges. The Washington
Post (1/14, Al, McGinley, Goldstein, Sun, Stanley-Becker, 10.52M) reports that as Biden prepares
to assume power during a double-barreled crisis involving a lethal virus and its economic fallout
that experts say demands close cooperation, “the Trump administration has balked at providing
access to information and failed to consult with its successors, including about distributing the
vaccines that offer the greatest hope of emerging from the pandemic.” The Post says, “The lack of
coordination has alarmed public health officials and experts on presidential transitions.” Rice
University presidential historian Douglas Brinkley said the lack of communication means “we are stumbling out of the gate with the vaccine.”

DC AG Wants To Speak To Trump Jr. About 2017 Inauguration Spending.
The Washington Post (1/14, Fahrenthold, 10.52M) reports that on Thursday, “the D.C. Attorney
General’s office said...it has notified Donald Trump Jr. that it wishes to interview him as part of a
lawsuit alleging that President Trump’s 2017 inaugural committee improperly funneled money to the
president’s business.” District of Columbia AG Karl Racine’s lawsuit, filed in January 2020,
“alleges that the Trump Inaugural Committee – a tax-exempt nonprofit – wasted $1 million of
donors’ money on an overpriced, little used ballroom at the president’s D.C. hotel, and then paid a
$49,000 hotel bill that should have gone to the Trump Organization.” The Post adds that Racine
“has not said what role, if any, he thinks Trump Jr. played in that transaction.”

DOJ IG Faults 2018 Implementation Of “Zero Tolerance” Border Policy.
The AP (1/14) says a report from the Justice Department’s inspector general released on
Thursday claims DOJ officials “knew their 2018 ‘zero tolerance’ border policy would result in family
separations but pressed on with prosecutions even as other agencies became overwhelmed with
migrants.” According to the AP, “The report...found that leadership failed to prepare to implement
the policy or manage the fallout, which resulted in more than 3,000 family separations during ‘zero
tolerance’ and caused lasting emotional damage to children who were taken from their parents at
the border.” The AP says former attorney general Jeff Sessions, “along with other top leaders in
the Trump administration, were bent on curbing immigration,” and “the ‘zero tolerance’ policy was
one of several increasingly restrictive policies aimed at discouraging migrants from coming to the
Southern border.”

According to the Washington Post (1/14, Miroff, Zapotosky, 10.52M), “The report called the
Justice Department and the attorney general’s office a ‘driving force’ in making sure the
Department of Homeland Security aggressively prosecuted adults arriving with children, findings
that cast doubt on statements made by Sessions that the government ‘never really intended’ to
separate families.” The report states, “DOJ officials were aware of many of these challenges prior
to issuing the zero tolerance policy, but they did not attempt to address them until after the policy
was issued.”

The New York Times (1/14, Shear, 20.6M) says that in the report, Gene Hamilton, “a top
official, said the policy was put in place after complaints by the president and others at the White
House involved in carrying out his immigration agenda. ‘The attorney general was aware of White
House desires for further action related to combating illegal Immigration,’ the report quotes Mr.
Hamilton as saying in response to questions about the origins of the program, in which the Justice
Department began prosecuting migrant adults who arrived at the border with children.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Hackman, Caldwell, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports
that 611 children remain separated from their families as a result of the policy, according to recent
court filings. The report says that Sessions believed news of family separations would help aver
migrations to the US, and indicated in meetings that the separations were the fundamental reason
behind the policy change.
Unemployment Claims Increased By More Than Anticipated Last Week.

**NBC Nightly News** (1/14, story 5, 0:15, Holt, 5.91M) reported, “A new sign of how devastating the COVID resurgence has been to the economy: 965,000 Americans filing new unemployment claims last week. The most in nearly five months. That’s about four times as high as pre-pandemic levels.” **ABC World News Tonight** (1/14, story 5, 1:00, Muir, 7.47M) also reported on the data.

The **AP** (1/14, Rugaber) reports that the Labor Department announced on Thursday that “the number of people seeking unemployment aid soared last week to 965,000, the most since late August and a sign that the resurgent virus has likely escalated layoffs.” According to the AP, “The high pace of layoffs coincides with an economy that has faltered as consumers have avoided traveling, shopping and eating out in the face of soaring viral caseloads.” The AP says “shutdowns of restaurants, bars and other venues where people gather in California, New York and other states have likely forced up layoffs.”

**Bloomberg** (1/14, Rockeman, 3.57M) says, “The scope of the increase caught many economists by surprise; most of the several dozen surveyed by Bloomberg projected the claims number would be little changed and not a single one of them had predicted so big a jump.” According to Bloomberg, “The median forecast in a Bloomberg survey of economists called for 789,000 initial claims.” Bloomberg also reports that “continuing claims in state programs – an approximation of the number of people receiving ongoing benefits – climbed by 199,000 to 5.27 million in the week ended Jan. 2.”

The **New York Times** (1/14, A1, Ember, 20.6M) reports “the resurgent pandemic keeps sending shock waves through the American economy,” and “the latest evidence came on Thursday when the Labor Department reported that initial claims for state unemployment benefits rose sharply last week, exceeding one million for the first time since July.”

The **Washington Post** (1/14, Rosenberg, 10.52M) says, “The dire numbers will serve as a back-drop for [Joe] Biden as he formally unveils an ambitious stimulus package proposal on Thursday, which could top $1 trillion, and is expected include an expansion of the child tax credit, a $2,000 stimulus payment, and other assistance for the economy.” According to the Post, “Democrats were already using the weak labor to argue about the necessity of more aid.” The Post adds, “Economists say that the economy’s struggles can be explained, in part, by the delay Congress allowed between the summer, when many fiscal aid programs expired and December, when lawmakers finally agreed on a new package after months of stalemate.”

The **New York Times** (1/14, Ember, 20.6M) says, “As the coronavirus continues to pummel the leisure and hospitality industries, employers are likely to continue cutting jobs in the weeks ahead.” The Times adds, “In addition, a major element of the relief package signed by President Trump last month – a $300 weekly federal supplement to other unemployment benefits – is set to expire in mid-March, which could again leave people in the lurch.”

**Reuters** (1/14, Mutikani) also attributed the jump to “a worsening COVID-19 pandemic disrupt[ing] operations at restaurants and other businesses,” though it added that it “was seen by some economists as driven by the recent renewal of supplemental jobless benefits.”

The **Wall Street Journal** (1/14, A1, Gulford, Lang, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) carries a similar report.

Judge Clears Bolton To Gather Evidence In Suit Over Memoir.

**Bloomberg** (1/14, 3.57M) reports that US District Judge Royce Lambert on Thursday ruled that former national security adviser John Bolton “can seek documents and interview witnesses as he fights a government lawsuit claiming the publication of his memoir violated nondisclosure agreements.” In his decision, Lambert “rejected the government’s request for an immediate judgment, and said Bolton can try to collect evidence that the Trump administration acted in bad faith during the pre-publication review of his book, ‘The Room Where it Happened.’” Lambert wrote that “because Bolton argues that the government acted inequitably, the court must be satisfied that the government has clean hands before it can impose a constructive trust. For Bolton to support that argument, he must be allowed limited discovery.”

**CNN** (1/14, 89.21M) reports on its website that “Bolton’s evidence-gathering will be heavily
controlled in [Lamberth's] court. He will be able to seek some evidence from junior government officials at first and must get the judge's approval before continuing.” Lamberth wrote that “Bolton may conduct discovery only on his allegations that President Trump or senior White House officials acted in bad faith by attempting to unduly influence classification decisions.”

Politico (1/14, Gerstein, Cheney, 5.73M) reports, “The decision ensures that Bolton's court fight will drag into the administration of...Joe Biden,” whose “Justice Department must determine whether to continue litigating against Bolton for purportedly disclosing highly classified material in his book.”

**Secret Service Rented Apartment Near Kushner-Ivanka Trump Home For $3,000 Per Month.**

The *Washington Post* (1/14, Jamison, Leonnig, Schwartzman, 10.52M) says, "Many U.S. Secret Service agents have stood guard...over the years to Cabinet secretaries and former presidents. ... But with the arrival of Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, they had a new worry: finding a toilet.” Instructed not to use “any of the half-dozen bathrooms inside the couple's house, the Secret Service detail...spent months searching for a reliable restroom to use on the job.” The Post continues, “After resorting to a porta-potty, as well as bathrooms at the nearby home of former president Barack Obama and the not-so-nearby residence of Vice President Pence, the agents finally found a toilet to call their own. But it came at a cost to U.S. taxpayers. Since September 2017, the federal government has been spending $3,000 a month — more than $100,000 to date — to rent a basement studio, with a bathroom, from a neighbor of the Kushner family.”

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**Chinese Health Officials Say WHO "Should Look Elsewhere" For COVID Origins.**

On *NBC Nightly News* (1/14, story 7, 1:30, 5.91M), Janis Mackey Frayer reported that on Wednesday, "One year after the virus emerged, a World Health Organization team is in Wuhan, though two scientists were denied entry after testing positive for antibodies. The latest hurdle, with China wary of blame.” China CDC chief epidemiologist Wu Zunyou said he does “not have [an] answer yet” as to the origins of the virus, but does not believe it started in Wuhan. One theory for its origin includes “Wuhan’s high security lab,” though the lab’s Shi Zhengli said by email, "There is no way it leaked from here,” and “according to lab directors, the WHO will not investigate the Wuhan lab as a possible source.” Frayer reported, “It isn’t clear what the WHO experts can gather. The epidemic in Wuhan now just a showcase. The virus’ trail presumably gone cold.”

*The New York Times* (1/14, Hernández, 20.6M) reports that on Thursday, “more than a year after a new coronavirus first emerged in China, a team of experts from the World Health Organization finally arrived...in the central city of Wuhan to begin hunting for its source.” However, according to the Times, “in a sign of Beijing’s continuing efforts to control the investigation, the team of scientists and W.H.O. employees almost immediately ran into obstacles. Two scientists were unable to enter China at the last minute and remained in Singapore because they tested positive for coronavirus antibodies,” and “the Chinese authorities required the remaining 13 experts to undergo two weeks of quarantine in Wuhan.”

The *AP* (1/14, McNeil, Wu) reports that the WHO researchers' trip was “approved by President Xi Jinping's government after months of diplomatic wrangling that prompted an unusual public complaint by the head of WHO.” According to the AP, “The ruling Communist Party, stung by complaints it allowed the disease to spread, has suggested the virus came from abroad, possibly on imported seafood, but international scientists reject that.” The AP says “a government spokesman said this week they will 'exchange views' with Chinese scientists but gave no indication whether they would be allowed to gather evidence.”

**UK Bans Travel From South America, Portugal Over Brazil Variant.**
The AP (1/14) reports, “The United Kingdom is banning travel from the whole of South America and Portugal amid concerns over a new variant of the coronavirus in Brazil, authorities announced Thursday.” British Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said that as of 4 a.m. Friday, arrivals from South America, Portugal and its archipelagos Madeira and Azores, the Cape Verde Islands, and Panama “will be halted following evidence of a new variant in Brazil.” Shapps said travel from Portugal would...be halted because of its close links with Brazil, though there are exemptions for truck drivers...transporting essential goods.” Portuguese Foreign Minister Augusto Santos Silva “called the U.K. decision ‘absurd’ and ‘without logic’ and said he would seek clarification from his British counterpart.”

The New York Times (1/14, 20.6M) reports, “British authorities have come under criticism from opposition lawmakers for delaying a travel ban from Latin America, but they have argued that implementing such measures takes time, and that travelers coming from these countries had to quarantine for 10 days upon arrival.”

France Tightens Border Restrictions, Extends Curfew.
The New York Times (1/14, Breeden, Méheut, 20.6M) reports, “France strengthened border controls and extended a curfew to the entire country on Thursday to keep the coronavirus in check, but authorities warned that new restrictions were possible in the coming days if the epidemic worsened.” Beginning January 18, “all travelers coming to France from countries outside of the European Union will have to present proof of a negative virus test that is no older than 72 hours, and will have to pledge to isolate for seven days before getting tested again, although it is unclear how that measure will be enforced.” France’s number of average daily cases “is at about 16,000...far less than at the peak of the second wave last fall, but still over three times the target set by the government to loosen restrictions.”

Brazil Faces Another Setback In CoronaVac Efficacy Data.
The Washington Post (1/14, McCoy, Dou, 10.52M) reports that “Brazil, hit by the third-most cases in the world, has long seen a vaccine as the only way out” of the COVID pandemic, but “has been stumbling” in execution, as “mass vaccination still hasn’t begun,” vaccine skepticism is on the rise, “and now, a fresh setback: a vaccine that’s good — but not great.” Brazilian officials “clarified this week” that Sinovac’s CoronaVac vaccine has an efficacy rate of 50.4% “among all cases,” far below the initially reported 78% efficacy against moderate to severe cases. The Post says, “The underwhelming results are a setback not only for Brazil...but also for countries everywhere that have pinned their hopes on a vaccine that’s cheap, easily transported and ready for mass production.”

Early Vaccine Data From Israel Shows Decreased Infections.
The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Schwartz, Lieber, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that data from Israel’s Clalit Health Services suggested a 33% decline in COVID infection rates among those who received the first dose of Pfizer and BioNTech’s vaccine after two weeks. In clinical trials, Pfizer’s vaccine took 12 days to offer protection. However, the Clalit study included asymptomatic individuals, while Pfizer’s research only included data from symptomatic COVID patients with a positive test.

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Rasmussen, Eqbali, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) in an analysis says that while Joe Biden has said that he plans to rejoin the nuclear agreement with Iran, Iran has been violating the accord in ways that may make it more difficult for the US to renew the accord. Iranian officials, according to the Journal, say that the country could come back into compliance with the agreement quickly, though Iranian opponents of the deal have been pushing for further violations.

Bipartisan Congressional Commission: China May Be Committing “Genocide” Against
Uighurs.

Reuters (1/14, Brunnstrom) says the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, “a bipartisan commission of the U.S. Congress,” released a report stating that China has “possibly committed ‘genocide’ in its treatment of Uighurs and other minority Muslims in its western region of Xinjiang.” The commission “said new evidence had emerged in the past year that ‘crimes against humanity – and possibly genocide – are occurring.’” According to Reuters, the commission “also accused China of harassing Uighurs in the United States.”

Hong Kong Police Arrest 11 Who Helped Activists Attempt Flight To Taiwan. The Washington Post (1/14, Mahtani, 10.52M) reports that on Thursday, Hong Kong’s national security police “arrested 11 people accused of helping a group of activists attempt to flee the city by boat to Taiwan...expanding the dragnet around those connected with the democracy movement.” According to the Post, “The group of activists, known as the Hong Kong 12, were captured by Chinese authorities at sea in August and held incommunicado for months; 10 were sentenced in December by a Chinese court to prison terms of between seven months and three years. The other two, both minors at the time of their attempted escape, were returned to Hong Kong and remain in custody.”

North Korea May Have Displayed SLBMs At Parade.

Reuters (1/14, Smith, Cha) reports, “North Korea displayed what appeared to be a new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) at a parade on Thursday night, state media reported.” Kim Jong-un “smiled and waved as he oversaw the parade in Pyongyang’s Kim Il Sung Square.” The parade concluded with “what analysts said appeared to be new types of short-range ballistic missile and SLBMs rolled into the square on trucks.”

UN Officials: US Designation Of Houthis Will Exacerbate War And Famine In Yemen.

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Uganda Holds Presidential Election.

The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Bariya, Parkinson, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that on Thursday, Uganda held a presidential election and around 18 million people voted, though some of
the opposition accused the government of rigging the election amid numerous claims of voting delays and other problems. Results are expected to be announced on Saturday. President Yoweri Museveni, who has been president since 1986, is being challenged by Bobi Wine, a popular musician. To win a candidate must receive over 50% of the vote.

The New York Times (1/14, Dahir, 20.6M) reports the "hotly contested election" will decide whether Museveni "wins a sixth term in office and continues his 35-year rule of the country or is unseated by one of 10 rivals, including a leading opposition candidate, Bobi Wine, a rapper-turned-lawmaker." The election, adds the Times, "has drawn global attention as a test of how democracy might take hold in a country more accustomed to autocratic rule."

Last Year Was Among Hottest On Record, According To New Reports.

The AP (1/14, Borenstein) reports, "While NASA and a couple of other measurement groups said 2020 passed or essentially tied 2016 as the hottest year on record, more agencies, including the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, said last year came in a close second or third." Despite differences in ranking, "all the monitoring agencies agree the six warmest years on record have been the six years since 2015."

USA Today (1/14, Rice, 12.7M) reports, "The planet was near record-hot again last year, climate groups announced Thursday." The Washington Post (1/14, Mooney, Freedman, Muyskens, 10.52M) reports, "The year 2020, which witnessed terrifying blazes from California to Siberia and a record number of tropical cyclones in the Atlantic, rivaled and possibly even equaled the hottest year on record." The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Hotz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that reliable records go back to 1880.

THE BIG PICTURE

Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Democrats In Senate To Juggle Trump Impeachment Trial, Biden Agenda
Biden Proposes $1.9 Trillion Covid-19 Relief Package
The Covid-19 Death Toll Is Even Worse Than It Looks
US Unemployment Claims Rise As Coronavirus Weighs On Economy
Champagne Delivery By Rolls-Royce? Posh Restaurants Break Out The Takeout Menu
James Simons Steps Down As Chairman Of Renaissance Technologies

New York Times:
Biden Outlines $1.9 Trillion Spending Package To Combat Virus And Downturn
Unemployment Claims Rise Sharply, Showing New Economic Pain
Senate Plans Trial For Trump As GOP Weighs Risks Of Convicting
Abandon Trump? Deep In The GOP Ranks, The MAGA Mind-Set Prevails
The Maddening Red Tape Facing Older People Who Want The Vaccine
Nine Michigan Leaders Face Charges In Water Crisis That Ruled Flint

Washington Post:
Experts Warn Of Further Attacks
Biden Outlines Vast Plan For Relief
How DC Police Held Their Ground
Dozens On Terror Watch List Were In DC During Riot
US Capitol Attack Deals A Blow To Democracy Worldwide
Rocky Handoff Portends Vaccine Woes, Experts Say

Financial Times:
Russia Struggles To Distribute Its Vaccine To The Regions
Biden Urges Focus On Covid And Economy As Trump Trial Looms
Latin American Economy Faces Painful Road Back From Coronavirus Slump
Health And Tech Groups Aim To Create Digital Covid 'Vaccination Passport'

Washington Times:
China Building 'Greatest Expansion Of A Nuclear Arsenal' Since Cold War, State Department Warns
Jeff Sessions Blamed For Policy That Separated Families: 'We Need To Take Away Children'
Lawsuit Could Win Discharge Upgrade For Vets With Brain Injuries, PTSD
Biden Unveils $1.9 Trillion Economic Rescue Package; $1,400 Checks For Millions Of Americans
'It's Overkill', Inauguration Lockdown Deals Another Blow To Struggling DC Businesses

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: FBI-Inauguration; Pence-National Guard Troops; Impeachment; COVID; Biden-Relief Plan; Michigan-Fmr. Flint Gov. Charged; Winter Storm; Death of Siegfried; Death of Joanne Rogers; Capitol Police Officer-Congressional Gold Medal.
CBS: FBI-Inauguration; Capitol Siege; Impeachment; COVID; Biden-Relief Plan; Michigan-Fmr. Flint Gov. Charged; Capitol Police Officer-Congressional Gold Medal; Death of Siegfried; Girl Scout Has Innovative Sale Pitch For Cookies.
NBC: FBI-Inauguration; Impeachment; COVID; Biden-Relief Plan; Unemployment; Michigan-Fmr. Flint Gov. Charged; COVID Origins; Texas-Police Shooting; Hunger Crisis; Reflecting On An Historic Week.

Network TV At A Glance:
FBI-Inauguration - 13 minutes, 0 seconds
Impeachment - 8 minutes, 40 seconds
COVID - 7 minutes, 40 seconds
Biden-Relief Plan - 3 minutes, 50 seconds
Michigan-Fmr. Flint Gov. Charged - 3 minutes, 25 seconds

WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE

Today's Events In Washington.
White House:
• President Trump — Will work from early in the morning until late in the evening. He will make many calls and have many meetings.
• Vice President Pence — Attends memorial service for test pilot Chuck Yeager – the man who broke the sound barrier.

US Senate:
• Senators convenes for pro forma session - Senates convenes for pro forma session * Chamber on recess from 7 Jan - 19 Jan
  Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM
• Senate Intelligence Committee considers DNI nominee - Remote nominations hearing, held via WebEx, considers Avril Haines to be Director of National Intelligence * President-elect Joe Biden nominated the former Deputy National Security Advisor / former CIA deputy director in November. She would be the first ever female DNI; 12:00 PM

US House:
• House meets in pro forma session - House of Representatives meets in pro forma session * Chamber on recess from 8 Jan - 18 Jan
  Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC; 11:00 AM
• House Speaker Nancy Pelosi holds weekly press conference
  Location: HVC Studio A, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC; 11:30 AM

Cabinet Officers:
No public schedules released.

Visitors:
- No visitors scheduled.

General Events:
- Federal Reserve Board of Governors closed meeting (virtual) – Federal Reserve Board of Governors closed meeting for a periodic briefing and discussion on financial markets, institutions, and infrastructure (virtual); 10:00 AM
- DOT releases Air Travel Consumer Report – Department of Transportation releases Air Travel Consumer Report, detailing November 2020 airline on-time and cancellation numbers, tarmac times, mishandled baggage numbers, and mishandled wheelchair and scooter numbers; 11:00 AM
- Axios hosts discussion on healthcare affordability (virtual) – 'Affordability and the Next Administration' Axios virtual discussion on healthcare leadership in the Biden Administration, including policies around healthcare affordability and their plan to reduce per-person spending. Speakers include former Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Mark McClellan, former Rep. Greg Walden, and UnitedHealth Group OptumHealth CEO Wyatt Decker; 12:30 PM
- CSIS hosts conversation with State Department Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources director (virtual) – Center for Strategic and International Studies Project on Prosperity and Development hosts online armchair conversation with State Department Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources Director Jim Richardson, centered on competition with China, coronavirus (COVID-19) relief efforts, the Trump Administration’s work on religious freedom, the future of U.S. foreign assistance, and opportunities and challenges for the incoming Biden Administration; 1:00 PM
- FEMA meeting (virtual) – Federal Emergency Management Agency meeting to implement ‘Voluntary Agreement for the Manufacture and Distribution of Critical Healthcare Resources Necessary to Respond to a Pandemic’; 2:00 PM
- GOP Rep. Liz Cheney speaks at Reagan Institute (virtual) – Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute hosts a discussion with Republican Rep. Liz Cheney, who discusses ‘the nation’s role in the world given the landscape of national security threats and challenges’ *House Republican Conference Chair Cheney was the highest-ranked of 10 Republicans to vote in favor of impeaching President Donald Trump earlier this week; 3:00 PM

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Have a wonderful Friday,
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Please reach out to our unit with any questions or comments on this report.

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Good evening,

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The Capitol Riot, Anti-Semitism And What Joe Biden Can Do
Source: The Hill

(United States) Among the mob that took over the U.S. Capitol was a man wearing a sweatshirt that's hard to forget. It read: “Camp Auschwitz.” In December, another man attended a Proud Boys rally in Washington, wearing a t-shirt with the logo “6MWE,” short for “6 Million Jews Wasn’t Enough.” It’s a sickening reminder that anti-Semitism not only exists but that individuals are comfortable enough to emblazon statements that stand for — or call for — the genocide of Jews. According to the FBI, hate-crime incidents in churches, synagogues, mosques and temples increased by roughly 35 percent between 2014 and 2018. In September 2019, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) warned that the faith-based community, particularly the Jewish community, was threatened by domestic terrorists. Read More

No Current Known Threats Against Pittsburgh Jewish Community
Source: Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

(Pennsylvania) There are no known threats currently directed against the Pittsburgh Jewish community, according to Shawn Brokos, director of community security for the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Neither are there current threats directed at the Greater Pittsburgh area, she said. The security update comes in the wake of the 06 January violent riot at the Capitol building in Washington D.C., and despite news that the FBI is investigating several people from Southwestern Pennsylvania for their alleged roles in the incident. “There are folks from the Pittsburgh area that were at the Capitol and are potentially being investigated,” Brokos acknowledged, adding that local, state and federal law enforcement agencies are monitoring violent extremist groups with a focus on the leaders of those organizations. Read More

[UPDATE] Man Charged With Attempted Arson, Uttering Threats After Graffiti Attack On Westmount Synagogue
Source: Global News

(Canada) A 28-year-old man has been charged with trying to commit arson and for uttering threats after a major synagogue in Montreal was defaced Wednesday with antisemitic graffiti. Adam Riga, of Montreal, appeared in court Thursday by video conference. He was ordered to undergo an evaluation to determine whether he is fit to be arraigned and is scheduled to return before a judge Friday. Riga was arrested Wednesday, shortly after spray-painted swastikas were found on the doors of Shaar Hashomayim temple. Rabbi Adam Scheier wrote a letter to members stating that a security guard detained the man before he was arrested by police. Read More.
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However, USA Today (1/14, Carless, Bomey) reports, “leaders of far-right, extremist factions are telling their followers to stay away from protests planned across the country this weekend and on Inauguration Day. Experts on far-right extremism agree that, unlike the days before the Jan. 6 insurrection, the online ecosystem used by President Donald Trump’s most outspoken supporters has been muted, with few signs that large crowds will gather in Washington or state capitals for protests planned Sunday and Wednesday.”

Governors Prepare To Activate National Guard At Home. The Washington Post (1/14, Lamothe, Ryan, Schneider) reports, “Governors in multiple states moved Thursday to activate National Guardsmen to bolster security in their own jurisdictions through Inauguration Day. Some governors have put their guardsmen on standby status to deploy only if there is an emergency, while others have promised that troops will be on the streets alongside police officers.”

NYPD Enhances Presence At High-Profile Spots In Wake Of Capitol Attack

The New York Post (1/14, Colone, Moore, Feld) reports, “The NYPD is stepping up its presence around City Hall, Trump Tower, federal buildings and other high-profile locations following an FBI warning of more possible attacks like the deadly US Capitol riot, officials and sources said Thursday.” According to the Post, “Times Square, Washington Square Park, the Trump International Hotel and federal courthouses are among the other spots seeing an enhanced NYPD footprint through at least Inauguration Day, according to a law-enforcement source familiar with an FBI memo sent Wednesday to the department. In a conference call held Thursday with reporters, John Miller, the NYPD’s Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence and Counterterrorism, repeatedly stressed that the department was not aware of any specific, credible threats against the city, but said that a cautious approach was nevertheless wise.”

Fox News (1/14, Pagones) reports, “A top-ranking New York police official believes right-wing violent extremists also will target civilians going forward, rather than just government and elected officials like last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol, he said Thursday.” John Miller, the New York Police Department’s deputy commissioner of intelligence and counterterrorism, was asked during a press conference call whether he had concerns that ‘right-wing groups’ would move on from government targets.
to civilians. "Yes," he responded. "And I think we only need to study history to understand that."

Montana House Passes Bill To Permit Concealed Carry On Campuses

The AP (1/14, Samuels) reports from Helena, Montana, "A bill that would expand the list of places in Montana where people can carry concealed firearms with and without permits passed Thursday in the Republican-controlled House, less than two weeks after the Legislature started its session." The AP adds, "Under existing law, concealed firearms are only allowed without permits in Montana outside of city limits. The bill would allow them to be carried without permits, including in the Montana Capitol, state and local government buildings and on public university campuses." Under the bill, "the only places where carrying concealed firearms would not be allowed are correctional or detention centers, beyond security checkpoints at commercial airports, in federal buildings, on military bases or on private property if the owners prohibit firearms."

Illinois Lawmakers Pass Criminal Justice Reform Bill

The SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TIMES (1/14, Hayden) reports, "Lawmakers and police officials are divided on the sweeping criminal justice reform package passed by the Illinois legislature early Wednesday morning during the lame-duck session." The Times adds that the legislation "will end the cash bail system, require every police officer in the state to be equipped with a body camera by 2025, require every officer to be certified by the state and establishes use-of-force regulations that ban choke holds and restraints that inhibit breathing. Defendants can still be detained before trial if they’re deemed a flight risk or a risk to the community, as determined by a judge. The end of cash bail takes effect Jan. 1, 2023."

Ontario Stay-At-Home Order Does Not Allow Police To Stop Cars, Ask Destinations

The Globe and Mail (CAN) (1/14, Stone) reports, "The Ontario government says its new stay-at-home order to curb the spread of COVID-19 does not give law enforcement unfettered power to enter people’s properties, force them to explain why they are outside or stop them in their cars, as some police forces reported being ‘overwhelmed’ with worried calls from the public." The Globe and Mail adds, "The order, which came into effect on Thursday at 12:01 a.m. and lasts until at least Feb. 11, does not require workers to provide proof that they are travelling to or from their workplace, the government said. Instead, it’s intended to limit the public’s contacts and includes a list of exemptions, including essential trips for food, medicine, exercise or work. "On its own, being outside is not sufficient evidence of a failure to comply with the stay-at-home order," Stephen Warner, a spokesman for Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones, said in a statement on Thursday."

Foreign Drivers Caught Speeding In UK Will Get Off Due To New Brexit Rules

The Sun (UK) (1/14) reports, "Foreign visitors to the UK caught speeding will avoid being sent steep fines due to new Brexit rules." The Sun adds, "Since the UK left the EU on January 1 with a new Brexit deal, a number of changes are now in place. The EU’s Cross-Border Enforcement Directive formerly allowed information sharing between the UK and the EU which would allow speeding drivers to be contacted when they left the country, and “this meant anyone caught speeding in a foreign country could be fined up to a year after the incident. However, this arrangement is no longer in place, meaning it is unlikely that foreign speeding drivers will be fined once they leave the UK. This is also the same in reverse – Brits are unlikely to be fined if they are caught speeding in an EU country.”

New Jersey Lawmakers Announce Online Terrorism Prevention Act

The Newark Star News (1/14) reports that New Jersey Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R) and Josh Gottheimer (D) "announced new legislation, H.R.9043, the Online Terrorism Prevention Act, to require regular disclosure of the presence of designated foreign terrorist organizations on social media websites, and to impose financial and criminal penalties for social media companies that fail to eliminate terrorist content from their platforms.” The NCTC "has previously assessed that nearly every one of the 642 designated TFOs has a social media presence."
The IACP is accepting nominations until March 15 for the 2021 40 Under 40 Award. This award program is designed to recognize 40 police professionals under the age of 40 from around the world that demonstrate leadership and exemplify commitment to their profession. Submit a nomination today!

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IACP Event Calendar:
Prosecutors Say Rittenhouse Socialized With Proud Boys After Release

The Washington Post reports, “Shortly after pleading not guilty to murder and weapons charges earlier this month, Kyle Rittenhouse showed up at a bar in Mount Pleasant, Wis., clad in a T-shirt that said ‘Free as F—-.’ prosecutors said.” Rittenhouse “allegedly drank three beers, posed for photos with members of Proud Boys and flashed a ‘white power’ hand sign” during the excursion, publicized on social media last week. The Kenosha County District Attorney’s Office on Wednesday asked a judge to forbid Rittenhouse from drinking alcohol, using ‘white supremacist’ signs and spending time with members of the Proud Boys, arguing that his “continued association” with white supremacist groups “raises the significant possibility of future harm” and “may serve to intimidate potential witnesses.”

Mexico Eases Rules Restricting US Drug Enforcement Agents

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Delaware Drug, Gang Probe Leads To More Than 50 Arrests

The Delaware News Journal reports the DEA and the FBI were involved with a “drug and gang investigation” that aimed to help reduce violent crime in Dover, Delaware. The investigation “netted more than 50 arrests, tens of thousands of dollars in drug proceeds and thousands more worth of narcotics.”

Scottish Environmental Regulator Hit By Cyber Attack

BBC News reports that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (Sepa) says criminals are demanding a ransom to unlock its digital systems which have been subjected to a cyber attack since Christmas Eve.” The environmental regulator said international groups were likely to be behind the ransomware attack that has locked its emails and contacts centre.” About 1.2 gigabytes of data were stolen, “with indications suggesting that at least 4,000 files may have been accessed and stolen.” Sepa’s “internal communications have also been locked but critical services, such as flood forecasting and warnings, have not been affected.”

Cellphone Helps New York Police Identify Pedestrian Killed In Crash

New York Times reports, “Days had gone by, and the name of the pedestrian fatally struck last week by a 19-year-old driver in Deer Park still eluded police detectives, according to the Suffolk County Police Department. No ID on the pedestrian. No fingerprints in police records. No luck in any missing-person report.” Times adds, “Then, a break — the pedestrian’s cellphone, which he was apparently carrying when the driver, operating a Nissan Sentra headed west on Bay Shore Road, struck him near the intersection with Washington Avenue. ‘We went through the contacts in his cellphone which led us to [a landlord that gave detectives contact information for the victim’s brother-in-law], the department’s press office wrote in an email this week about the investigation, which also included canvassing the area to see whether people in the neighborhood were familiar with the man.”

THURSDAY’S LEAD STORIES

* Joint Intelligence Bulletin Warns US Capital Breach May Encourage Extremists
* Man Smashes New Zealand Parliament Building Doors
* Experts Say Threat Of Violence From Extremist Groups Unlikely To Fade
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Wray Warns Of “Potential For Violence At Multiple Protests And Rallies.”” Norah O’Donnell opened the CBS Evening News (1/14, lead story, 4:25, O’Donnell, 4.61M) by saying, “Tonight, the United States government is actively preparing to be attacked by its own citizens. ... The FBI and other agencies are warning police departments across the country that extremists and militias are discussing a second assault on the US Capitol along with the White House or state capitals.” FBI Director Wray says “he is concerned about conversations that are being picked up online about plans for multiple armed protests.” Wray said investigators “have already identified 200 suspects, warning more arrests are coming.”

Pierre Thomas said on ABC World News Tonight (1/14, lead story, 4:50, Muir, 7.47M), “A new intelligence assessment raises the specter of continued insurrection next week. The new FBI bulletin urges authorities in DC and all 50 state capitals to prepare for a fight, or face the prospect that violent offenders could overwhelm local, state, and federal law enforcement.” Six days until the inauguration, and with an expected 21,000 National Guard available, there are now more troops in Washington DC than US military in Afghanistan and Iraq combined.

Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/14, lead story, 3:45, Holt, 5.91M), “Six days before the inauguration, and the tension is high in DC. The FBI is urging state and local police to share any and all intel about right-wing extremists targeting federal and state government buildings and lawmakers. The New York Times reports a national intelligence bulletin warns that extremists want to trigger a race war and may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States.” Wray: “We’re concerned about the potential for violence at multiple protests and rallies planned here in DC and the state capitol buildings around the country. So anybody who plots or attempts violence in the coming week should count on a visit.”

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The Washington Examiner (1/14, Dunleavy, 888K) quotes Wray saying, “When we talk about potential threats ... we are seeing an extensive amount of concerning online chatter, is the best way I would describe it, about a number of events surrounding the inauguration. And together with our partners, we evaluate those threats and what kind of resources to deploy against them. Right now, we’re tracking calls for potential armed protests and activity leading up to the inauguration. And the reason I use the word “potential” is because one of the real challenges in this space is trying to distinguish what’s aspirational versus what’s intentional. We’re concerned about the potential for violence at multiple protests and rallies planned here in D.C. and at multiple state capitol buildings around the country in the days to come that could bring armed individuals within close proximity to government buildings and officials.”

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Fox News (1/14, Barrabi, 23.99M) reports on its website that Acting DHS Secretary Gaynor said preparations have been underway ‘for more than three years’ to ensure a safe inauguration. The law enforcement presence ‘covers most of downtown
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**Online Extremists Ignoring Trump’s Call For Calm.** *Politico* (1/14, Nguyen, 6.73M) reports, “President Donald Trump has instructed his followers to not engage in political violence following the deadly riots on the Capitol on Jan 6,” but “the video in which he made the plea has barely made a dent in the groundswell of extremism that was seen last week and has proliferated online since.” Politico adds, “A vast swath of the president’s diehard base in MAGA Nation – the conspiracy theorists, the militia members, and the followers of the QAnon conspiracy theory – has disregarded Trump’s Wednesday remarks. Instead, they are dissecting his phrases and using those cues as rallying cries, doubling down on their plans to keep the MAGA movement going after Trump leaves the White House.”

**Congressional Panels To Investigate Why FBI Warning Before Capitol Assault Wasn’t Heeded.** *Reuters* (1/14, Hosenball) reports that the Intelligence and Homeland Security oversight committees “are opening investigations into why federal and local law enforcement agencies did not pay closer attention” to a January 5 warning by the FBI’s office in Norfolk – a day before the storming of the Capitol. The Congressional committees “join the Senate Homeland Security and Rules Committees investigating security lapses at the Capitol complex on Jan. 6 which resulted in rioters entering the building and threatening legislators, congressional staff and members of the media.” The FBI’s office had “circulated a warning widely to law enforcement agencies that extremists were preparing to travel to Washington to commit violence and ‘war,’ the FBI has confirmed.” The Senate Intelligence Committee “will interview witnesses on why federal and local agencies did not respond more aggressively and effectively to the FBI warning, a committee official said.”

**Individuals In Terrorist Screening Database Were In DC On January 6.** The *Washington Post* (1/14, Barrett, Hsu, Lang, 10.52M) reports, “Dozens of people on a terrorist watch list were in Washington for pro-Trump events” on January 6, “according to people familiar with evidence gathered in the FBI’s investigation. The majority of the watchlisted individuals in Washington that day are suspected white supremacists whose past conduct so alarmed investigators that their names had been previously entered into the national Terrorist Screening Database, or TSDB, a massive set of names flagged as potential security risks.” The *Wall Street Journal* (1/14, Frosch, Levy, Elinson, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports “numerous extremists and private militia groups” had made plans online to travel to Washington for events that day.

**More Arrests Made In Cases Stemming From Riot.** *CNN* (1/14, 89.21M) reports, “Investigators have identified more than 200 suspects in their probe of the January 6 attack at the US Capitol and arrested more than 100 individuals,” FBI Director Wray “said Thursday in his first public appearance since the riot. ‘We know who you are if you’re out there, and FBI agents are coming to find you,’ he said during an inauguration security briefing at Federal Emergency Management Agency headquarters in Washington with Vice President Mike Pence.” Wray’s comments “come as federal investigators are chasing thousands of leads in twin efforts to prosecute people involved in last week’s attack on the US Capitol and to try to prevent feared follow-up attacks in Washington and around the country. The challenge, FBI and Justice Department officials say, is ‘unprecedented’ and Wray addressed the duality of the current situation in his comments Thursday by speaking directly to those who may be considering taking part in violent acts going forward. ‘My advice to people who might be inclined to follow in the footsteps of those who engaged in the kind of activity we saw last week is stay home,’ he said.”

*CNN* (1/14, 89.21M) reports, “About 10 new charges announced by the Justice Department on Thursday rammed home the message from law enforcement that it will find the participants in the siege of the Capitol that killed five people, including a Capitol Police officer.” According to CNN, “The new charges on Thursday rounded up two people who allegedly hurt police
officers and a man who shocked many across the country by carrying a Confederate flag inside the Capitol, where he was photographed extensively. CNN has counted at least 44 federal criminal defendants related to the January 6 insurrection. FBI Director Chris Wray said on Thursday that more than 200 people have been identified as suspects, and he sent a message to those still at large: ‘We know who you are if you’re out there, and FBI agents are coming to find you,’ he said during an inauguration security briefing at Federal Emergency Management Agency headquarters in Washington.”

**Politico** (1/15, Cheney, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, “Federal prosecutors on Thursday for the first time described last week’s assault on the U.S. Capitol as a ‘violent insurrection that attempted to overthrow the United States Government’ – and one they consider to still be underway.” According to Politico, “The language was included in a filing in federal district court in Arizona, intended to deny bail to Jacob Anthony Chansley, a man they describe as ‘an active participant in’ and ‘the most prominent symbol of the insurrection.’ Chansley, an Arizonan who also goes by Jacob Angeli and ‘Q Shaman,’ has become a social media fixture in the aftermath of the mob violence at the Capitol. A shirtless Chansley has been seen in numerous pictures carrying a six-foot spear, donning horns, a coyote tail headdress and face paint – including one on the Senate’s rostrum.”

**Reuters** (1/15) reports, “Federal prosecutors offered an ominous new assessment of last week’s siege of the U.S. Capitol by President Donald Trump’s supporters on Thursday, saying in a court filing that rioters intended ‘to capture and assassinate elected officials.’ Prosecutors offered that view in a filing asking a judge to detain Jacob Chansley, the Arizona man and QAnon conspiracy theorist who was famously photographed wearing horns as he stood at the desk of Vice President Mike Pence in the chamber of the U.S. Senate.” The detention memo, “written by Justice Department lawyers in Arizona, goes into greater detail about the FBI’s investigation into Chansley, revealing that he left a note for Pence warning that ‘it’s only a matter of time, justice is coming.’ ‘Strong evidence, including Chansley’s own words and actions at the Capitol, supports that the intent of the Capitol rioters was to capture and assassinate elected officials in the United States government,’ prosecutors wrote.”

The **Los Angeles Times** (1/14, Phillips, 3.37M) reports that the crowd at the January 6 Capitol siege “included not just fringe radicals but also a broad cross-section of President Trump’s supporters – people with office jobs, kids and mortgages, and otherwise respectable public reputations. Among those identified and charged with crimes by law enforcement as participating in the insurrection were municipal employees, former members of the military, social media influencers, police officers and a school therapist. Also charged were a data analytics company CEO and a two-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer from USC.” The Times adds, “Law enforcement officials are alarmed by the varied backgrounds of the pro-Trump intruders and say it can be difficult to prevent attacks and uncover dangerous motives when extremists hide behind the veneer of normality.”

The **New York Times** (1/14, Feuer, Benner, 20.6M) reports, “The nationwide dragnet for those responsible for the worst incursion on the home of Congress since the War of 1812 has now entered its second week, and investigators are increasingly concerned that some of the attackers may have brought specialized skills to bear on the assault. So far, two off-duty police officers from a small town in Virginia and a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas are among the suspects with police or military links – a tiny fraction of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody.”

**Reuters** (1/14) reports, “United by political grievances, they came in costumes, snapping selfies, calling themselves patriots. Some came armed for battle and planning for ‘war.’ As authorities begin to charge the rioters in the Jan. 6 siege of the U.S. Capitol, court documents paint a picture of a diverse mob that included both citizens with mainstream careers – police officers, a flower shop owner, a state lawmaker, military veterans, even an Olympic medalist – as well as Americans on the fringe. One was a member of the Proud Boys, a far-right extremist group. Another had a caveman costume beneath a police bulletproof vest. One served time in prison for attempted murder.” Reuters adds, “They traveled from as far as Hawaii to join the protest,” and “some brought all manner of weapons or explosives, underscoring the grave threat from an insurrection that resulted in five deaths, including a police officer, and dozens of injuries.”

In a round-up of arrests, the **New York Times** (1/14, McDonnell Nieto del Rio, Goldman, Benner, Ives, 20.6M) reports, “A man seen holding a Confederate battle flag, a person identified as striking a police officer with a flagpole and a retired firefighter identified as having thrown a fire extinguisher at officers were among those arrested Thursday” for their role in last week’s riot.

The **Washington Post** (1/14, 10.52M) has a 5,100-word feature on the role of District of Columbia police during the insurrection.

The **CBS Evening News** (1/14, story 2, 2:30, O’Donnell, 4.61M) covered some of the arrests.

**California Man Who Allegedly Smashed Capitol Windows Is Arrested.** The **Los Angeles Times** (1/14, 3.37M) reports California resident Hunter Ehmke, “who allegedly smashed a window at the U.S. Capitol,” was arrested by FBI agents late Wednesday.

**Pennsylvania Man Charged With Striking Capitol Police Officer With Fire Extinguisher.** The **USA Today** (1/14, Axon, Voyles Pulver, 12.7M) reports Robert Sanford of Boothwyn, Pennsylvania, “faces four federal charges, including assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers while engaged in the performance of official duties and disorderly or disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds.”
CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports that Sanford, 55, “was arrested on Thursday morning in Pennsylvania, the Justice Department said. Court documents say Sanford was seen on video carrying a ‘red object, which appears to be a fire extinguisher,’ as he stepped over a short wall at the lower west terrace of the Capitol. He allegedly threw the fire extinguisher toward police officers, striking one, who was wearing a helmet, before ricocheting and hitting two others. The records said Sanford was identified on Tuesday to the FBI’s Pennsylvania branch and charged on Wednesday in US District Court.”

The Daily Beast (1/14, Menendez, 933K) reports, “An Arkansas man caught on video beating a Washington, D.C., cop with an American flagpole during the Capitol riots was charged on Thursday.” Peter Francis Stager “has been charged with obstructing a law enforcement officer for allegedly beating a Metropolitan Police officer who was guarding an entrance of the U.S. Capitol.” Prosecutors “allege in a criminal complaint that members of the MAGA mob who stormed the building last Wednesday grabbed the officer, dragged him down a flight of stairs, and forced him into a ‘prone position; before ‘forcibly and repeatedly’ hitting him in the head and body with ‘various objects.’” The FBI “said they learned of Stager’s identity from a confidential informant who saw the videos on social media.”

Florida Man Charged In Capitol Siege. Business Insider (1/14, Shamsian, 2.74M) reports, “A man who stormed the US Capitol building during the January 6 insurrection expressed doubt that he would be arrested for participating in the insurrection – before being arrested days later, according to prosecutors. ‘How are they going to arrest every single person?’ Andrew Williams said in a video taken while he was entering the Capitol’s rotunda, according to a sworn FBI affidavit. ‘We are storming the Capitol! Yeah baby!’ Williams also said while storming the Capitol, according to the affidavit.” Williams “was arrested on January 13 at his home in Maitland, Florida, according to court records reviewed by Insider, on charges of disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and unlawful entry of a restricted building.” Williams, “a firefighter employed by the Sanford, Florida, police department, was identified after a law enforcement officer saw he posted a photo of himself in the Capitol building online, according to the affidavit.”

Delaware Father, Son Arrested After Carrying Confederate Flag During Capitol Riot. The AP (1/14, Drew) reports, “A Delaware man photographed carrying a Confederate battle flag during a deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol was arrested Thursday after authorities used the image to help identify him, federal prosecutors said.” Federal prosecutors in Washington, DC “said that Kevin Seefried, who was seen carrying the flag, was arrested in Delaware along with his son, Hunter Seefried. Prosecutors said both entered the Senate Building through a broken window before Kevin Seefried was seen carrying around the Confederate flag in photos that caught attention from news outlets and social media. Both were charged with unlawfully entering a restricted building, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and degradation of government property.” The men “were identified after the FBI was told by a coworker of Hunter Seefried that he had bragged about being in the capitol with his father, court documents say.”

USA Today (1/14, Neiburg, Wilson, 12.7M) reports, “Court documents, citing video footage, say the Seefrieds entered the Capitol through a window that Hunter helped break at approximately 2:13 p.m. after hundreds of supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the building where lawmakers were trying to confirm the Electoral College votes from President-elect Joe Biden’s win in November. Court documents say the Seefrieds were in a large group that ‘verbally confronted’ several U.S. Capitol Police officers. Documents say Hunter took a ‘selfie photograph.’ The FBI, which circulated Kevin’s image on social media, was tipped off to the father and son by a co-worker of Hunter’s who told law enforcement officials that he ‘bragged about being in the Capitol with his father,’ according to court documents. The Seefrieds participated in ‘voluntary’ interviews with the FBI on Tuesday and confirmed their attendance at the Capitol.”
CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports that Kevin Seefried “told the FBI he had brought the Confederate flag with him to Washington from his home in Delaware, where he normally displays it outside. Seefried was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.”

**New York Men Charged In Capitol Siege.** The AP (1/14, Hill, Thompson) reports from Albany, New York, “Syracuse resident Albert Ciarpelli, who acknowledged entering the U.S. Capitol with the mob and taking pictures as part of what he told federal agents was a ‘little adventure,’ was arrested Wednesday.” Ciarpelli, 65, “was released after pleading not guilty to charges of knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building and engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds. According to a court filing, Ciarpelli told agents he entered the Capitol through a partially opened door and spent about 15 minutes walking through the building.” The AP adds, “Also charged was a Buffalo-area man who was recorded trying to set fire to news media equipment and walking through the U.S. Capitol. Peter J. Harding, 47, appeared for a remote hearing Thursday in federal court, where his lawyer said his actions were ‘peaceful in nature.’”

**Alabama Man Charged For Role In Capitol Riot.** The AP (1/14, Chandler) reports from Montgomery, Alabama, “An Alabama man was arrested Thursday and charged with taking part in last week’s storming of the U.S. Capitol, identified in part from a YouTube video he made in which he spoke of how the crowd became an angry mob, prosecutors say.” Joshua Mathew Black of Leeds, Alabama, “was charged with entering a restricted building and violent entry or disorderly conduct. A federal agent wrote in the arrest documents that Black was identified as a man photographed on the Senate floor and also as the individual who recorded the anonymous video two days later describing his experience.” The AP adds, “According to arrest document, Black said in the video that the ‘crowd went crazy’ when Congress began proceedings to certify President-elect Joe Biden’s win over President Donald Trump and that he believed Vice President Mike Pence ‘turned on us and that they had stolen the election.’”

**Prosecutors Say Man In “CFD” Had At Capitol Siege Is Retired Pennsylvania Firefighter.** The Chicago Tribune (1/14, 2.03M) reports, “Federal authorities on Thursday alleged a Pennsylvania man is the person photographed at last week’s mob attack on the U.S. Capitol wearing a ‘CFD’ hat.” The Tribune adds, “According to an FBI affidavit filed in the case, a tipster told authorities the man pictured was Robert Sanford of Pennsylvania, who was retired from the Chester Fire Department in that state. Sanford, 55, was charged Thursday with knowingly entering a restricted building, disruptive conduct on Capitol grounds and assaulting officers engaged in official duties, according to authorities. The image of the man in the hat had attracted attention in Chicago, and spurred speculation on the Internet that the person could have connections to the Chicago Fire Department.”

**Prosecutor: Texas Capitol Rioter AImed To “Take Hostages.”** The AP (1/14, Bleiberg) reports from Fort Worth, Texas, “A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week carried plastic zip-tie handcuffs because he intended ‘to take hostages,’ a prosecutor said in a Texas court on Thursday. ‘He means to take hostages. He means to kidnap, restrain, perhaps try, perhaps execute members of the U.S. government,’ Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Weimer said of retired Lt. Col. Larry Rendall Brock Jr. without providing specifics.” Weimer “had argued that Brock should be detained, but Magistrate Judge Jeffrey L. Cureton said he would release Brock to home confinement. Cureton ordered Brock to surrender any firearms and said he could have only limited internet access as conditions of that release.”

**Utah Liberal Activist Charged With Joining Capitol Riot.** Politico (1/14, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, “A liberal activist from Utah was arrested on Thursday on federal charges that he took part in the riot at the Capitol last week.” John Sullivan, 26, “founder of a protest group called Insurgence USA, was charged in a criminal complaint with one felony count of interfering with law enforcement in connection with a civil disorder, as well as misdemeanor charges of unlawful entry and disorderly conduct.” Politico adds, “While the vast majority of the roughly 100 people hit with federal charges appear to be supporters of President Donald Trump and some backed known right-wing organizations, Sullivan is the first person to be charged who appears to have been active in liberal causes.”
Chicago-Area Man Arrested For Role In Capitol Riot. Business Insider (1/14, Sheth, 2.74M) reports, “In an affidavit this week, the FBI detailed how one man turned over evidence of his alleged crimes to an agent he addressed as ‘Nice FBI Lady’ and explained how he walked into the office of ‘big boss’ Nancy Pelosi, the House speaker. The affidavit said the man, Kevin Lyons, posted photos on social media showing his plans to attend a rally in Washington, DC, headlined by the president on January 6. Trump has been widely accused of inciting the Capitol riot; at the rally, he urged supporters to march to the Capitol, ‘fight’ the election result, and ‘take back our country.’ One photo Lyons posted on Instagram was a screenshot of a map of the route from Lyons’ home in the Chicago area to Washington, DC, the affidavit said.”

Fox News (1/14, Pagones, 23.99M) reports that Lyons “allegedly told agents who showed up to arrest him: ‘Wow, you’re pretty good,’ court papers show.” Lyons “was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building without authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds for allegedly taking part in Jan. 6’s events, according to a criminal complaint signed Tuesday. Before his alleged involvement, Lyons posted a picture on Instagram showing the route of his 11-hour trip from the Chicago area to Washington, D.C., and captioned the photo: ‘I refuse to tell my children that I sat back and did nothing. I’m heading to DC to STOP THE STEAL!’ according to a photo shared in the complaint.”

The Hill (1/14, Choi, 5.69M) reports, “Lyons was contacted by federal agents on Jan. 8, due to photos he posted on his Instagram account showing a map of the route from his Chicago home to D.C. as well as a wooden sign that said ‘Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.’ Lyons was arrested on federal charges this week, Insider reports, and was released on a $10,000 recognizance bond.”

Iowa QAnon Supporter Who Chased Capitol Police Officer Up Stairs Is Charged. The Hill (1/14, Budryk, 5.69M) reports, “An Iowa supporter of the far-right QAnon conspiracy theory has been charged in connection with the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol last week, with a federal charging document alleging he chased a police officer up a flight of stairs.” According to The Hill, “In the document, an FBI agent alleges that Douglas Jensen, of Des Moines, Iowa, who turned himself in to the Des Moines Police Department on Friday, was one of the first people to force his way into the Capitol. Jensen, the document states, disregarded multiple orders by an officer to stop and put his hands up, instead and ‘led the crowd toward the officer in a menacing manner, causing the officer to retreat and repeat his commands.’”

Ohio School Therapist Charged In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/14) reports that a Cleveland, Ohio school occupational therapist “who resigned after the riots at the U.S. Capitol was charged Thursday with taking part in the breach.” Christine Priola, 49, “was arrested at her home and charged with entering a restricted building, violent entry and unlawful activities on Capitol grounds, said FBI spokeswoman Vicki Anderson. Priola submitted a resignation letter to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District after social media users linked her to photos taken of supporters of President Donald Trump who stormed and ransacked the Capitol.” The AP adds, “Federal agents said in court documents that they found a coat, a sign and other items in Priola’s home that matched those that she had with her in the Capitol.”

The Hill (1/14, Castronuovo, 5.69M) reports, “According to a criminal complaint filed Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Priola “has been charged with unlawfully entering and remaining on restricted grounds, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and unlawful parading while at the Capitol. The filing says the Cleveland Division of the FBI received an anonymous tip on Friday that Priola was the woman pictured in the photograph, taken by a Getty Images photographer, holding a sign that read, ‘The Children Cry Out for Justice,’ while standing next to the chair reserved for Vice President Pence in the Senate chamber.”

WEWS-TV Cleveland (1/14, Cross) reports, “During her initial court appearance, Priola waived her identity hearing and reserved her preliminary hearing to be held in DC. She was released on a $20,000 unsecured bond, but with the conditions of home detention and electronic home monitoring. She cannot leave the Northern District of Ohio except to go to court in DC. She is also restricted to her computer use and must provide all passwords and submit to searches of all electronic devices.”

Massachusetts Man Seen On Video At Capitol Riot. The Taunton (MA) Daily Gazette (1/14, Goode, 33K) reports from Fall River, Massachusetts, “There is no doubt that city business owner Mike St. Pierre was in the crowd when rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 — he shared a video of himself on social media. The images of St. Pierre went viral, at least locally, and caught the attention of the FBI.” According to the Daily Gazette, “St. Pierre and his partner, Destinie Cabral, joined thousands of other Trump supporters in marching toward the Capitol building. St. Pierre, in a video posted to his Facebook page, is wearing head gear and a flak jacket, saying he wants to grab House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by the hair and twirl her around.”

National Guardsman First In Military To Be Charged Over Capitol Assault. Reuters (1/14) reports that off-duty police officer Jacob Fracker, a “member of the Virginia National Guard,” has become “the first known person currently in the military to be arrested” over the storming of the Capitol. On Wednesday, DOJ “said Fracker, along with another off duty police officer, Thomas Robertson, were charged after they were photographed inside the Capitol ‘making an obscene statement in front of a statue of (Revolutionary hero) John Stark.’” The Virginia National Guard stated it “will conduct an investigation into the matter,
and we will be able to release more information when that is complete.” The disclosure “comes the same day a senior official said there had been an increase in extremism in the United States military over the past year.”

**Lawmakers Who May Have Conspired With Capitol Attackers Face Legal Consequences.** Politico (1/14, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, “Lawmakers who interacted with the pro-Trump protesters who rioted at the Capitol last week could face criminal charges and will almost certainly come under close scrutiny in the burgeoning federal investigation into the assault, former prosecutors said. ‘This is incredibly serious,’ said Ron Machen, a former U.S. attorney for Washington, D.C. ‘Although you would need compelling evidence before charging a member of Congress with anything related to the breach of the Capitol that day, this has to be investigated.’” Politico adds, “Unlike with the president, there’s no Justice Department policy shielding members of Congress from legal accountability while in office. ‘I’d say those are potentially viable prosecutions,’ added Peter Zeidenberg, another former federal prosecutor in Washington. ‘I’d say those guys should be worried.’”

**New Hampshire Man Arrested For Role In Siege.** The Boston Herald (1/14, Sobey, 327K) reports, “A New Hampshire man accused of storming the U.S. Capitol last week is the first local person tied to the pro-Trump mob who has been arrested by FBI Boston Division agents.” FBI agents on Wednesday “arrested Thomas Gallagher, 61, of Bridgewater, N.H., after the U.S. Court for the District of Columbia had issued an arrest warrant. Gallagher was taken into custody without incident in New Hampshire and charged with: knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. He was also charged with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” Gallagher “was one of the people initially arrested by Capitol Police. He was arrested and charged with unlawful entry.”

**Large Bitcoin Payments Made To Activists Before Capitol Riot Linked To Foreign Account.** In an exclusive, Yahoo News (1/14, McAulayhn, 10.87M) reports, “On Dec. 8, someone made a simultaneous transfer of 28.15 bitcoins — worth more than $500,000 at the time — to 22 different virtual wallets.” Most of the wallets belonged “to prominent right-wing organizations and personalities.” Cryptocurrency researchers “suspect it was intended to bolster those far-right causes,” and “U.S. law enforcement is investigating whether the donations were linked to the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol.” Among the recipients of the donations were VDARE, the Daily Stormer, and Nick Fuentes, according to Chainalysis. The donations were sent by a “bitcoin account linked to a French cryptocurrency exchange.” According to an unnamed source, the transaction, “along with a number of other pieces of intelligence, has prompted law enforcement and intelligence agencies in recent days to actively investigate the sources of funding for the individuals who participated in the Capitol insurrection, as well as their networks.”

**Internet Detectives See Mixed Results In Identifying Members Of Capitol Riot Mob.** USA Today (1/14, Penzenstadler, 12.7M) reports, “Amateur internet detectives identified each one as a participant in the storming of the U.S. Capitol Jan. 6. Each suspected participant was then harassed online. And each subsequently could prove he was hundreds of miles away at the time of the riot.” USA Today adds, “The misidentifications were hiccups in the massive crowdsource effort that may be among the largest internet-based manhunts in history. The FBI said this week it has collected more than 100,000 digital photos, videos and fragments of social media in an effort to track down and charge participants in the riot.” According to USA Today, “That singular event had all the ingredients to attract a massive, global, ‘open-source intelligence,’ or OSINT, effort to compile digital breadcrumbs and pass them to law enforcement.”

The Washington Post (1/14, Bump, 10.52M) reports, “One of the software tools used by some of those who participated in the riot was Parler, a social-networking application which was taken offline after Amazon, which had been providing infrastructure for the network, cut Parler off for failing to moderate its content. Before that happened, though, a programmer identified as donk_enby managed to pull down most of the site’s content — including videos and photos taken in and around the Capitol on Jan. 6. After making that data public, an informal collection of researchers has pored over it, organizing it by location and date and sharing examples of videos from the scene.”

Business Insider (1/14, Shamsian, 2.74M) reports, “Parler is sharing information with the FBI in connection with the Department of Justice’s investigations into the violent riot at the US Capitol.” BI adds, “It is typical for major tech platforms to cooperate with law enforcement requests. Local and federal prosecutors routinely obtain the location and text message history of suspects from cell phone carriers like T-Mobile, Verizon, and AT&T, and direct messages from platforms like Facebook and Twitter. As Insider’s Madison Hall reported, Parler also recently cooperated with a separate FBI investigation, in a case against Michael Reyes, who’s accused of threatening to kill President Donald Trump and Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett.”

**DOJ Launches Webpage To Track Individuals Charged In Capitol Riot.** The Hill (1/14, Castronuovo, 5.69M) reports, “The Justice Department’s Office of Public Affairs on Thursday launched a new webpage listing every defendant facing charges in Washington, D.C., over their alleged roles in last week’s violent pro-Trump riot at the Capitol. The page lists the name of each defendant, along with their specific charges, place of residency, the case status and the date the information was last updated on the website. The page’s extensive chart also includes links to digital copies of the press releases and charging documents.
associated with each case.” The Hill adds, “Although individuals have been arrested in multiple states across the country, the Justice Department’s website states that each case associated with the Jan. 6 siege at the Capitol is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia.”

**Wray Briefs Pence On Inauguration Security.** **Politico** (1/14, Niedzwiedek, 6.73M) reports FBI Director Christopher Wray spoke Thursday with Vice President Pence and other security officials “tasked with securing” the inauguration. Wray said in his public remarks, “We’re looking at individuals who may have an eye toward repeating that kind of violence we saw last week.”

**AP** (1/14) reports Wray “said in a security briefing for Vice President Mike Pence that the FBI remains concerned about the potential for violence at protests and rallies in Washington and in state capitols around the country.” He also “said the FBI was receiving a “significant” amount of information that it was pushing out to other law enforcement agencies ahead of the inauguration.”

The **Financial Times** (1/14, Subscription Publication, 1.48M) also reports.

**Pence Vows To Uphold An “Orderly Transition” To The Biden Administration.** **Reuters** (1/14, Shalal) reports Pence “vowed to uphold American history and ensure a safe transition of power to President-elect Joe Biden” in remarks to the press on Thursday. He said, “We all lived through that day – January 6. And as the president made clear yesterday, we are committed to an orderly transition and to a safe inauguration. The American people deserve nothing less.” He “made the remarks before a security briefing at the headquarters of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.”

**CNN** (1/14, 89.21M) reports Pence added, “We’re going to ensure that we have a safe inauguration. That President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are sworn in as the new president and vice president of the United States. In a manner consistent with our history, with our traditions, in a way that gives honor to the American people and the United States.”

The **Washington Times** (1/14, Boyer, 626K) reports that following his remarks, Pence “attended a security briefing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s headquarters with officials from the FBI, Homeland Security Department and the Secret Service.”

**Pence Thanks National Guard Troops At Capitol.** Jonathan Karl reported on **ABC World News Tonight** (1/14, story 2, 0:40, Muir, 7.47M) that Vice President Pence made “made a surprise visit to Capitol Hill, thanking the National Guard troops who will be protecting the inauguration.” Pence: “Have a safe inauguration, and I just wanted to stop out today to say thank you.”

**The Hill** (1/14, Samuels, 5.69M) reports Vice President Pence “made an unscheduled stop at the U.S. Capitol to greet National Guard members stationed there after last week’s riot and ahead of next week’s inauguration ceremonies for President-elect Joe Biden.” Pence “expressed his well wishes and told the National Guard at the Capitol to have ‘a safe inauguration and a swearing in of a new president and vice president.”

**Daily Wire** (1/14, 504K) reports Pence added, “I’m your vice president, but I used to be a governor, so I’ve got a special place in my heart for our National Guard.” He continued, “I want you to thank your families, as well. I know you all had to move out to get here … at the Capitol providing the level of security that’s going to make it possible for us to have a historic transfer of power, the inauguration of a new President of the United States. You all are going to make that possible.” He “closed out his remarks by encouraging the troops to be ‘vigilant and ‘respect the unified chain of command.”

Approximately **21,000 National Guard Troops To Be In DC For Inauguration.** The **AP** (1/14, Khalil, Baldor) reports that ahead of next week’s presidential inauguration, “the number of National Guard troops coming to Washington to assist with security has so far grown to about 21,000, but could increase as law enforcement agencies review the ongoing threats.”

**National Mall To Be Closed For Inauguration.** The **Washington Post** (1/14, Davies, Jouvenal, 10.52M) reports that the National Mall will be closed for Inauguration Day, “only accessible by media and security personnel.” The Post says “the extraordinary closure is the latest in a series of security measures to harden the city against the type of violence that rocked the Capitol on Jan. 6.”

**Airlines, FAA Bolster Safety Efforts Before Inauguration.** In continuing coverage of the unruly behavior on airlines and in airports, the **Wall Street Journal** (1/14, Sider, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports airlines, airports, and the FAA are stepping up security as they prepare for next week’s inauguration, following conflicts over masks and unruly incidents on flights in the Washington, DC area. The FAA will “pursue legal action against passengers who assault, threaten, intimidate or interfere with airline crew members’ without providing warnings following what the agency called a “disturbing increase in incidents where airline passengers have disrupted flights with threatening or violent behavior.”

The **New York Times** (1/14, Chokshi, Savage, 20.6M) reports the penalties levied by the FAA “could include fines of up to $35,000 and referral for criminal prosecution.” FAA Administrator Steve Dickson said of the FAA’s new enforcement policy, “Flying is the safest mode of transportation, and I signed this order to keep it that way.” Association of Flight Attendants President Sara Nelson said, “We applaud F.A.A. Administrator Dickson for taking this clear stand for our safety and security,” saying the new policy “will help serve as a deterrent to unruly passengers who had been bucking the rules of aviation safety.” Airlines have
begun banning people who heckled members of Congress on flights or in airports, as well as continuing to bar passengers who refused to abide by airline policies requiring masks. Delta CEO Ed Bastian said last week that Delta had banned more than 800 people due to its mask policy, and United Airlines said it has banned 615 people. The Times clarifies that airline bans “are independent from the federal no-fly list,” which is operated by the FBI. The FAA “has no authority over the list,” though it does collaborate with airlines and law enforcement to identify threats. The AP (1/14) reports Bastian said Delta has “significantly increased our security both seen and unseen on board planes and in airports” leading up to the Biden inauguration next Wednesday.

CNBC (1/14, Stankiewicz, 7.34M) reports Dickson spoke to CNBC’s (1/14, 7.34M) “Squawk on the Street” about the FAA’s new policies, saying, “I’m telling inspectors, I’m telling my attorneys in the FAA chief counsel office, that we need to expedite gathering facts on all of these incidents and we’re going to take immediate enforcement action in appropriate situations.” Dickson said of the rising number of unruly passengers, “Anytime we see a trend like this, we need to take action because traveling on a commercial airline in the United States is the safest form of travel in human history,” he said. “I want to make sure it stays that way.”

Reuters (1/14, Shepardson, Rucinski) reports Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, United Airlines, and Alaska Airlines announced on Thursday that they would be restricting passengers from checking firearms on flights to Washington, DC. Alaska Airlines will mandate that passengers to and from Washington, DC “remain seated for one hour from take-off or landing.” American Airlines will continue its suspension of alcohol on Washington, DC flights through January 21, as well as “revising pre-departure announcements to further emphasize the importance of following crew member instructions and complying with mandatory face-covering policies.” Among other safety protocol, the Washington Post (1/14, Aratani, 10.52M) reports some airlines have relocated their crew members staying in the Washington, DC-area away from downtown to outside the city.

Fox News (1/14, Moore, 23.99M) reports Airlines for America President and CEO Nicholas Calio said in a statement supporting the new rules, “The safety and security of passengers and employees is always the top priority of the U.S. airline industry, and we welcome the FAA’s order to implement a more stringent policy regarding unruly passenger behavior.” He added, “We cannot have any form of dangerous behavior that threatens the safety of passengers and crew members. We are grateful for the strong leadership of FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson and his unwavering commitment to aviation safety.”

In addition, Roll Call (1/14, Wehrman, 130K) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer and House Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson “have requested that those involved in the Jan. 6 attacks be added” to the federal no-fly list, and House Homeland Security Committee ranking member Rep. John Katko (R-NY) “signaled he was also amenable to the move.”

Railroad Workers Unions Asks DHS To Beef Up Security For Inauguration. The AP (1/14, Funk) reports, “Two major railroad workers unions have asked the Department of Homeland Security to beef up security on Amtrak and other passenger lines, including by creating a no-ride list akin to the no-fly list that prevents people identified as risks from boarding planes.” The unions “said Wednesday that tougher security measures are needed in light of last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol because people who took part in the insurrection and were subsequently placed on the no-fly list may turn to rail travel instead. The Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers – Transportation Division, or SMART-TD, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen unions also urged federal regulators to add more security at train stations to screen passengers before they board.”

New York AG Alleges Misconduct In Suit Over NYPD’s Response To Floyd Protests. The AP (1/14, Sisak) reports that New York Attorney General Letitia James (D) “sued the New York Police Department on Thursday, calling the rough treatment of protesters against racial injustice last spring part of a longstanding pattern of abuse that stemmed from inadequate training, supervision and discipline.” The suit describes “dozens of examples of alleged misconduct during the spring demonstrations in the wake of George Floyd’s police killing, including the use of pepper spray and batons on protesters, traping demonstrators with a technique called kettling and arresting medics and legal observers.” The lawsuit, which names New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio (D), Commissioner Dermot Shea, and Chief of Department Terence Monahan, seeks “reforms including the appointment of a federal monitor to oversee the NYPD’s policing tactics at future protests and a court order declaring that the policies and practices the department used during the protests were unlawful.”

Reuters (1/14, Hals) reports that de Blasio and the police department “both said in statements they supported major discipline reforms but opposed the lawsuit.” De Blasio said, “A court process and the added bureaucracy of a federal monitor will not speed up this work.” James was appointed by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) in May “to investigate and produce a report” on clashes between NYPD officers and protesters. de Blasio and Shea at the time “defended the NYPD’s response to protesters as mostly proportionate, saying misconduct was limited to isolated cases that were being investigated.”

The New York Times (1/14, Southall, 20.6M) reports, “The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Manhattan, marked the first time in history that the state attorney general has sued a police department,” according to James’ office. NYPD Deputy Police
Commissioner for Counterterrorism and Intelligence John Miller “said the department welcomed changes,” but “said the lawsuit does not show a ‘pattern and practice’ required by federal law for a monitor to be appointed.” James said, “There was ample ability and opportunity for the city and N.Y.P.D. leadership to make important changes to the way that officers interact with peaceful protesters, but time and time again, they did not.”

The Washington Post (1/14, Jacobs, 10.52M) reports that the lawsuit alleges that “protesters – many of whom were never charged with any crime and were merely exercising their First Amendment rights – suffered concussions, broken bones, cuts, bruises, and other physical injuries” as a result of police actions. The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Gersman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the NYPD has been the target of several investigations into the 2020 protests, including a New York City Department of Investigation probe that published a report in December faulting the department for raising tensions.

The New York Post (1/14, Eustachewich, Hicks, McCarthy, 7.45M) reports that de Blasio early on in the protests “had regularly dismissed questions from reporters about first-hand observations and videos that showed the police tactics condemned in James’s lawsuit.” The federal suit “alleges that observers from his office were among those briefing him on the alleged civil rights violations by officers.” James “said since May 30, her office has received 1,300 complaints and pieces of evidence on alleged police misconduct from the protests and she heard from over 100 protesters during the 3-day public hearing in June.”

The New York Daily News (1/14, Tracy, Brown, 2.51M) reports that the NYPD has been the target of several investigations into the 2020 protests, including a New York City Department of Investigation probe that published a report in December faulting the department for raising tensions.

Prosecutors Say Rittenhouse Socialized With Proud Boys After Release. The Washington Post (1/14, Shepherd, 10.52M) reports, “Shortly after pleading not guilty to murder and weapons charges earlier this month, Kyle Rittenhouse showed up at a bar in Mount Pleasant, Wis., clad in a T-shirt that said ‘Free as F---,’ prosecutors said.” Rittenhouse “allegedly drank three beers, posed for photos with members of Proud Boys and flashed a ‘white power’ hand sign” during the excursion, publicized on social media last week. The Kenosha County District Attorney’s Office on Wednesday “asked a judge to forbid Rittenhouse from drinking alcohol, using ‘white supremacist’ signs and spending time with members of the Proud Boys,” arguing that his “continued association” with white supremacist groups “raises the significant possibility of future harm” and “may serve to intimidate potential witnesses.”

Trump Blamed For “Leadership Vacuum” At DOD, DHS, And DOJ. The Washington Post (1/14, Sonne, Zapotosky, Miroff, 10.52M) says, “The three top federal agencies responsible for protecting the nation — the Departments of Justice, Defense and Homeland Security — are all being run by acting officials, as the United States endures one of its most sensitive national security crises.” The Post says the “leadership vacuum is the product of President Trump’s tempestuous relationships with his Cabinet secretaries and tendency to replace them for long periods of time with acting officials who lack Senate confirmation — a pattern that has led to turmoil atop critical federal agencies for much of his presidency.” The Post adds, “When acting officials run critical agencies, they have reduced standing at the White House, according to former top officials, who say that can preclude uncomfortable but necessary discussions with the president.”

Likewise, Garrett Graff, writing for Político (1/14, 6.73M), says, “The acting Defense secretary has been on the job only since the week after the election; the head of the Justice Department just since Christmas; and the acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security was the administrator of FEMA until midnight Tuesday morning.” Graff continues, “That means...that the U.S. government is entering what many officials are calling the most dangerous time since 9/11 with a leadership vacuum unlike anything in modern U.S. history.”

Uzbek Man Sentenced For Supporting ISIS. The New York Post (1/14, Rosenberg, 7.45M) reports Azizjon Rakhmatov, who had “pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization,” was “sentenced Thursday in Brooklyn federal court to 12 1/2 years in prison.” He “gave aspiring terrorist Akhror Saidakhmetov $400 cash to help bankroll a trip to Syria to join ISIS and to buy a gun once he arrived” in 2015.

US Prosecutors Accuse MIT Professor Of Hiding Ties To China In DOE Grant Application. The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Korn, Viswanatha, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports federal prosecutors have charged the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Gang Chen for failing to disclose ties to China in his applications for DOE grants. Other academics have been charged with attempting to hide research ties to China, including some researchers seeking NIH funding.

Bloomberg (1/14, Voreacos, Yasiejko, 3.57M) reports that Chen was “charged with wire fraud, making a false statement in a tax return and failing to disclose a foreign bank account,” according to DOJ. A federal judge on Thursday “said he anticipated
requiring Chen to post a secured bond “in the neighborhood” of $1 million.” FBI special agent in charge Joseph Bonavolonta said, “To put this threat into perspective, we have now reached the point where the FBI is opening a new China-related counterintelligence case about every 10 hours,” adding that “of the 5,000 active counterintelligence cases the FBI has, nearly half of them are related to China.”

Following Chen’s arrest, Reuters (1/14, Raymond) reports, the FBI “executed search warrants at his home in Cambridge and office at MIT, where he is the director of the MIT Pappalardo Micro/Nano Engineering Laboratory.” The professor was “later released on bail.” Reuters adds, “Of the FBI’s 5,000 active counter-intelligence investigations, nearly half are China-related, said Joseph Bonavolonta.” Chen was helping “promote China’s technological and scientific development, including acting as an ‘overseas expert’ for the Chinese government at the request of its New York consulate,” according to prosecutors.

The AP (1/14, Durkin Richer) reports that many of the roles played by Chen at MIT “were ‘expressly intended to further the PRC’s scientific and technological goals,’ authorities said in court documents.” Massachusetts US Attorney Andrew Lelling said, “It is not illegal to collaborate with foreign researchers. It is illegal to lie about it.” Groups including Asian Americans Advancing Justice recently “sent a letter to Democratic President-elect Joe Biden urging him to end the DOJ’s so-called ‘China Initiative.’” They said “the initiative has ‘greatly increased the targeting and profiling of Asian Americans and immigrants, particularly those of Chinese descent who are working in science and technology.’”

The Washington (DC) Examiner (1/14, Dunleavy, 888K) reports Chen “likely began working with China as early as 2012 and allegedly held various appointments with China ‘designed to promote the PRC’s technological and scientific development by providing advice and expertise — sometimes directly to PRC government officials — and often in exchange for financial compensation.’” Chen also “acted as an ‘overseas expert’ for the Chinese government at the request of the PRC Consulate Office in New York” and served as a member of at least two Chinese ‘Talent Programs.’”

Also reporting are the Boston (MA) Herald (1/14, Cohan, 327K) and Business Insider (1/14, Hall, 2.74M).

California Man To Plead Guilty To Operating Drone That Hit Police Helicopter. My News LA (CA) (1/14) reports, “A 22-year-old Hollywood man is expected to plead guilty Thursday to recklessly operating a drone that crashed into a Los Angeles Police Department helicopter in what’s considered the nation’s first use of the federal criminal charge.” Andrew Rene Hernandez “has agreed to enter a guilty plea to a class-A misdemeanor charge of unsafe operation of an unmanned aircraft, which carries a penalty of up to a year behind bars, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Hernandez’s arrest came in November during National Drone Safety Awareness Week, which is sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration and seeks to promote drone safety.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/14, Ormseth, 3.37M) reports, “In his plea agreement, Hernandez admitted that he ‘recklessly interfered with and disrupted’ the operation of the LAPD helicopter, which was responding to a burglary of a pharmacy, and that his actions ‘posed an imminent safety hazard’ to the chopper’s occupants.” The incident “began just after midnight on Sept. 18. The LAPD had dispatched a patrol unit, and eventually a helicopter, to a burglarized pharmacy, FBI Agent William Richau wrote in an affidavit. En route, the officer piloting the helicopter spotted a drone and pulled up in an attempt to avoid it, Richau wrote. The drone struck the bottom of the helicopter and the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing at Hooper Heliport.”

US Charges Texas Man With Making Threats Against Congress, Trump. The El Paso (TX) Times (1/14, Borunda, 168K) reports, “An El Paso man is accused of posting several online death threats last month against government officials, Congress, President Donald Trump and a Supreme Court justice.” The Times adds, “A federal grand jury indicted Michael Reyes, 49, on Wednesday on a charge of interstate communication with threat to injure, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Texas said. Reyes is accused of posting the threats under the alias ‘Raizzor99’ between Dec. 12-14 on the Parler social media app, according to a criminal complaint filed by an FBI agent. He has been held without bond at the El Paso County Jail Downtown since FBI agents arrested him on Dec. 18.” According to the Times, “The numerous threats ramble against ‘traitors’ and call for the killing of Democratic and Republican politicians and their children, as well as Asians and Muslims, according to the criminal complaint.”

New Jersey Man Pleads Guilty To Kickback Scheme. Daily Voice (1/14, 292K) reports Alex Fleysmakher “pleaded guilty during a videoconference Thursday with U.S. District Judge Michael A. Shipp in Newark to conspiring to violate the federal anti-kickback statute and defraud the IRS.” Prosecutors “pegged the entire windfall from the scheme at $99 million.” Asbury Park (NJ) Press (1/14, 388K) also reports.

Senate Impeachment Trial Will Not Begin Before Inauguration Day. Peter Alexander reported on NBC Nightly News (1/14, story 2, 2:35, Holt, 5.91M), “Twenty-four hours after speeding through the historic second impeachment of
President Trump, [House Speaker] Pelosi is still holding back on sending that incitement of insurrection charge over to the Senate. The earliest a trial could start is next Wednesday, Inauguration Day, an hour after [Joe] Biden’s been sworn in. Today, one of the House Republicans who voted to impeach saying he’s now concerned for his safety.” Rep. Peter Meijer (R-MI): “Many of us are altering our routines, working to get body armor. It’s sad we have to get to that point, but our expectation is that someone may try to kill us.” Alexander: “A new NBC News poll finds Americans are evenly split over the President’s impeachment and possible removal from office, with 90% of Republicans opposed.”

Jonathan Karl of ABC World News Tonight (1/14, story 3, 3:20, Muir, 7.47M), citing Meijer’s remarks, reported that “House Republicans who broke ranks and voted to impeach the President are facing the fury of Trump loyalists.” Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY), “the most prominent Republican yes vote on impeachment, is fighting for her political life. She said of Trump, ‘There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States.” Nancy Cordes said on the CBS Evening News (1/14, story 3, 2:45, O’Donnell, 4.61M) reported, “Now that the House has worked its will, the President’s defenders are working to head off a conviction in the Senate.” Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC): “If we go along with it as Republicans, we will destroy the Republican party.” Cordes: “The start date and length of the trial are currently being negotiated by the Senate’s Democratic and Republican leaders. Everyone agrees it would be inappropriate to try President Trump on the same day his successor is being sworn in next week."

The AP (1/14, Mascaro, Jalonick) reports, “In pursuing conviction, House impeachment managers said Thursday they will be making the case that Trump’s incendiary rhetoric hours before the bloody attack on the Capitol was not isolated, but rather part of an escalating campaign to overturn the November election results. It culminated, they will argue, in the Republican president’s rally cry to ‘fight like hell’ as Congress was tallying the Electoral College votes to confirm he’d lost to Biden. Bloomberg (1/14, 3.57M) reports Trump is “having trouble finding a legal team to defend him.” According to Bloomberg, “Lawyers who defended him in the previous impeachment trial, including Jay Sekulow and White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, have said no this time.”

The New York Times (1/14, Fandos, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports, “Democrats, poised to take unified power in Washington next week for the first time in a decade, worked with Republican leaders to try to find a proposal to allow the Senate to split time between the impeachment trial of Mr. Trump and consideration of Biden’s Cabinet nominees and his “$1 trillion economic recovery plan to address the coronavirus.” Senate Majority Leader McConnell “has privately told advisers that he approves of the impeachment drive and believes it could help his party purge itself” of Trump, but has “refused to begin the proceedings this week while he is still in charge.”

USA Today (1/14, Jansen, Hayes, 12.7M) reports, “Senators must first receive the article of impeachment House lawmakers approved Wednesday – and there’s no telling how long they’ll wait. The Senate must move directly to the trial once it receives the article.” But Pelosi “declined repeatedly to respond to questions about when she would send the article to the Senate.” The Wall Street Journal (1/14, Duehren, Wise, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports a source close to the House Democratic leadership said the article may be held for some time, until at least some of Biden’s nominees and agenda have been addressed. Politico (1/14, Everett, Desiderio, 6.73M) says, “Given that many Republicans oppose impeachment or think it’s not even constitutional once Trump has left office, it could be tough to get the cooperation Biden needs to handle a trial alongside Cabinet confirmations and begin work on a new coronavirus stimulus bill.”

CNN (1/14, 89.21M) reports on its website, “Several senior GOP sources told CNN on Thursday that many Republicans are torn over whether Trump’s actions warrant the unprecedented step of prohibiting him from ever serving in office again after he leaves the White House next week.” Roll Call (1/14, Ruger, 130K) reports it is also unclear who would preside over the trial, since the Constitution expressly stipulates that role for a Supreme Court Chief Justice in the case of a trial of a sitting president. Murkowski Says House Acted “ Appropriately, But Has Yet To Decide How She Will Vote.” The New York Times (1/14, Shear, Crowley, 20.6M) reports that on Thursday, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) “said...that the House had acted ‘appropriately’ in impeaching President Trump, signaling possible support for convicting him at a Senate trial in a statement that called his actions ‘unlawful’ and said that they warranted consequences.” Murkowski “said the second impeachment of Mr. Trump stood ‘in stark contrast’ to the first, which she and virtually every other Republican opposed.” The Fairbanks (AK) News-Miner (1/14, Bohman, 37K) reports Murkowski said she “wants to hear arguments during a Senate trial before deciding how she will vote and supports Senate leadership who wish to wait until after” Biden is inaugurated next week.

The Anchorage (AK) Daily News (1/14, 461K) reports Murkowski said in a statement, “For months, the President has perpetrated false rhetoric that the election was stolen and rigged, even after dozens of courts ruled against these claims. When he was not able to persuade the courts or elected officials, he launched a pressure campaign against his own Vice President, urging him to take actions that he had no authority to do.” Axios (1/14, Chen, 1.25M), Politico (1/14, Desiderio, 6.73M), and The Hill (1/14, Carney, 5.69M) also cover Murkowski’s comments.
**McCarthy Rejects Calls To Remove Cheney From Leadership.** The *New York Times* (1/14, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports that “a group of President Trump’s most strident allies in the House is calling on [Cheney], the No. 3 Republican, to resign from her leadership post after she voted to impeach” Trump. But *Politico* (1/14, Choi, Zanona, 6.73M) reports House Minority Leader McCarthy is rejecting the calls. The *Washington Post* (1/14, DeBonis, 10.52M) reports, “The reckoning inside the House GOP signals the start of what is expected to be a bruising battle about Trump’s standing in the party during the next four years.”

**Tensions Reportedly Arise Between Trump And Giuliani.** The *New York Times* (1/14, Rogers, Haberman, 20.6M) reports on the “on-again, off-again tensions” between Trump and his attorney Rudy Giuliani, “a feature of a decades-long, mutually beneficial relationship between the former New York City mayor from Brooklyn and the former real estate developer from Queens. Although the two were never particularly close in New York, Mr. Trump enjoyed having the former mayor as his personal legal pit bull during the special counsel investigation into his campaign’s ties to Russia.” Trump “deployed Mr. Giuliani on politically ruinous missions that led to his impeachment – twice.” The *Washington Post* (1/14, Blake, 10.52M) reports Trump “has instructed aides not to pay Giuliani’s legal fees, two officials said, and has demanded that he personally approve any reimbursements for the expenses Giuliani incurred while traveling on the president’s behalf to challenge election results in key states. They said Trump has privately expressed concern with some of Giuliani’s moves and did not appreciate a demand from Giuliani for $20,000 a day in fees for his work attempting to overturn the election.”

**Media Analyses Consider Trump’s Final Days.** CNN (1/14, 89.21M) writes on its website, “Gone are the clicks of flashing cameras. Absent is the roar of a cheering crowd. Instead of a commanding final full week of winning, the President is playing the role of victim and not a gracious leader departing office.” The President “has been consumed by the unraveling of his presidency during his last days in office, according to people around him, which included a casual discussion among advisers recently about a possible resignation. Trump shut the idea down almost immediately. And he has made clear to aides in separate conversations that mere mention of President Richard Nixon, the last president to resign, were banned.”

The Hill (1/14, Chalfant, Samuels, 5.69M) reports Trump “is growing increasingly isolated. ... Cabinet members and White House officials have rushed for the exits following Trump’s remarks to a violent mob of supporters that ultimately stormed the U.S. Capitol last week in a bloody and dark episode of American history. Even Trump’s most loyal allies have been put off by the developments, and aides are absent from the airwaves and the public.” Defense One (1/14, 5K) reports, “The Pentagon, in a break with recent tradition, will not host an Armed Forces Farewell tribute” to Trump.

Bloomberg (1/14, Jacobs, Mohsin, 3.57M) reports Trump “plans to fly to his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida the morning of Joe Biden’s inauguration, where several current White House staff are expected to work for him or his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, after his presidency, according to people familiar with the matter.” The AP (1/14, Miller) says Trump “has yet to outline plans for his post-presidency, from establishing an office to selecting a site for a potential presidential library.”
I think we are all on the IPM distro now, but just in case you didn’t get it.

Pam

IPMs,
Many of you asked to receive the Inauguration JTA when published. Here it is.
Please be advised the ADD is "tentatively" requesting a the referenced meeting/call this morning @ 10am. A calendar invite w/ a TEAMS link is forthcoming.

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Respectfully,

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Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:16 PM
To: Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI); Dimos, Nicholas (FFD) (FBI); Schlendorf, David W. (FFD) (FBI); Wendel, Jennifer C. (OCIO) (FBI); Vicinanza, Angela (OCIO) (FBI)
Cc: 
Subject: RE:

Thank you sir. I think that

Also, the attorney in me feels compelled to note:

Looking forward to discussing further. Have a great night.

Best Regards,
FYSA – see email chain below

From: Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:07 AM  
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Subject: RE;  
Importance: High 

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Cc:  
Subject: Copy, thank you  

From: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:58 PM  
To: Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI)  
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Wendel, Jennifer C. (OCIO) (FBI)  
Vicinanza, Angela (OCIO) (FBI)  
Cc:  
Subject:
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From: Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:09 AM
To: 
Subject: RE: 

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J

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Subject: Discussion
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting/Rm 7150

Start: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:00 AM
End: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:00 AM
Show Time As: Tentatively accepted

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer:
Required Attendees: Schlendorf, David W. (FFD) (FBI); Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI); Wendel, Jennifer C. (OCIO) (FBI); Dimos, Nicholas (FFD) (FBI); Vicinanza, Angela (OCIO) (FBI); Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)
Optional Attendees: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Prest, Erin M. (OGC) (FBI); Bruno, Catherine S. (OIC) (FBI)

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From: 
Subject: - January 15, 2021
To: 
Sent: January 15, 2021 9:58 AM (UTC-05:00)

All information and inquiries should be directed to BIE - FBI(21cv558)-5899
From: [Vorndran, Bryan A. (NO) (FBI);] Veltri, Jeffrey B. (NO) (FBI)

Sent: January 15, 2021 10:17 AM (UTC-05:00)

This came from

From: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fw:

Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:02 AM

To:

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fw:

Thank you for your time,
Virus-free. www.avast.com
MMJL.
From: | Subject: FW |
To: Veltri, Jeffrey B. (NO) (FBI); Vorndran, Bryan A. (NO) (FBI); |
Sent: January 15, 2021 10:18 AM (UTC-05:00)

This is the email that

From: |
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Thanks Raul.

Calvin A. Shivers
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

On Jan 15, 2021 10:18 AM, "Bujanda, Raul (CID) (FBI)" wrote:

Boss,

Respectfully,
Raul
Below is the version I received. Thanks again.

January 14, 2021

Dear Associate Deputy Director Abbate,
On Jan 15, 2021 10:00 AM, "Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)" wrote:

I just tried to connect with him on LinkedIn. If we connect, what do you want me to ask him? Or do you want me to direct him somewhere? If we don't connect, I will ask to connect us.....Mike

Not yet. Took notes and had a partial name but couldn't understand him when he said his last name. Perhaps I will try and ping and see if they have it. Nothing in my email thus far......Mike

P.S. Just checked on LinkedIn. Looks like him. His title is

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Also: Our DSAC team is seeing significant increase in requests for DSAC and InfraGard portal access and we're also receiving a lot of compliments on the quality of the material that we are posting there. Slowly changing behavior......Mike
Sir,

Since my last email Sunday evening, I wanted to provide an update.

As a result of the events last week, I worked closely with the...
Got it. As soon as I hear from him I will coordinate. If he doesn't connect with me I will go through Talk to you later.....Mike

Shoot it to Ryan and they can cord with airport liaison folks

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Thank you sir. I will draft a short memo memorializing the meeting and circulate to the attendees at the meeting for input.

On Jan 15, 2021 10:27 AM, "Abbate, Paul M. (DO)" wrote:

Below is the version I received. Thanks again.
Thanks Calvin. Please just make sure Raul and his folks stay engaged with his counterparts. I don’t want to slow anything down, but I also don’t want anyone jammed up down the road if we skirt policy in the name of expediency. If Raul is comfortable that all is being appropriately reviewed I am good with it. I was informed that in the past there has been some confusion on the approvals needed on cases, but if that has all been ironed out that is good.

Thanks,
TW

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From: Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)
Cc: 
Subject: Fwd: Platforms

Terry,

Per your request, see the information below from NCOS.

Calvin A. Shivers
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: "Bujanda, Raul (CID) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 15, 2021 10:18 AM
Subject: Platforms
To: "Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI)"
Cc: "Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI)"

Respectfully,

FBI(21cv558)-5948
Raul
Good morning all,
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Thank you!

From:
Sent: January 15, 2021 11:26 AM (UTC-05:00)

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Thank you.

From: Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotasky@washpost.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:36 AM
To: NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6

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Can you say if the FBI was provided this memo? If so, when? What was done in response?

Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post
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From: Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: FW: Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6
To: Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: Cohen, Jodi (NSB) (FBI)
Sent: January 15, 2021 11:30 AM (UTC-05:00)
Thanks boss!

Jill Sanborn
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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From: The Washington Post
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [MARKETING] The Daily 202: Biden throws Obama-era caution to the wind with a big ask for coronavirus stimulus
To: Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)
Sent: January 15, 2021 11:34 AM (UTC-05:00)
Intelligence for leaders.

By James Hohmann

with Mariama Alfaro

Email
**Biden throws Obama-era caution to the wind with a big ask for coronavirus stimulus**

During the Great Recession 12 years ago, nervous about sticker shock, President Barack Obama sought to keep the price tag for his Recovery Act under $1 trillion.

On Thursday night, undeterred by Republicans rediscovering their allergy to deficit spending, President-elect Joe Biden unveiled an “American Rescue Plan” that would cost just under $2 trillion.

Then he announced that he will appear before a joint session of Congress next month to ask for even more.

“I know what I just described will not come cheaply,” Biden said during a Thursday night speech in Wilmington, Del. “But failure to do so will cost us dearly.”

Biden’s $1.9 trillion proposal includes $400 billion for provisions to fight the coronavirus with more vaccines and testing, while reopening schools; more than $1 trillion in direct relief to families, including stimulus payments and increased unemployment insurance benefits; and $440 billion for aid to communities and businesses, including $350 billion in emergency funding to state and local governments.

The incoming president used his prime-time address to unabashedly make the case for deficit spending. “In this moment of crisis, with interest rates at historic lows, we
cannot afford inaction,” Biden said. “It’s not just that smart fiscal investments, including deficit spending, are more urgent than ever. It’s that the return on these investments — in jobs, in racial equity — will prevent long-term economic damage and the benefits will far surpass the costs. A growing number of top economists has shown even our debt situation will be more stable — not less stable — if we seize this moment with vision and purpose.”
This week’s body count and jobs report make the case better than Biden ever could for going big.

Nearly 1 million Americans filed new unemployment claims last week. This was up by 181,000 from the week before, the largest increase since the beginning of the pandemic and the highest number of new unemployment claims since August. An additional 284,000 claims were filed for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, the insurance program for gig and self-employed workers. After 140,000 people lost their jobs in December, the first decline in months, the total number of Americans enrolled in unemployment programs at the start of this year was 18.4 million. For more than 40 weeks now, the number of new jobless claims has been higher than the worst week of the Great Recession.

The United States may surpass 400,000 confirmed deaths from the coronavirus before Biden takes office. At least 387,299 fatalities have been reported, including 3,856 on Thursday. More than 4,000 deaths were reported on Tuesday and Wednesday. About a million new cases a day are being reported.
The vaccine rollout continues to be plagued by problems. While 30.6 million doses have been distributed, only 9.7 million people have received shots, according to the CDC, far below what President Trump had promised by the end of the year. Biden called these numbers a “dismal failure” and reiterated his goal to distribute 100 million shots by the end of his first 100 days in office. “This will be one of the most challenging operational efforts we’ve undertaken as a nation,” he said. “We’ll have to move heaven and Earth.”

**Nevertheless, Biden’s big ask is remarkable considering how little breathing room he has on Capitol Hill.**

For a stretch in 2009, Democrats controlled 60 seats in the Senate and 256 seats in the House. After Georgia’s results are certified, Democrats will hold 50 seats in the Senate – with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris available to break ties – and 222 seats in the House.

After the Recovery Act passed, Democrats moved on to health care and climate change, though cap-and-trade never passed the Senate. In the 2010 midterms, though, they lost control of the House. This happened, in part, because many voters felt that the Obama administration was not sufficiently focused on the struggling economy.

Even as the Senate prepares for a second impeachment trial of Trump, Biden aides say he is determined to convey that he is focused primarily on the pocketbook and public health issues that preoccupy most Americans. Biden allies see demonstrating this to voters as key to holding their narrow majorities in the 2022 midterms. This
week, he is not giving voice to the anger at Trump. He has been letting other Democrats, and some Republicans, do that. He will give another covid-related speech this afternoon.

“We know how to multitask there,” Harris told NPR in an interview that aired Friday morning. “We have to multitask, which means, as with anyone, we have a lot of priorities and we need to see them through.”

**Biden faces pressure from his left to do even more on coronavirus relief.**

But the president-elect is holding out hope to woo at least 10 Senate Republicans to back his bill with a filibuster-proof majority. This could prove difficult with such a large price tag. “Incoming Senate majority leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) had urged Biden to consider a higher price tag than what he was initially eyeing for the proposal,” Erica Werner and Jeff Stein report. “Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who will chair the Budget Committee, has said he is working to put together a massive stimulus bill that could pass under special budget rules with a simple majority vote in the Senate, instead of the 60-vote margin normally required. Biden, however, wants to try for a bipartisan majority on his first bill — although his team appears to have conducted little outreach to congressional Republicans on the plan.

“Democratic aides say that if Republicans do not appear willing to cooperate, they can shift gears quickly and move to ‘budget reconciliation,’ the procedure that would allow them to pass legislation without GOP votes. That’s how Republicans passed their big tax-cut bill ... Even holding enough Democrats together to pass legislation along party lines could prove a challenge. The most conservative Senate Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin III (W.Va.), has already expressed skepticism about the need for a new round of stimulus checks, while Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) said Thursday that Biden isn’t going far enough by proposing $1,400 checks, even though Biden’s approach means most people will end up with $2,000 given the earlier batch of $600 checks.”

The latest on the contagion
The vaccine reserve was already depleted when the Trump administration vowed to release it.

“When Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar announced this week that the federal government would begin releasing coronavirus vaccine doses held in reserve for second shots, no such reserve existed, according to state and federal
officials briefed on distribution plans. The Trump administration had already begun shipping out what was available beginning at the end of December, taking second doses directly off the manufacturing line,” Isaac Stanley-Becker and Lena Sun report. "Now, health officials across the country who had anticipated their extremely limited vaccine supply as much as doubling beginning next week are confronting the reality that their allocations will not immediately increase, dashing hopes of dramatically expanding eligibility for millions of elderly people and those with high-risk medical conditions. Health officials in some cities and states were informed in recent days about the reality of the situation, while others are still in the dark.

“Because both of the vaccines authorized for emergency use in the United States are two-dose regimens, the Trump administration’s initial policy was to hold back second doses to protect against the possibility of manufacturing disruptions. But that approach shifted in recent weeks ... The result is that next week’s allocations will remain flat.”

Experts warn of stumbles out of the gate because Trump officials refused to consult with Biden’s team.

“The Trump administration has balked at providing access to information and failed to consult with its successors,” Laurie Mcginley, Amy Goldstein, Sun and Stanley-Becker report. "It was not until this week that Biden officials were allowed to attend meetings of Operation Warp Speed, the administration’s initiative to accelerate vaccine development and distribution. They were also not invited to the two Warp Speed sessions this weekend when Trump officials decided on sweeping changes to try to speed up the sluggish vaccine rollout. Nor were they briefed on those changes in advance. While some of those policies mirrored Biden plans, others raised red flags among the president-elect’s advisers. ... Despite the challenges, Biden and his team have scooped up extensive information about coronavirus vaccine production and distribution from long-standing contacts in pharmaceutical companies ... And they have gotten information through back channels from career staff working ‘off the clock’ and using personal email accounts.”

- Biden has picked former FDA chief David Kessler to take over Operation Warp Speed next week. Kessler, a pediatrician and lawyer who headed the FDA
under President George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton’s presidencies, has been a key adviser to Biden on the pandemic. (NYT)

- Meanwhile, the Trump administration is racing to enact term limits for top federal health scientists. The regulation could mandate job reviews every five years and put pressure on some of the most prominent internal critics of the president’s pandemic response. (Politico)

- Debt collectors and payday lenders collected over $500 million from the Paycheck Protection Program, even though the firms have drawn sanctions and received hundreds of consumer complaints. (Peter Whoriskey, Joel Jacobs and Aaron Gregg)

**Companies scramble to expand the vaccine supply.**

“Production of the two coronavirus vaccines authorized in the United States is accelerating, even as companies with experimental vaccines nearing the end of trials struggle to meet ambitious manufacturing targets,” Carolyn Johnson reports. “That means the United States should have 200 million doses each from the companies with authorized shots, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna — enough to guarantee that more than 70 percent of adults will be able to get the two-shot vaccination by the end of July. That is comparable to the share of adults some polls suggest will be willing to roll up their sleeves. ‘I think the U.S. will most probably be one of the first countries of size to get its population protected,’ Stéphane Bancel, chief executive of Moderna, said this week ... But doses on paper are different from vials in the freezer — or vaccinations in people’s arms, as the past months have demonstrated. Distribution challenges have received most of the attention, as unused doses stack up. But the risk of raw ingredient shortages, manufacturing delays and other unforeseen production issues loom as the next potential bottleneck as companies work to reach a massive scale of manufacturing.”

- Since March, at least 400,000 more Americans have died than would have been expected to in a normal year. (WSJ)

- In New Jersey, smokers can now get the vaccine before teachers or public transit workers. State officials announced that anyone between 16 to 64 with certain medical conditions – including damage from smoking – can receive shots. (Andrea Salceda)

- Hundreds swarmed a vaccine site in Brooklyn after a widely circulated
WhatsApp message claimed there were “410+” extra doses that had to be used within four hours. While the New York mayor’s office quickly warned the message was made up, it didn’t stop a crowd swarming the site, where staff quickly became overwhelmed and had to spend hours dispersing the confused masses. (Jaclyn Peiser)

- Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-N.Y.), who became the fourth lawmaker to test positive since the Capitol riot, received his second dose in the days beforehand. Clinical trials suggest the vaccines bring some protection starting about 10 days after the first shot, but lead to a 95 percent reduction in covid cases about two weeks after the second shot. (BuzzFeed)

- New data from Israel show a 33 percent decline in infection rates after the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. (WSJ)

- Brazil, hit by the third-most cases in the world, made a big bet on a Chinese vaccine that turns out to only work half the time. Developing countries that tried to go cheap and buy from the Chinese or Russians are now worse off. (Terrence McCoy and Eva Dou)

- Julia Letlow, the widow of Rep.-elect Luke Letlow (R-La.), who died from the virus days before his scheduled swearing-in, announced she will seek his seat in a special election. (John Wagner)
The rioters came dangerously close to Vice President Pence.

The vice president was not evacuated from the Senate chamber for about 14 minutes after the Capitol Police reported an initial attempted breach of the complex. “Secret Service officers eventually spirited Pence to a room off the Senate floor with his wife and daughter after rioters began to pour into the Capitol, many loudly denouncing the vice president as a traitor,” Ashley Parker, Carol Leonnig, Paul Kane and Emma Brown report. “About one minute after Pence was hustled out of the chamber, a group charged up the stairs to a second-floor landing in the Senate, chasing a Capitol Police officer who drew them away from the Senate. Pence and his family had just ducked into a hideaway less than 100 feet from that landing, according to three people familiar with his whereabouts ... If the pro-Trump mob had arrived seconds earlier, the attackers would have been in eyesight of the vice president as he
was rushed across a reception hall into the office.”

- Federal prosecutors say Jacob Anthony Chansley, the shirtless, tattooed “QAnon Shaman” who stood out in a headdress made of coyote skin and buffalo horns, left an ominous note for Pence at his desk in the Senate chamber: “It’s only a matter of time, justice is coming.” (Tess Arras)
- Internal investigators for the departments of Justice, Defense, Interior, and Homeland Security will investigate how security officials prepared for and responded to the events of Jan. 6. (Devlin Barrett and Missy Ryan)
- Sen. James Lankford (R-Ok.) apologized to Black constituents for trying to throw out electoral votes for Biden. Lankford acknowledged that his actions “caused a firestorm of suspicion,” adding: “I was completely blindsided, but I also found a blind spot.” (Tulsa World)

**A new Washington Post-ABC News poll finds that over half of Americans – and 1 in 8 Republicans – say Trump should be criminally charged for his role in the attacks.** “By a margin of more than 2 to 1, Americans say the president has acted irresponsibly in his statements and actions since the election. Nonetheless, the president continues to enjoy strong support from Republicans, among whom a clear majority agree with his false claims about what happened in November, oppose his removal from office and believe Republican elected officials should continue to follow his lead in the future,” Scott Clement, Emily Guskin and Dan Balz report. “Overall, almost 9 in 10 Americans oppose the storming of the Capitol, including 8 in 10 who say they strongly oppose the events that shook the country.” On this question, 80 percent of Republicans agreed in their opposition to the violent insurrection.

**Trump created leadership turmoil at security agencies in the run-up to the riot.**

“The three top federal agencies responsible for protecting the nation — the Departments of Justice, Defense and Homeland Security — are all being run by acting officials, as the United States endures one of its most sensitive national security crises,” Paul Sonne, Zapotosky and Miroff report. “The leadership vacuum is the product of Trump’s tempestuous relationships with his Cabinet secretaries and tendency to replace them for long periods of time with acting officials ... When
acting officials run critical agencies, they have reduced standing at the White House, according to former top officials ... The confirmation hearing for Alejandro Mayorkas, Biden’s choice to run the Department of Homeland Security, had been moved up in the aftermath of the riot.” (The confirmation hearing for Avril Haines, Biden’s nominee for director of national intelligence, was abruptly rescheduled from today until next week because members wanted to be able to attend in person.)

**Dozens of people on the FBI terrorist watch list came to D.C. on the day of the insurrection.**

“The majority of the watch-listed individuals in Washington that day are suspected white supremacists whose past conduct so alarmed investigators that their names had been previously entered into the national Terrorist Screening Database, or TSDB, a massive set of names flagged as potential security risks,” Barrett, Spencer Hsu and Marissa Lang report. “The watch list is larger and separate from the ‘no-fly’ list the government maintains to prevent terrorism suspects from boarding airplanes, and those listed are not automatically barred from any public or commercial spaces, current and former officials said. ... The revelation underscores the limitations of such watch lists. Although they are meant to improve information-gathering and -sharing among investigative agencies, they are far from a foolproof means of detecting threats ahead of time. ... It’s unclear whether any of the dozens of individuals already arrested for alleged crimes at the Capitol are on the terrorist watch list.”

**Be prepared for potential acts of domestic terror before and after Jan. 20.**

“U.S. officials have warned authorities nationwide to be on alert for potential acts of violence at state capitols, as well as a possible second attack on the Capitol or on the White House. Law enforcement authorities have said extremists might use firearms and explosives and are monitoring online calls to rally in cities nationwide beginning Sunday,” Shane Harris, Souad Mekhennet and Razzan Nakhlawi report. “Federal authorities are warning state leaders to be prepared for the possibility of attacks in state capitals in the days before Biden’s inauguration. New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) declared a state of emergency on Thursday, saying it
was ‘reasonable to believe’ that rioters ‘will endanger the safety of legislators, legislative staff and the general public as well as destroy public and historic infrastructure’ in the state. ... FBI Director Christopher A. Wray told reporters that officials were monitoring ‘an extensive amount of concerning online chatter’ about events surrounding the inauguration.

**A rehearsal for Biden’s inauguration scheduled for Sunday was postponed until Monday because of security concerns, and the security perimeter for next week continues to expand.** All or most of the Mall is expected to close to the general public on Wednesday. The National Park Service plans to announce even more closures today. Federal security officials have asked Virginia officials to shut down all crossings into downtown D.C. from 6 a.m. on Saturday until 6 a.m. on Thursday, though the Key and Chain bridges would remain open. (Emily Davies and Justin Jouvenal)

**Battered D.C. police officers stood against the mob.**

“Blinded by smoke and choking on gas and bear spray, stripped of his radio and badge, D.C. police officer Michael Fanone and his battered colleagues fought to push back rioters trying to force their way into an entrance to the U.S. Capitol,” Peter Hermann reports. “The officers had been at it for hours, unaware that others in the mob had already breached the building through different entrances. For them, the West Terrace doors — which open into a tunnel-like hallway allowing access to an area under the Rotunda — represented the last stand before the Capitol fell. ‘Dig in!’ Fallone yelled, his voice cracking, as he and others were being struck with their own clubs and shields, ripped from their hands by rioters. ‘We got to get these doors shut.’ An officer since 9/11, the 40-year-old Fanone, who has four daughters, had been working a crime-suppression detail in another part of the District on Jan. 6. ... Someone in the crowd grabbed Fanone’s helmet, pulled him to the ground and dragged him on his stomach down a set of steps. At around the same time, police said, the crowd pulled a second officer down the stairs... Someone in the crowd grabbed Fanone’s helmet, pulled him to the ground and dragged him on his stomach down a set of steps. At around the same time, police said, the crowd pulled a second officer down the stairs. ... ‘We got one! We got one!’ Fanone said he heard
rioters shout. ‘Kill him with his own gun!’

The manhunt for anyone involved in the riot continues netting arrests.

“One of the men arrested Thursday, Peter Francis Stager, 41, of Conway, Ark., is accused of using an American flag to beat a D.C. police officer who arrived late in the afternoon to support Capitol Police. Video from the scene shows the officer being dragged down the steps as he is attacked by the crowd,” Spencer Hsu, Rachel Weiner and Ann Marimow report. “According to an affidavit, Stager was identified by two informants who saw video of him at the Capitol — including one clip in which he declared, ‘Everybody in there is a treasonous traitor. Death is the only remedy for what’s in that building.’ ... Another of the men arrested Thursday is himself a former public safety official. Robert Lee Sanford Jr., 55, a recently retired firefighter from Chester, Pa., threw a fire extinguisher at members of the Capitol Police, according to law enforcement. ... A tipster in Pennsylvania told the FBI on Tuesday that Sanford, a friend of many years, confessed ‘he was the person that the FBI was looking for’ in connection with videos showing a man apparently hurling an object at a group of officers, according to court documents.”

- Headline of the day: “The guy who flew a Confederate flag in the Capitol has predictably surrendered.” Kevin Seefried has been identified as the man flying the flag as he marched through the building. He and his son surrendered to federal agents in Delaware. (Vice)
- Sandy Adams, the district director for newly elected Rep. Bob Good (R-Va.), was in the crowd outside the Capitol after the building was invaded but did not join those who pushed their way inside. Good, a Trump ally, did not address questions about why Adams remained on the grounds during the riot, but he denounced the violence. (Meagan Flynn)
- John Earle Sullivan of Utah was charged in federal court in connection with the riots. Sullivan is the founder of Insurgence USA, a social justice group that calls itself anti-fascist but that traveled to D.C. to stop the certification. (Deseret News)
- Cleveland Meredith Jr. was charged with threatening to kill Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and bringing multiple guns and what he allegedly described as a “s**t ton” of ammunition to D.C. He will be kept in custody. (BuzzFeed)
Christine Priola, a school therapist who stormed the Capitol and reached the vice president’s chair in the Senate chamber, has been arrested in Cleveland. (Cleveland19)

Video footage shows Audrey Ann Southard, a Tampa singer, using her soprano voice to scream profanely at officers they should tell Pelosi "we’re coming for her!” as the mob stormed the building. (Tampa Bay Times)

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), an adherent to the QAnon conspiracy theory, announced plans to introduce an impeachment resolution against Biden the day after he takes office. (Wagner)

Delta Air Lines said customers involved in incidents that targeted Sens. Mitt Romney (R-Utah) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) will be banned from ever flying aboard its planes again. The airline also put 880 people on its no-fly list for not wearing masks or for unruly behavior related to the election. (KSL)

As the attack unfolded, some Hill staffers remembered their school-shooting drills.

“As the word spread via email alerts and social media that a violent mob had breached the U.S. Capitol last week, workers in offices throughout the complex locked and barricaded their doors, turned out the lights, stayed low to the ground, silenced their phones and sat quietly in the dark hoping the danger would not come to them,” Joe Heim and Valerie Strauss report. “For many of the Hill’s younger staff members, the decision to take those actions wasn’t instinct — it was training. An entire generation of Americans who grew up during an epoch of horrific school shootings have learned since kindergarten what to do when an outside threat enters the building. ... ‘We had a lockdown drill every year where we were taught to turn off the lights, block all the windows, not open the door for any reason and to stay away from the windows. Last time I did that drill was senior year in high school, so it wasn’t too long ago,’ [said a 23-year-old Pelosi aide].”

Lawmakers introduced a resolution to award Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman the Congressional Gold Medal for his heroism during the insurrection. (Rebecca Tan)

A New Yorker reporter heard Trump supporters threaten officers during the riot. “I followed a group that broke off to advance on five policemen guarding a side corridor. ‘Stand down,’ a man in a MAGA hat commanded. ‘You’re
Trump's legacy

Noyemi, a Honduran migrant who was separated from her 3-year-old son in 2018 because of a Trump administration policy, speaks with her son in a nightly video call. She is one of hundreds of women who have still not been able to reunite with their children. (Kevin Schall/The Washington Post)
Trump appointees pushed for family separations, ignoring warnings, despite their denials.

“The Trump administration and then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions barreled forward with their ‘zero tolerance’ border crackdown in 2018 knowing that the policy would separate migrant children from their parents and despite warnings that the government was ill-prepared to deal with the consequences, according to a long-awaited report issued Thursday by the Justice Department’s Office of Inspector General. The report called the Justice Department and the attorney general’s office a ‘driving force’ in making sure the Department of Homeland Security aggressively prosecuted adults arriving with children, findings that cast doubt on statements made by Sessions that the government ‘never really intended’ to separate families,” Nick Miroff and Matt Zapotosky report.

"The bureaucratic chaos and trauma for families that resulted from the policy were not unanticipated consequences, the inspector general found. ‘DOJ officials were aware of many of these challenges prior to issuing the zero tolerance policy, but they did not attempt to address them until after the policy was issued,’ the report states. ... **Sessions at one point told U.S. attorneys along the border that ‘we need to take children away,’ according to the report** ... Sessions declined to be interviewed for the report by the inspector general’s office. ... Former deputy attorney general Rod J. Rosenstein, who also pushed for the prosecutions, expressed contrition in a statement issued through a spokesman ... **During the crackdown, the government took more than 3,000 children**
from their parents ... Some of the mothers and fathers were deported while their children remained in government custody, and in the ensuing chaos, the government had no functional plan to reunite the families. ... More than two years later, attorneys representing the families have been unable to contact more than 500 of the parents whose children were taken.”

Senate Democrats hope for a speedy and bipartisan impeachment trial.

“The Senate Democratic leader’s office is emphasizing cooperation with Republicans rather than conflict,” Felicia Sonmez and Mike DeBonis report. “Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has rebuffed Democratic calls for the chamber to reconvene before Tuesday. ... Nonetheless, a spokesman for Schumer signaled Thursday that Democrats are far from taking a go-it-alone approach. ... A growing number of Republican senators, including McConnell, have signaled in recent days that they are open to convicting Trump ... One of those Republicans, Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, said Thursday that Trump’s words on the day of the riot ‘incited violence,’ which ‘briefly interfered with the government’s ability to ensure a peaceful transfer of power.’ ... “

“One big difference from last year’s impeachment trial: Many of the lawyers who defended the president then are unwilling to do so this time. White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, who was central to the president’s defense last year, told other staffers to make sure word got out that he was not involved in defending Trump this time, according to one aide. Other lawyers in Trump’s circle, including Jay Sekulow, Pam Bondi, Pat Philbin and Marc Kasowitz, have also said they will not be part of the effort ... "Another difference is that the president can no longer count on McConnell’s support as a given. Ahead of last year’s trial, the Kentucky Republican said there was ‘zero chance’ the president would be removed from office, declared that he was ‘not an impartial juror’ and promised ‘total coordination’ with Trump’s defense team. ... Several other Senate Republicans have also notably left the door open to voting to convict Trump in the upcoming trial. They include Murkowski and Sens. Richard C. Shelby ( Ala.), Dan Sullivan (Alaska), Patrick J.
Toomey (Pa.) and Ben Sasse (Neb.), as well as Sen. Mitt Romney (Utah).”

**House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.)** moved Thursday to forestall a messy internal fight, making clear he opposed calls for Rep. Liz Cheney’s (Wyo.) ouster as Republican conference chairwoman. “But it remained uncertain whether that would be enough to quell anger at Cheney’s dramatic break with Trump. The reckoning inside the House GOP signals the start of what is expected to be a bruising battle about Trump’s standing in the party during the next four years,” DeBonis reports.
The Secret Service is spending $144,000 so agents protecting Ivanka Trump's house can go to the bathroom.

"Instructed not to use any of the half-dozen bathrooms inside the couple’s house, the Secret Service detail assigned to President Trump’s daughter and son-in-law spent months searching for a reliable restroom to use on the job, according to neighbors and law enforcement officials. After resorting to a porta-potty, as well as bathrooms at the nearby home of former president Barack Obama and the not-so-nearby residence of Vice President Pence, the agents finally found a toilet to call their own. But it came at a cost to U.S. taxpayers. Since September 2017, the federal government has been spending $3,000 a month — more than $100,000 to date — to rent a basement studio, with a bathroom, from a neighbor of the Kushner family,” Peter Jamison, Leonnig and Paul Schwartzman report. The lease is due to expire on Sept. 26, at which point the federal government will have paid $144,000 for access to the bathroom.

"A White House spokesperson denied that Trump and Kushner restricted agents from their 5,000-square-foot home, with its six bedrooms and 6.5 bathrooms, and asserted that it was the Secret Service’s decision not to allow the protective detail inside. That account is disputed by a law enforcement official familiar with the situation, who said the agents were kept out at the family’s request. [After initially declining to comment, the Secret Service issued a denial eight hours after the story published.] ... ‘It’s the first time I ever heard of a Secret Service detail having to go to these extremes to find a bathroom,’ said one law enforcement official familiar with the situation. ... ‘They sort of came in with the attitude, like, ‘We are
"A Secret Service supervisor from the Trump/Kushner detail left an unpleasant mess in the Obama bathroom at some point before the fall of 2017 ... That prompted the leaders of the Obama detail to ban the agents up the street from ever returning. The agents assigned to the president’s daughter and son-in-law began driving a mile to Pence’s home at the Naval Observatory, where they were allowed to use a bathroom in a stand-alone guard station. ... In October, The Post reported that Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump and Donald Trump Jr. had enriched their family’s business, as the Trump Organization charged the federal government at least $238,000 for agents’ lodgings when the trio and their families visited Trump properties.”

- The D.C. Attorney General’s office notified Donald Trump Jr. it wishes to interview him as part of a lawsuit alleging the president's 2017 inaugural committee improperly funneled money to the president’s business. The tax-exempt nonprofit allegedly wasted $1 million of donors’ money on an overpriced ballroom at the president’s D.C. hotel, and then paid a $49,000 hotel bill that should have gone to the Trump Organization. (David Fahrenthold)

- The Girl Scouts of Greater New York, which leases office space in Trump’s building at 40 Wall Street in Lower Manhattan, said it is seeking to move out “as a matter of very high priority.” The Girl Scouts’ lease, signed in 2014, was supposed to last 15 years. (Fahrenthold)

- Harold Bornstein, Trump’s onetime physician, died at 73. He declared in 2015 that “Trump, I can state unequivocally, will be the healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency,” only to say later that the letter was actually dictated by Trump himself. (Matt Schudel)

**Trump flipped out when an adviser likened his plight to Nixon's.**

“Trump has been consumed by the unraveling of his presidency during his last days in office, according to people around him, which included a casual discussion among advisers recently about a possible resignation,” CNN reports. “Trump shut the idea down almost immediately. And he has made clear to aides in separate conversations...
that mere mention of President Richard Nixon, the last president to resign, was banned. He told one adviser during an expletive-laden conversation recently never to bring up the ex-president ever again. During the passing mention of resigning this week, Trump told people he couldn't count on Vice President Mike Pence to pardon him like Gerald Ford did Nixon, anyway.

“Eager for a final taste of the pomp of being president, Trump has asked for a major send-off on Inauguration Day next week, according to people familiar with the matter, before one last presidential flight to Palm Beach. But the signs of his impending departure are everywhere — including right outside his window. Workers hung bunting Thursday that read ‘2021 Biden-Harris Inauguration’ from temporary stands across from the White House North Portico. It was visible from his third-story residence.”

Trump plans to fly to Mar-a-Lago the morning of the inauguration, and several current White House staff are expected to continue working for him or his son-in-law in Florida. “Trump aides who may work for him after the White House include Nick Luna, the director of Oval Office Operations and Trump’s ‘body man;’ Molly Michael, a deputy assistant to Trump; and Cassidy Hutchinson, an aide to Chief of Staff Mark Meadows,” Bloomberg News reports. Moreover, Trump appears to have reconciled with his former chief strategist Steve Bannon. The two have repeatedly spoken by phone in recent weeks, per Bloomberg.

First lady Melania Trump didn’t know she would not be attending Biden’s inauguration until her husband tweeted it out last week, CNN reports. “It’s not the first time she has learned what he was doing because he tweeted it before he told her,’ said a source. ... The outgoing first lady hasn't done anything of significance as the weeks of her tenure come to a close. ... Nor has she helped with the onboarding of incoming first lady Jill Biden — with whom she has still not made contact.”

Trump couldn’t get top-tier celebrities to perform at his inauguration four years ago, but they’re lining up for Biden’s. Lady Gaga will sing the national anthem, and Jennifer Lopez will also show. The Biden inaugural
committee plans to stage a virtual concert on Sunday night with Carole King, will.i.am, James Taylor, Fall Out Boy, Michael Bivins, Ben Harper and AJR.

**Other news that should be on your radar**

- The Mexican government announced charges will not be pursued against former defense minister Salvador Cienfuegos. He was arrested three months ago in Los Angeles on drug-trafficking charges. (Mary Beth Sheridan)
- New York Attorney General Letitia James (D) sued New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) and his police department, alleging excessive force during last summer's racial justice protests. (Shayna Jacobs)
- Biden picked Jaime Harrison to be the next chair of the Democratic National Committee. Harrison, who lost his bid for DNC chair in 2017, raised more than $130 million last year in his effort to defeat Sen. Graham. (Michael Scherer)
- The Biden transition team started a new Twitter account for the president-elect — @PresElectBiden — while continuing to clash with the company over its decision to deny the incoming administration all existing followers on the @POTUS and @WhiteHouse accounts. In 2017, Trump inherited everyone who followed Obama's official accounts. Biden will start from scratch. (Bloomberg)

**Quote of the day**

"I'm in good company," Cindy McCain said in response to the Arizona GOP moving to censure her for endorsing Biden. "I think I’m going to make T-shirts for everyone and wear them." (Daily Beast)

**Social media speed read**

Trump is now issuing tweets via a longtime adviser:
The wife of White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows was spotted removing taxidermy from the West Wing:
And CNN issued an amusing correction:
Videos of the day
Seth Meyers said Republicans will stop at nothing to make themselves look like victims:
Stephen Colbert said he’s excited for the final Infrastructure Week:

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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [MARKETING] The Daily 202: Biden throws Obama-era caution to the wind with a big ask for coronavirus stimulus
To: Wray, Christopher (DO) (FBI)
Sent: January 15, 2021 11:34 AM (UTC-05:00)
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Jill Sanborn
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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To: 

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Sent: January 15, 2021 11:40 AM (UTC-05:00)

Ha. Not funny

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Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:28 AM

To: Kelly, Kristyn E. (CTD) (FBI) Hwang, Sandrea I. (CTD) (DET) Reddan, Patrick E. Jr. (CTD) (FBI)

Cc: Gilhooley, Brian T.

Subject: FW: Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Hi Pam, are you aware of any products FBI received from the US Capitol Police?

Thanks,

From:
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To:
Cc:
Subject: Fw: (DI POC) Re: Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6

Hello,

Please see the media inquiry below. Can you assist us in whether the FBI received such a product from the U.S. Capitol Police prior to Jan 6 and what was in it?

We are also checking with The reporter plans to publish quickly so we are trying to run this to ground.

Thank you.

From: Zapotosky, Matt <mati.zepotosky@washpost.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:36 AM
To: NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6

Hi--

We're writing a story today about a memo produced by the Capitol Police Intelligence and Information Coordination Division on January 3, which offered a very specific warning of what might occur on January 6. The memo said there was a high likelihood of Stop the Steal protestors storming the Capitol, that an unpermitted group could swell to as many as 10,000 people, and that possible militia members might join the group with gas masks and tactical gear. The memo was based on material from Parler and white supremacist web sites and chat forums.

Can you say if the FBI was provided this memo? If so, when? What was done in response?

Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post (cell)
From: Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:29 AM
To: Kelly, Kristyn E. (CTD) (FBI); Hwang, Sandrea I. (CTD) (DET); Reddan, Patrick E. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); Gilhooly, Brian T. (CTD) (FBI); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)
Cc:
Subject: FW: Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6

On Jan 15, 2021 11:25 AM, [name] wrote:

Good morning all,

Please see below from the Washington Post that will also be running this down. Please let me know asap if we have any information on this. They anticipate the story to run in a couple of hours.

Thank you

From: Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 11:11 AM
To: Kelly, Kristyn E. (CTD) (FBI); Hwang, Sandrea I. (CTD) (DET); Reddan, Patrick E. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); Gilhooly, Brian T. (CTD) (FBI); Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)
Cc:
Subject: FW: Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6

See the Wash Post inquiry below about U.S. Capitol Police sharing something with us pre-Jan. 6. Does anyone know anything about this? Can you help run this down?

Thank you.
It was a little funny...

Jill Sanborn
Federal Bureau of Investigation

On Jan 15, 2021 11:38 AM wrote:
Start telling him about and the meeting will end pretty quickly after that....

Jill Sanborn

I told them I would try. I am stuck in the thing with DD but looking for an escape spot....

On Jan 15, 2021 11:32 AM wrote:
While you’re on email, the ADIC and USA are doing another media briefing at 1pm and they’re having a prep call at noon. If you can’t make it, I’ve let know they’d like to get someone from to participate in the prep.
FYI - I spoke with Alvin. Will circle up with more details on our convo but short of it is i had no knowledge of this nor did Steve J.

Thanks,
Pam

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Winston, Alvin M. (OPA) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 15, 2021 11:18 AM
Subject: Fwd: RE: Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6
To: "Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)"
Cc: 

Good morning,

I'm flagging this for your awareness. Please call me for more discussion.

Thanks

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 15, 2021 10:53 AM
Subject: RE: Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6
To: NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV> "Winston, Alvin M. (OPA) (FBI)"
Cc: 

Thanks. Need to work quickly. Are you flagging for

From: NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI) Winston, Alvin M. (OPA) (FBI)
Cc: 

Subject: Fw: Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6
Importance: High

Please see the below from the WaPo and the Parler reference.

Am I good to send this to and the to run down?

Thank you,
Hi--

We're writing a story today about a memo produced by the Capitol Police Intelligence and Information Coordination Division on January 3, which offered a very specific warning of what might occur on January 6. The memo said there was a high likelihood of Stop the Steal protestors storming the Capitol, that an unpermitted group could swell to as many as 10,000 people, and that possible militia members might join the group with gas masks and tactical gear. The memo was based on material from Parler and white supremacist web sites and chat forums.

Can you say if the FBI was provided this memo? If so, when? What was done in response?

Many thanks,

Matt Zapotosky | The Washington Post
Hi Pam, are you aware of any products FBI received from the US Capitol Police?

Thanks,

From: Zapotosky, Matt <matt.zapotosky@washpost.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:36 AM
To: NPO <NPO@FBI.GOV>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Washington Post inquiry/intel memo about Jan. 6

Hi--

We’re writing a story today about a memo produced by the Capitol Police Intelligence and Information Coordination Division on January 3, which offered a very specific warning of what might occur on January 6. The memo said there was a high likelihood of Stop the Steal protestors storming the Capitol, that an unpermitted group could swell to as many as 10,000 people, and that possible militia members might join the group with gas masks and tactical gear. The memo was based on material from Parler and white supremacist web sites and chat forums.

Can you say if the FBI was provided this memo? If so, when? What was done in response?

Many thanks,
Alvin asked me to write something about
I think this helps to get you where you may want/need to go.

Let me know your thoughts or if you need anything further.
On Jan 15, 2021 12:10 PM, wrote:
Alvin asked me to write something about...
This event has been changed with this note:
"All - I have attached the recording of this briefing to the calendar appointment. Apologies for the inconvenience."

Capitol Protests Briefing
When: Fri Jan 15, 2021 5:10pm – 6pm Mountain Time - Denver
Where: (Guest list is too large to display)

ZOOM LINK:
Topic: EOC Capital Protest Briefing
Time: Jan 15, 2021 05:10 PM Mountain Time

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 
Passcode: 
One tap mobile
Going: Yes - Maybe - No  more options...
From: The Washington Post
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [MARKETING] The Post Most: Vaccine reserve was already exhausted when Trump administration vowed to release it
To: Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI)
Sent: January 15, 2021 12:29 PM (UTC-05:00)
Vaccine reserve was already exhausted when Trump administration vowed to release it, dashing hopes of expanded access

States were anticipating a windfall after federal officials said they would stop holding back second doses. But the policy had already changed, and no stockpile exists.

By Isaac Stanley-Becker and Lena H. Sun • Read more »
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By Scott Clement, Emily Guskin and Dan Balz • Read more »

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‘It looked like a medieval battle scene’: How battered D.C. police made a stand against the Capitol mob reeling for months.

D.C. officers describe being battered by flagpoles, beaten with their own clubs and choked by bear spray as they fought to defend the U.S. Capitol.

By Peter Hermann • Read more »

Dozens of people on FBI terrorist watch list came to D.C. the day of Capitol riot

By Devlin Barrett, Spencer S. Hsu and Marissa J. Lang • Read more »
Rioters wanted to ‘capture and assassinate’ lawmakers, prosecutors say. A note left by the ‘QAnon Shaman’ is evidence.

By Teo Armus • Read more »
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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: FBI Critical Incident Response Group Division (CIRG)

DETAILS: Please see attached NC3 Executive Update.

The FBI Strategic Information Operations Center (SIOC) produced this message and any attachments for situational awareness which may be subject to change. This material may be confidential/legally privileged. If you believe you received this in error, please delete, do not disseminate further, and notify SIOC immediately.

UNCLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL
January 6, 2021

Wed 1/6/2021 9:46 AM
To:
Cc:

1 attachments (271 KB)
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Please click on the following link to read the latest blog post from our...
Good morning please see attached IIR which [REDACTED] wishes to disseminate as an [REDACTED] IR.

There is a Sentinel Review for the IIR to the CRO Role.

Thanks

[REDACTED] Intelligence Analyst
Good Morning –

I just forwarded an immediate deconfliction request from FBI to you in Sentinel. (You should see it under Documents Pending Review.) Please reach out to directly (CC’ed) if you have any questions or comments. Otherwise, you can just clear the review.

Thanks,

From
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 10:08 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: FW - IR Request for Deconfliction/Concurrence to Disseminate --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
Importance: High

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

Will review now, & I sent it to our acting SSA as well. 😊

From
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 10:20 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: IR Request for Deconfliction/Concurrence to Disseminate --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
Importance: High

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

Thanks

Will review now, & I sent it to our acting SSA as well. 😊
Good Morning—

I just forwarded an immediate deconfliction request from [FB] to you in Sentinel. (You should see it under Documents Pending Review.) Please reach out to [blank] directly (CC’ed) if you have any questions or comments. Otherwise, you can just clear the review.

Thanks,

[Blank]

[From: [blank], Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:20:06 AM]

[To: [blank], Cc: [blank]]

[Subject: [FW: IIR Request for Deconfliction/Concurrence to Disseminate — UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO]]

[Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO]

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Good morning please see attached IIR which [blank] wishes to disseminate as an [IR].

There is a Sentinel Review for the IIR to the CRO Role.

Thanks

[Blank]

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[Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO]
Hi everyone,

In preparation for this afternoon’s call, please find two documents attached to this e-mail.

We’ll go over this during the call—just wanted you all to have a reference starting point.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!
(U) LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE: The information marked (U/LES) in this document is the property of FBI and may be distributed within the Federal Government (and its contractors), US intelligence, law enforcement, public safety or protection officials and individuals with a need to know. Distribution beyond these entities without FBI authorization is prohibited. Precautions should be taken to ensure this information is stored and/or destroyed in a manner that precludes unauthorized access. Information bearing the LES caveat may not be used in legal proceedings without first receiving authorization from the originating agency. Recipients are prohibited from subsequently posting the information marked LES on a website or an unclassified network.
Good morning everyone!

Starting the year on a good note, not too much to report from last night.

No additional details re

Thanks!

On Jan 1, 2021 10:50 AM, wrote:

Happy 2021!

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing New Year's!

Please let us know if that does not work for you. Again, I will also work on trimming the distro list for future updates.

As a reminder, if you have questions

***12/31 Updates***
Please let us know if you have any questions!

Thanks!

On Dec 31, 2020 5:29 PM, wrote:

FBI(21-cv-572)-5716
All,

Thanks for dialing in today on short notice. We appreciate the tight coordination given the small time frame we are working with. Below are the due-outs/reminders from today's call:

- If something is missing or you aren't on there but would like to be included in the updates, please let us know.

- We will have a call again on Monday. I'll send the invite out later.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable New Years. Talk to you all in 2021!
All,

Passed by

From:  
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 2:51 PM  
To:  
Subject:  
Attachments:
From: | | b6 -1,3
Sent: "08:47 PM b7A -1
a b7C -1,3
Subject: FW b7E -1,2,5,9

Thanks

On Dec 31, 2020 12:20 PM I wrote:

This is the first I am hearing of this, so if anyone could shed light on this I would greatly appreciate it.

All Best Wishes and Encouragement,

Thanks for taking the time to take my call, this is a brief email I shot my people last night and the case number is in the subject line for you. I was told you already knew about this so I apologize for calling you out of the blue.

To follow up on what we discussed.

From what I understand:

SA

FBI(21-cv-572)-5783
Fwd: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events

Happy new year. I hope everyone enjoyed their time off.

FYSA - see below updates on upcoming events.

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Pieper, Derek (WF) (FBI"
Date: Jan 3, 2021 11:17 AM
Subject: Fwd: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events
To: "MOY, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)"
Cc: Fysa ahead of these events

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 3, 2021 11:15 AM
Subject: Fwd: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events
To: "May, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)"
Cc: "Pieper, Derek (WF) (FBI)"

FYI Just to keep everyone in the loop.

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 3, 2021 10:08 AM
Subject: Fwd: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events
To: "Dawson, James A. (WF) (FBI)"
Cc: "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)"
Fyi Just to keep everyone in the loop.
FW: Fw: 1400 SITREP

Wed 1/6/2021 3:24 PM

To: [Redacted]

FYSA - DC just enacted a curfew from 6pm to 6am.

From: Pieper, Derek (WE) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 2:57 PM

Subject: Fwd: Fw: 1400 SITREP

Fysa.... also, if all your phones didn't just go off... DC just enacted a curfew from 6pm to 6am. This is all I have for now.

Thanks,

Derek Pieper
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 6, 2021 2:22 PM
Subject: Fw: 1400 SITREP

To: "May, Jennifer L. (WE) (FBI)"

IOC INTELLIGENCE:
FW: Fw: 1500 SITREP

Wed 1/6/2021 3:29 PM
To:
FYI,

From: Pieper, Derek (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 2:58 PM
To:
Subject: Fwd: Fw: 1500 SITREP

Thanks,

Derek Pieper
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

------- Forwarded message -------
From: "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 6, 2021 2:56 PM
Subject: Fw: 1500 SITREP
To: "May, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)" Pieper, Derek (WF) (FBI)

Cc:

From
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 2:54 PM
To: WF-EXEC-MGMT
Cc: 1500 SITREP

Out of cycle Sit Rep based on significant updates.

IOC INTELLIGENCE:
Fwd: Fw: 1800 Hours SITREP

Wed 1/6/2021 8:04 PM
To: Yea I agree

On Jan 6, 2021 8:00 PM, wrote:
I saw the same on CNN.

On Jan 6, 2021 7:59 PM, wrote:

On Jan 6, 2021 7:54 PM, wrote:
I totally understand the concern. To my knowledge if that is the intent, I will be saying something.
See you in the am.

On Jan 6, 2021 7:26 PM, wrote:
There are rioters out there with military grade vests and helmets

On Jan 6, 2021 6:50 PM, wrote:
FYI

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: "Pieper, Derek (WF) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 6, 2021 6:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: 1800 Hours SITREP
To: 

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: "May, Stacey R. (WF) (FB)

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)
FW: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021

From: Pieper, Derek (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2021 11:55 AM
To: FYSA.

Subject: Fwd: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021

Fysa

Thanks,

Derek Pieper
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office
(Office) Cell

------- Forwarded message -------
From: "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)
Date: Jan 4, 2021 11:53 AM
Subject: Fwd: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021
To: "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)"
Pieper, Derek (WF) (FBI)

------- Forwarded message -------
From: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Date: Jan 4, 2021 11:23 AM
Subject: Fwd: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021
To: "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)"
Dawson, James A. (WF) (FBI)
Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)
O'Neill, Christine E. (WF) (FBI)
"Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)" <srmoy@fbi.gov>
Cc:
--- Forwarded message ---
From: "Dunham, Timothy M. (CID) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 4, 2021 11:07 AM
Subject: Fwd: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021
To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)"
Cc:

--- Forwarded message ---
From: SIOC
Date: Jan 4, 2021 8:56 AM
Subject: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021
To: HQ-ALL-Users WFO FOUO
Cc:

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

SYNOPSIS: Multiple street closures and parking restrictions in downtown Washington, DC, may delay your commute to FBI HQ and WFO on January 5 – 7, 2021.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and FBI Police

SITUATION: The Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) anticipates multiple street closures and parking restrictions in Washington, DC, on January 5 – 7, 2021, due to First Amendment-protected activities. Motorists should consider alternative routes to avoid increased pedestrian traffic and delays. For additional traffic information, please visit: twitter.com/DCPoliceTraffic.

Street Closures
On January 5 – 6, the following streets will be restricted/closed to vehicular traffic from approximately 6:00 AM to 11:59 PM. If safe to do so, vehicles will be allowed to enter the restricted areas if individuals are on essential business or traveling to/from their residence.

Constitution Ave from Pennsylvania Ave to 18th St, NW
K St from 9th St, NW to 18th St, NW
I St from 9th St, NW to 18th St, NW
H St from 9th St, NW to 18th St, NW
New York Ave from 9th St, NW to 15th St, NW
New York Ave from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
G St from 9th St, NW to 15th St, NW
G St from 12th St, NW to 15th St, NW
G St from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
F St from 9th St, NW to 15th St, NW
Due to the First Amendment protected activities, multiple street closures and parking restrictions will be activated in downtown Washington, DC beginning tomorrow January 5 – 7, 2021.

Below is a list of the affected areas:

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- L St from 9th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- H St from 9th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- New York Ave from 9th St, NW to 15th St, NW
- New York Ave from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- G St from 9th St, NW to 15th St, NW
- G St from 12th St, NW to 15th St, NW
- G St from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- F St from 9th St, NW to 15th St, NW
- F St from 12th St, NW to 15th St, NW
- F St from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- E St from 9th St, NW to 15th St, NW
- E St from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- D St from 5th St, NW to 9th St, NW
- D St from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- C St from 3rd St, NW to 6th St, NW
- C St from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- Pennsylvania Ave, NW from 3rd St, NW to 15th St, NW
- Pennsylvania Ave, NW from 17th St, NW to 18th St, NW
- Indiana Ave from 3rd St to 5th St, NW
- 3rd St from Independence Ave, SW to D St, NW
- 4th St from Independence Ave, SW to Pennsylvania Ave, NW
- 4th St from Indiana Ave, NW to E St, NW
- 5th St from Indiana Ave, NW to E St, NW
- 6th St from Constitution Ave, NW to E St, NW
- 7th St from Constitution Ave, SW to E St, NW
- 9th St from Constitution Ave, NW to E St, NW
- 10th St from Constitution Ave, NW to L St, NW
- 11th St from Pennsylvania Ave, NW to L St, NW
- 12th St from Constitution Ave, NW to L St, NW
- 13th St from Pennsylvania Ave, NW to L St, NW
- 14th St from Independence Ave, SW to L St, NW
- 15th St from Independence Ave, SW to L St, NW
- 16th St from H St, NW to L St, NW

FBI(21-cv-572)-5810
Hi,

I'll keep sending updates your way!

Best,

Intelligence Analyst

Mobile
Good afternoon,

For any question, please reach out to SA

Please forward to users.

Information and Technology Branch

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Good evening,

The below email went out this evening on the unclassified side and is being disseminated here on FBINet FYSA.

Thank you,

DI

Sig

Domain Analysis Program Manager

desk)

Samsung

Good Evening,

(U) Questions should be directed to the POCs listed in the TSIN below.

Regards,

(U//FOUO)
From: b6 -1
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 3:06 PM
To: b7E -3,5
Subject: FW: 1/6/21 1500 hours SITREP

FYSA

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 3:04 PM
To: 
Cc: Bornstein, Robert E. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: 1/6/21 1500 hours SITREP

IOC INTELLIGENCE:

(U//FOUO) As of 1325 hours, USCP reported demonstrators had breached the west front of the Capitol Complex and are climbing the scaffolding of the inaugural stage. USCP and MPD units are responding. Additional reporting from MPD as of 1325 hours indicated individuals throwing bike racks and fireworks near the Capitol. MPD and USCP are reporting injuries. MPD has declared the incident a riot.

(U//FOUO) Update: As of approximately 1420, the Capitol was placed on lockdown, and the certification vote was paused. As of 1430 hours, protestors have entered the Capitol Rotunda. Protestors are deploying pepper spray against USCP officers. The House and Senate floors are being evacuated, as of 1445 hours. As of 1446 hours, shots were fired in the lobby of the House floor. VPOTUS is secure in the Capitol, per USSS as of 1450 hours.

(U//FOUO) As of 1445 hours, the DC Mayor is implementing a curfew beginning at 1800 hours.
Copy. Thank you.

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On Jan 3, 2021 10:21 AM, wrote:

Thanks.

please read below for awareness. No specific tasking as of now.

Thanks,

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On Jan 3, 2021 9:49 AM, wrote:

Please see below information. Please also note SA contact him, and copy me for awareness, with anything you need.

From | FBI Washington Field Office
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 9:36 AM
To: b7C -1,3,5
Subject: Events Updates

Information regarding this week which is being discussed between WFO EM and HQ EM. This has the same visibility as previous events.....
Please see below information. Please also note S - contact him, and copy me for awareness, with anything you need.

Information regarding this week which is being discussed between WFO EM and HQ EM. This has the same visibility as previous events.....

[U//FOUO] The following list of events is being maintained per request of WFO Executive Management. The items on this list are compiled by FBI partner agencies. FBI WFO does not have any information to suggest these events will involve anything other than first amendment protected activity and is being distributed for situational awareness. Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates federal law.

In the event no violent reaction occurs, FBI policy and federal law dictates that no further record be made of the protected activity.

The following information is current as of 3 January 2021 at 0800. This is for FBI internal use only.
This is an important message from the District of Columbia AlertDC system.

Mayor Bowser is continuing preparations for this week's First Amendment activities. She had previously directed the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to stand up the District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) beginning Monday, January 4, to coordinate the response for the upcoming First Amendment demonstrations, permitted by the National Park Service, scheduled for January 5 and January 6. The EOC serves as the coordination hub between District agencies and regional and federal partners. On Tuesday, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) begins its full activation with all staff reporting for response on Tuesday and Wednesday.
I will be away from the office until Monday, January 11, 2021, with limited access to voice and email messages. Please direct any time sensitive inquires during my absence to the United States Capitol Police Criminal Investigations Section at (202)224-0928.
From: |  
Sent: 11:27 AM |  
To: |  
Cc: |  
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] FW: Re: Attachments: Subject pdt b6 -1,3,5 b7A -1 b7C -1,3,5 b7E -5,10

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From: | 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:05 AM | 
To: | 
Subject: RE: Re: Here is all the info i have in one shot...

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From: | b6 -3,5 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 10:59 AM 
To: b7A -1 b7C -3,5 b7D -2 b7E -1,4,10 
Subject: RE: Re:

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See attached

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From: | b6 -2,3,5 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:51 AM 
To: | 
Subject: RE: Re:

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From: | b6 -2,3,5 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:39 AM 
To: b7A -1 b7C -2,3,5 b7D -2 b7E -1,10 
Subject: RE: Re:

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From: | b6 -2,3,5 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:36 AM 
To: | 
Subject: RE: Re:

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From: | b6 -2,3,5 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:33 AM 
To: | 
Cc | 
Subject: RE: Re:

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Copy: I was planning on meeting with the TFO this morning anyway, so I’ll make sure he has this information as well.
I don't know if that's worth anything to you.

I added X to the distro. Yes I'm thinking pass to the partner agencies. The update info is being sent to

He did not have that info.
On Jan 5, 2021, at 6:24 AM I wrote:

Here is a info sheet on was interviewed and essentially told

are passing to if you haven't already can ensure the proper get this information

From
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 2:43 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Re:

Sending you what  
Info from was pushed to our Sgt’s. They are pushing

This is what he provided.

This is from

FBI(21-cv-572)-5899
On Jan 4, 2021, at 2:36 PM, wrote:

Yep waiting on to hit me back up

Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 2:36 PM
To:
Subject: RE:

Everything good to go on this?

From

Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 12:28 PM
To:
Subject:

I'm on leave and not near my computer, said they seemed busy in the office.
From: 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 7:14 PM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Fw: CBS report re: threat to Capitol?

Ok the original has been pushed to DC, I’ll forward this as well. I don’t think they have been briefed, but not sure.

From: 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 7:04 PM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: FW: CBS report re: threat to Capitol?

FYI might want to start preparing an approved statement.

I’m sure Tyson will be calling Sanborn any minute.

From: 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 7:02 PM 
To: Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI) 
Cc: 
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - CBS report re: threat to Capitol?

FBI, DoD, and IC colleagues:

What can you tell us about this? Also, if the Pentagon and other agencies were briefed, can you please let us know if anyone with Senate or House Sergeant at Arms were briefed today?

Forgive formatting, this is from CBS but came via our press office:

IN NEW YORK.
WE ARE FLYING A PLANE INTO IS IT CAPITOL WEDNESDAY. SOLEIMANI WILL BE AVENGED. >> Reporter: SOURCES TELL CBS NEWS THE PENTAGON AND OTHER AGENCIES WERE BRIEFED TODAY ABOUT THE THE DIGITIZED VOICE RECORDING AND BELIEVE IT WAS DESIGNED TO SUGGEST HITTING THE CAPITOL ON THE SAME DAY CONGRESS IS SET TO COUNT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE RESULTS. THE RECORDING REFERS TO QASSEM SOLEIMANI, THE IRANIAN GENERAL KILLED IN OUST DOREEN STRIKE ORDERED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP AND CAME ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH. >> YOU LOOK OVER HIS PAST, HIS PAST -- HE'S BEEN CALLED A MONSTER, AND HE WAS A MONSTER, AND HE'S NO LONGER A MONSTER, HE'S DEAD. >> BUT, IN IRAN, SOLEIMANI WAS REVERED AND IRANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE VOWED REVENGE. CBS NEWS HAS LEARNED WHILE THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THE WARNING OF AN ATTACK IS CREDIBLE, IT IS BEING INVESTIGATED AS A BREACH OF AVIATION FREQUENCIES AND THE THREAT WOULD BE CRIME. EXPERTS SAY THE INTRUSION IS CONCERNING BECAUSE IT COULD AFFECT THE INSTRUCTIONS PILOTS GET ABOUT HOW AND WHERE PLANES FLY. TOURS TELL CBS NEWS THAT ASK CONTROLLERS WERE REMINDED TODAY TO REPORT ANYTHING UNUSUAL, LIKE IF A PLANE DEVIATES FROM ITS FLIGHT PATH OR ANY TYPE OF THREAT. THE F.A.A. IS WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE F.B.I. IS NOT COMMENTING. NORAH.
Thanks, I just got off the phone with... I'm just thinking... needs to get this now that CBS is reporting on it so they don't get an earful from the HSAA or SSAA... just looking out.

On Jan 5, 2021 7:28 PM wrote:
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See below. Sen McConnell office is sending inquiries to FBI DOD and IC community.

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Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:17 AM
To: SSAs/TFOs,
Cc: 
Subject: FW

SSAs/TFOs,

will let you know if any significant updates come out.

Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:30 AM
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: 

From: WFO FOUG
Date: Jan 3, 2021
Subject: 

To: 
Cc: 

Good Morning All,

Please see the attached and its attachments regarding If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

FBI Washington Field Office

202-278-2000

FBI(21-cv-572)-5978
Sent from my iPhone
Sure thing. I already reached out to my management at USCP and will let you know when I hear back.

Thanks,

On Jan 5, 2021 7:11 PM wrote:

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Thanks,

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From: WFO FOUG
Date: Jan 3, 2021 9:37 AM
Subject: FBI -1,2,3,4,5
To: 
Cc: 

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FBI Washington Field Office
202-278-2000
Guys, Jjst lassing for awareness and will keep an eye. Let us know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

SA
Task Force Officer
FBI/JTTF

--- Forwarded message ---

Guys - I know your agency is tracking this threat but see below for awareness.

SSA
FBI Washington Field
JTTF cell

--- Forwarded message ---

Thanks, I copied my counterpart at for visibility and notification to

Supervisory Special Agent
Guys,

Jist lassing for awareness and will keep an eye on.

Let us know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

SA
Task Force Officer
FBI/ITTF

----- Forwarded message -----
Wow! Thank you.

V/R

Special Agent
WF

(desk)
BU Phone)

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On Jan 4, 2021 22:00 wrote:

Guys,

Just letting for awareness and will keep an eye.

Let us know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

SSA
Task Force Officer
FBI/ITTF

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From: b6 -1,5
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 10:14 PM
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd

Guys - I know your agency is tracking this threat but see below for awareness.

SSA
FBI Washington Field

FBI(21-cv-572)-6065
Good Morning,
I just passed the below information to the SSA on my squad.

Be safe today.

V/R,

Special Agent

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(Desk)
(BU Phone)

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(cell)

---------- Forwarded message ----------

> Below is what was reported

>
Thanks — Are you in the office?

On Jan 6, 2021 10:50 AM, wrote:

Good Morning,

I just passed the below information to the SSA on my squad.

Be safe today.

V/R.

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Special Agent
WFO TFO
(desk) (DU Phone)

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---------- Forwarded message ----------

> Below is what was reported

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I'm on my way in now.

V/R

Special Agent

WF  TFO

3  (desk)

5  (BU Phone)

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V/R

Special Agent

WF  TFO

(desk)

BU Phone)

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Anthime "Tim" Gionet aka 'Baked Alaska' has live-streamed himself and others walking through the halls of the Capitol and going through Congressional offices on the livestream platform dlive.tv (username Baked Alaska).

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

From:
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:57 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Re:

All,

Here are new photos of Angeli breaching the Senate floor.

Thanks,
Thanks. We get forgotten from time to time. It happens. I'll pass along to you in the

On Jan 5, 2021 11:48 AM IFO's - apologies, I left you off the last email.

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From  
Date: Jan 5, 2021 11:41 AM  
Subject: Source reporting  
To  
Cc  

All, has gathered information from a human source is in contact with the source and may be able to provide additional information as it becomes available.

This information is being provided for situational awareness.

See attached PDF.

Additional info obtained
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On Jan 8, 2021 10:45 AM, "Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
is setting up now and invite will go out shortly

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:41 PM  
To: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: Red strategy

Will hijack the 1430 call

On Jan 8, 2021 12:38 PM, "Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
Sir,
I am available at your convenience. A few of us have a call at 2pm, but can push if needed.

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:32 PM  
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: strategy

All. We need to chat today regarding putting together
Let me knlw when all can do a conf call rer same. Ryan I know
your out so I can get with travis and Pam will need legal weigh in
From: Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: RE: RE: Strategy
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 8, 2021 3:43 PM (UTC-05:00)

I have working on it already. I asked her to put the following together:

Is there anything else we should add?

Thank you,
Howard

From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: RE: Strategy

I thought this might be expedited a little...

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: 
Date: Jan 8, 2021 1:16 PM
Subject: RE: Strategy
To: "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)" "Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)"
Cc: 

As a follow up clarification; he would like a first draft by Monday morning. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
Good afternoon all,

Just spoke with the EAD and he would a draft of updated “one pager” by Monday.
Rgr, thank you.

Great start and framework... run it by our OGC and

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On Jan 8, 2021 1:42 PM, "Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
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Thank you,
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Did they do this procurement in a box?

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From: "Dimos, Nicholas (FFD) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 9, 2021 4:58 PM
Subject: issue

Hi all,
Sorry for the delayed response. I talked with Jon a bit this afternoon.

Nick

On Jan 9, 2021 3:14 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
Good copy. Thanks John

On Jan 9, 2021 3:12 PM, "Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI)" wrote:
On Jan 9, 2021 3:08 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
Copy all. Not ideal situation we find ourselves in so we need to do what we need to ensure we have all our capabilities in place. If I need to do anything let me know. If the ADD is tracking we are all informed. Thanks

On Jan 9, 2021 3:03 PM, "Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI)" wrote:
I just reached out to the ADD to keep him in the loop. He's been fully tracking the circumstances and the situation.

Thanks,
J

On Jan 9, 2021 2:31 PM, "Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
Steve â€“

Ref question on
Thanks. You all have been great throughout all of this. Happy to provide any context you all might need.

On Jan 9, 2021 1:23 PM, wrote:

Sir,

I called and there was no answer. After talking with, I confirmed that

Respectfully,
This is basically a case study in not how to launch a new tool (at least from my perspective)

On Jan 9, 2021 6:01 PM, "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
Did they do this procurement in a box?

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Good evening all,

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From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: DRAFT for review:
To: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI); Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 9, 2021 9:13 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: U+ES.docx

I have no issues.... concerns?

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From: 
Date: Jan 9, 2021 9:00 PM
Subject: DRAFT for review:
To: "Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)" "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)" "Gray, Edward J. (CIRG) (FBI)" "Downey, Jeffrey R. (CIRG) (FBI)"
"Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)" "Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)" "Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)"
"Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)"
Cc: "Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)"
"Cohen, Jodi (NSB) (FBI)"
"Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI)"
"Deleon, Michael D. (CJISD) (FBI)"

For review and concurrence:
For awareness:

Good evening all,

Thank you for your help.
Thank you!!

From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 12:22 AM
Subject: DRAFT for review: (U/LES)

Thanks . no issues from DI.

On Jan 9, 2021 9:00 PM, wrote:
For review and concurrence:
For awareness:

Good evening all,

Thank you for your help.
From: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Re: DRAFT for review:

To: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI); Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 9, 2021 9:32 PM (UTC-05:00)

likewise - had to read on laptop. And I also saw no issues or concerns.

Thanks,
Pam

From: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 9:30 PM
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Re: DRAFT for review:

sorry for delay, had to open in my office 365 - looks fine to me, no concerns

From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 9:12 PM
To: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI); Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: DRAFT for review:

I have no issues.... concerns?

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From:
Date: Jan 9, 2021 9:00 PM
Subject: DRAFT for review:

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"Cohen, Jodi (NSB) (FBI)"
"Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI)"
"Deleon, Michael D. (CJISD) (FBI)"

For review and concurrence: 
For awareness: 

Good evening all,
Hi,

Thanks again for jumping on the conference call earlier on short notice. It was very helpful to have your insight with but if there is anything you need from me to expedite this, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you again for all your team's assistance with this.

Cc DAD Reddan, A/DAD Kelly, SC Vorndran, SC Jensen

Regards,
Thanks Pam...

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On Jan 10, 2021 3:41 PM, "Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)" wrote:

FYI-

Pam

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From: Kelly, Kristyn E. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 3:40 PM
To: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Follow-up with

FYI.

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From: "Virmani, Sanjay (SF) (FBI)
Date: Jan 10, 2021 3:35 PM
Subject: Follow-up with
To:
Cc: "Kelly, Kristyn E. (CTD) (FBI)"
"Reddan, Patrick E. Jr. (CTD) (FBI)"
"Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI)"
"Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI)"

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Cc DAD Reddan, A/DAD Kelly, SC Vorndran, SC Jensen
George- DAD Pam Byron will be the DI speaker for this call. As you are aware
Please let me know if you think we can assist with any additional requests/needs.

Thank You, Ryan

All:
The Deputy Director has requested that OPE set a national call with our partners, the topic of which is PVCA: Presidential Inauguration.

The call will take place on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 1300.

The following Divisions have been requested to provide speakers: CTD, CID, Cyber, DI, CIRG.

Each speaker will be allotted 7 minutes to make remarks.

It is requested that each Division identify to OPE the name of the speaker and a brief summary of talking points.

Please reply to SSA in OPE.

Thank you.

George
From: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Subject: RE: DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S NATIONAL CALL
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Cc: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI); Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI); Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI); Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 17, 2021 3:24 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks Ryan.

On Jan 11, 2021 3:20 PM, "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:

George - DAD Pam Byron will be the DI speaker for this call. As you are aware, please let me know if you think we can assist with any additional requests/needs.

Thank You, Ryan

From: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:52 PM
Cc: Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI)
Subject: DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S NATIONAL CALL

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Please reply to SSL lin OPE

Thank you.

George
Hi all,

Please give me a call with any questions or concerns. No deadline was given for this, but I was told “sooner,” which I take to mean, “By Wednesday COB,” but if we can do it before, that’s great.

Thank you,
Please take a look and see if we can add any additional details...

Pam

Thanks, Ryan

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Thank you,
From: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Re
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 11, 2021 10:53 PM (UTC-05:00)

Yep. We'll dig into this tomorrow.

From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 10:10 PM
To: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd

Pam- not sure about this one. That is what they are designed for. We can get distro, but it is going to be a large list and that is the risk of disseminating intel.

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Date: Jan 11, 2021 10:00 PM
Subject: Fwd
To: "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)"
Cc:

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On Jan 11, 2021 9:54 PM, "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
Copy... what kind of show is Dugan running down there... 

On Jan 11, 2021 9:51 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
Fyi

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From: "Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 11, 2021 9:47 PM
Subject: 
To: "Bowdish, David L. (DO) (FBI)" "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)"
"Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)"
"Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)" "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)"
Cc:

FBI(21cv1168)-2187
From: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Re: |
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 11, 2021 11:08 PM (UTC-05:00)

I can add some context in the morning.

On Jan 11, 2021 10:53 PM, "Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
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FBI(21cv1168)-2192
Hi all,

Please give me a call with any questions or concerns. No deadline was given for this, but I was told “sooner,” which I take to mean, “By Wednesday COB,” but if we can do it before, that’s great.
From: Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI)
Subject: Re: concerns
To: Sweeney, William F. Jr. (NY) (FBI); Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI); Tarasca, James A. (NY) (FBI); Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 12, 2021 11:03 AM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks Ryan and Bill.

Thanks,

J

From: Sweeney, William F. Jr. (NY) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI); Tarasca, James A. (NY) (FBI); Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: RE: concerns

Rgr, thanks. - Bill

William F. Sweeney, Jr.
Assistant Director in Charge
FBI New York Field Office

From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Sweeney, William F. Jr. (NY) (FBI); Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
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Subject: RE: concerns

Bill-
From: Sweeney, William F. Jr. (NY) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI);
Cc: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI); Tarasca, James A. (NY) (FBI)
Subject: FW: concerns

All,
Not sure if you are hearing concerns about but just a heads up to the potential issues identified below. Not sure what entity down there Let us know if you need additional info.

Regards,
Bill

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From:
Date: Jan 12, 2021 9:23 AM
Subject: concerns
To: "Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI)"
Cc:

Boss,
Please let me know what additional information you would like regarding this. Thanks
Keri - FYSA on threads below... we will keep you apprised of the progress on this issue.

Good morning. I have a call scheduled with the team this afternoon. Hopefully we can...

Thanks for sending our way, Howard. I totally understand and we want to do whatever we can to get FOs what they need.

This is where we’ll need to help for sure. I believe our teams are in meetings or setting up meetings to discuss that effort.

In the meantime, who would be best to follow up with NY today and make sure we get some feedback from on the information provided below?

FBI(21cv1168)-2213
Good morning. Please see the email below. Can we push for assistance?

Thank you,
Howard

From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Cc: Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI), Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: FW: concerns

Travis- I know we are looking at options and messaging to the field potential options and work arounds. Can you have a look at the thread below?

Ryan

From: Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: concerns

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From: 
Date: Jan 12, 2021 9:23 AM
Subject: concerns
To: "Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI)"
Cc: 

Boss,
Please let me know what additional information you would like regarding this. Thanks
Thank you very much Ryan!

On Jan 12, 2021 12:01 PM, "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
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Date: Jan 12, 2021 11:42 AM
Subject: FW: concerns
To: "Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)"
Cc:

Good morning. I have a call scheduled with team this afternoon.

Hopefully we can

From: Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Cc:

Subject: RE: concerns

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For purposes of the request below for TPs for the agenda, here is what I drafted up to send to Jin OPE:

Let me know any thoughts, changes, etc.

Thanks,
Pam

From: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: RE: DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S NATIONAL CALL

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-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 11, 2021 3:20 PM
Looks good

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Thanks,
Pam

Hi Pam.

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You have up to seven minutes for your presentation.

Thank you!
I think that will hit the mark. I will call George tonight and determine if they want to send the survey out. That will provide a little clarity and precision to your TPs.

On Jan 12, 2021 5:19 PM, "Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
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Thank you!
Just saw the thread on this....my goodness!

On Jan 12, 2021 3:07 PM, "Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
I think I’d say that a little differently. But again, it’s their gig!

Got it Pam. Thanks.....Mike

If things change, we will contact them. Thanks!

Hi Mike,

I’m looping Pat here, as he mentioned CTD is also hearing from partners.

All of the daily intel flow going into Sit Reps, whether the FBI internal one or the OPE one is at the U/A&Sevel or below.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,
Pam
I'm going to Mike tomorrow and hopefully get them to a better resolution.

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Thanks,
Pam
Good evening, sir,

Per your request, I have emailed you via FBINet the most current list of collection messages related to the actual and potential US Capitol, Inauguration, and other presidential transition-associated violence.

One product, an internal [from:_____] has not yet been serialized, so the original UNet dissemination is below.

Thank you,

Good morning -

Attached is a [_____] with questions pertaining to events within your AOR regarding [_____] Please send your responses to me and IA [by COB on January 25, 2021].

Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions. We'll be using the information to help with the command posts and any real time requests, so no need to wait for serialization.
Thank you,
From: Young Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: EW:
To: Ritzman, Marlin L. (NSB) (EBD)  
Cc: Lewis, Kwame (DI) (FBI); Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI); Hardiman, Kellie M. (DI) (FBI);  
Sent: January 12, 2021 6:51 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks

On Jan 12, 2021 6:40 PM, wrote:
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Thank you,

From:  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:26 AM  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject:  

Good morning -

Attached is a with questions pertaining to events within your AOR regarding Please send your responses to me and IA by COB on January 25, 2021.

Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions. We'll be using the information to help with the command posts and any real time requests, so no need to wait for serialization.

Thank you,
Copy – I am sending you a longer script I’ll speak off of on FBINET for your comments.

Thanks,
Pam

From: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:22 PM
To: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI); Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: FW: RE: DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S NATIONAL CALL

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From: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)
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To: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: FW: RE: DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S NATIONAL CALL

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DI talking points for OPE Partners call – will cover:

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!
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Thank you!
Thanks Pam.

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On Jan 12, 2021 7:48 PM, "Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)" wrote:

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Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!
Pam

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Thank you!
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Subject: RE: RE: DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S NATIONAL CALL
To: 
Cc: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 12, 2021 8:37 PM (UTC-05:00)

Copy - thank you!

On Jan 12, 2021 8:31 PM, wrote:
Thanks Pam.

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Thank you!
Some flexibility re hotels for CP...

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Date: Jan 13, 2021 2:59 PM
Subject: RE: Inauguration Coverage, 20-Mile Waiver
To: Watts, Wendell A.
Cc: Boehringer, Chris (DI) (FBI)

Yes, the same applies.

Hi Nick,

Looping in SC Chris Boehringer and UC as they had similar questions regarding staff and 50/20 mile waivers. I suggested that the same guidance given to applies to please let us know if that is incorrect.
Subject: RE: Inauguration Coverage, 20-Mile Waiver

Hi,

you have discretion. I have experienced first hand how hard it is

Also, just to have on the radar, there has been

Nick

From: Dimos, Nicholas (FFD) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:38 PM  
To: Dimos, Nicholas (FFD) (FBI)  
Cc: Watts, Wendell A. (FFD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Inauguration Coverage, 20-Mile Waiver

Thanks for looping me in. looping in

We appreciate everyone’s support.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:24 PM  
To: Dimos, Nicholas (FFD) (FBI)  
Cc: Watts, Wendell A. (FFD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Inauguration Coverage, 20-Mile Waiver

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Cc: Dimos, Nicholas (FFD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Inauguration Coverage, 20-Mile Waiver
Hi,

Thanks for the email. Nice to hear from you.

I actually don't think 

Best Regards,

From: 
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:06 AM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Inauguration Coverage, 20-Mile Waiver 
Importance: High 

I hope this email finds you well. With the recent events and potential for more events is doing additional planning to ensure appropriate coverage for the Inauguration next week. The NSSE was expanded and approved yesterday to be 1/13/2021-1/21/2021, and we have a need for some — however, our group is planning.

I have attached a list here of — I will reach back out for additional approval.

Thanks,
We are authorized hotels if needed for this working CP over the next several days as things get more challenging with the road closures.

On Jan 13, 2021 3:05 PM, "Boehringer, Chris (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
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EAD request you take the lead on this call.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: Phone call with
When: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:30 AM-10:45 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 7116
Assistant is
Contact number
Context is Inauguration Intelligence
Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)

Subject: Phone call with
Location: 7116

Start: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:30 AM
End: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:45 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Required Attendees: b6 -1
Optional Attendees: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI) b7C -1 b7E -3, 5, 13

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Start: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:30 AM
End: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:45 AM
Show Time As: Tentatively accepted

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
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I think we have flexibility to use whatever we can find in the local area that make it safer for people and eliminate the access issues.

On Jan 13, 2021 3:46 PM, [Author] wrote:
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From: Boehringer, Chris (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Pepper, Amy L. (DI) (FBI)
Cc: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI); Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: RE: Inauguration Coverage, 20-Mile Waiver

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Yes, the same applies.

Hi Nick,
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: FBI Security Division (SecD)

SYNOPSIS: Traffic restrictions within Washington, D.C., are already in place and expanding due to the Presidential Inauguration National Special Security Event (NSSE).
From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: SIOC SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ROAD CLOSURES NEAR FBI HQ
To: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI); Pepper, Amy L. (DI) (FBI); Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 13, 2021 6:35 PM (UTC-05:00)

All- based upon guidance below.

Thanks for all your support.... Ryan

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Date: Jan 13, 2021 6:23 PM
Subject: SIOC SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ROAD CLOSURES NEAR FBI HQ
To: HQ-ALL-USERS, SIOC_CRITICAL_INCIDENT_HQ, WFO_CRITICAL_INCIDENT
Cc: SIOC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
STRATEGIC INFORMATION & OPERATIONS CENTER

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Subject: RE: [Inauguration Coverage, 20-Mile Waiver]

"Watts, Wendell A. (FFD) (FBI)"
Thank you sir!

On Jan 13, 2021 9:52 PM, [EXTERNAL EMAIL] wrote:

It would apply to:

-----Original Message-----
From: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]
To: Boehringer, Chris (DI) (FBI); Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Pepper, Amy L. (DI) (FBI);
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Please see response attached with personnel working the NC3 through inauguration.

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Amy can you cover this please? We can discuss in AM.

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In the interim, please continue to monitor state distribution planning, as it changes day-to-day. We are currently aware that the Fairfax Inova Health System is offering vaccinations to front-line essential worker groups in Northern Virginia, and there may be other local sources across the metro area. Vaccine registration can be completed here.

Please respond with your division’s numbers by 12:00pm tomorrow (to me and everyone on the cc), and let Ralph or me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Hayden
UPDATE: SIOC NOTIFICATION: SECURITY POSTURE IN WASHINGTON D.C METRO

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:
FBI Police (Sgt and FFD (DAD Mark Reynolds).

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From: Ryan Young
Subject: Fwd: UPDATE: SIOC NOTIFICATION: SECURITY POSTURE IN WASHINGTON D.C METRO
To: [Redacted]
Sent: January 14, 2021 6:36 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Cc: Tursi, Ralph (CD) (FBI) | Evans, Spencer L. (HRD) (FBI)
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To: "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)"
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Good Morning,

Ha Ha SF or SD all the same let’s make it happen! She just finished talking to SF and advised it was the same request it is all good. Hope all is well out there I am sure you are all swamped. It is going to be a long week.

Suzanne

Suzanne Turner
Special Agent in Charge (SAC)
San Diego FBI

Did you move to SF 😊

FYI whatever we can also do to help

FYI…

Regards,
John

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From: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 14, 2021 7:37 PM
Subject: Request for assistance
To: "Turner, Suzanne (SD) (FBI)"
Cc:
Hi all,

Thank you for your collaboration as we work through the
which will be provided for EAD review and concurrence later today — I know we’re still working out a couple pieces

but I want to get it to folks now in case anything needs modifying in advance of it going to the EADs.

In addition, I wanted to let everyone know that our oversight has started asking resource questions, which is standard following a large response.

I plan to have this version to the EADs (still in draft form) by about 17h, and please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Subject: FW: NC3 DAILY SITREP 01/14/2021

From: SIOC
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 11:03 PM
To: SIOC_CRITICAL_INCIDENT_HQ
Cc: SIOC
Subject: NC3 DAILY SITREP 01/14/2021

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

The below message is sent on behalf of Assistant Director George Beach II:

Good evening,

Please find attached the 14 January 2021 National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) SITREP related to the violence associated with lawful protests.

Please note that this document is Unclassified//Law Enforcement Sensitive (U//LES). The FBI Office of Partner Engagement (OPE) at FBI Headquarters approves further dissemination with your trusted law enforcement, intelligence, and homeland security partners in accordance with the LES handling caveat.

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NCR Watch Desk

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Date of Information: 17:31:02 on 01-07-2021

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NCR airports continue to operate as normal. United Airlines and American Airlines boosted staffing at Washington-area airports and were working with law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of travelers and crew.

District of Columbia:
- MPD arrests: 69 arrests on 1/6/2021, with the majority of those due to curfew violations and the majority of offenders were from out of state.
- MPD and USCP reported injuries: 56 officers were injured yesterday.
- The Washington Monument will be closed for today, and seven-foot anti-climb fences have been erected around the Capitol Building.

Maryland
- The SEOC was raised, and remains at a “Partial” State Activation Level (SAL) to support State and local partners during this event. The MJIOC will continue to monitor and provide support to local, state, and federal partners as necessary.
- Montgomery County EOC is at Partial Activation (virtual) for COVID.

Virginia
- Governor Ralph Northam has issued a State of Emergency due to Civil Unrest in the District, and Potential Civil Unrest in the Commonwealth. The Executive Order also activated the Virginia Army National Guard to State Active Guard.
- Virginia Army National Guard - On 1/6 - Staging forces in Manassas by 0700 January 7 and providing an LNO to VSP Division 7. (we are monitoring for updates)

Overview of Northern Virginia's posture on 1/6:
- VDEM Region 7 Regional Coordination Center (RCC) Status - Partially Activated (Orange). Region VII RCC In-person staffing continued at 0800 January 7. VDEM Region VII RCC coordinated with VDEM Region II for potential transportation-related concerns as residents returned from DC
- NCR Communications Cache activated.
- Virginia State Police - On 1/6 - Deployed VSP troopers from staging area in Fairfax County. EMAC request approved.
- City of Alexandria EOC - Partially Activated.
- Arlington County - Arlington EOC is Partially Activated (Monitoring). 42 Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) officers and 8 other officers deployed under pre-event established MOU.
- Fairfax County - 30 CDU arrived in DC. Fairfax County EOC closed as of 2100.
- City of Fairfax - EOC is Partially Activated (Monitoring).
- Loudon County - EOC is Partially Activated (Monitoring).
- Prince William County - 20 CDU have deployed to DC. Will consider additional requests as needed.
- Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC) - The RHCC is activated. Hospitals were requested to update their blood status.

Open-Source Resources and Actions
- The online investigative journalism website Bellingcat has created a spreadsheet to compile all visual materials of the breach of the Capitol Building yesterday. The spreadsheet can be found on-line.
- Facebook has announced that it will remove all photos and videos posted from the protest due to the promotion of criminal activity.
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FYSA

Latest from US Park Police Intell Unit

From: Booker, Steven <Steve_Booker@nps.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Re: [EXTERNAL] Upcoming First Amendment Activities District of Columbia 01/05 - 01/07

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Mayors Office: "to the citizens of DC - stay away:"

Greatest fear:
DVE/Lone Wolf - Extremist/ Apocalyptic Rhetoric, location of events, world stage, political environment.... All add up to time and location being desirable for action.

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From: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
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