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Capitol Police official tells Congress he saw no FBI intelligence before Jan. 6 siege

The revelation raises questions about an assertion by a top FBI official that threat information was shared with local police in advance of the Capitol riot.

By Ken Dilanian and Mike Memoli

The acting assistant chief of the Capitol Police told Congress on Tuesday that he was not aware of any intelligence from the FBI in advance of Jan. 6, raising questions about an assertion by a top FBI official that threat information was shared with local police in advance of the Capitol riot.

Steven D’Antuono, the head of the FBI’s Washington, D.C., field office, said Tuesday that the FBI had shared some information about threats of violence with local police before the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol, including a report by the FBI’s field office in Norfolk, Virginia, that extremists were threatening a “war.”

The report mentioned people sharing a map of tunnels at the Capitol complex and coordinating travel to Washington, according to The Washington Post, which first reported on the FBI document.

But a readout of a closed-door briefing of Republican House members Tuesday, obtained by NBC News, quotes acting U.S. Capitol Police Assistant Chief Sean Gallagher as saying he never saw any such information.
“In response to a question, Assistant Chief Gallagher also informed members that he was not aware of intelligence from the FBI in advance of January 6,” the document says.

Separately, Steven Sund, who resigned as Capitol Police chief, told The Washington Post on Tuesday that he never received nor was made aware of the Norfolk field office intelligence, insisting he and others would have taken the warning seriously had it been shared.

“I did not have that information, nor was that information taken into consideration in our security planning,” Sund was quoted as saying.

The FBI’s Washington field office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Nor did a spokeswoman for the Capitol Police.

The remarks by the current and former senior members of the Capitol Police underscore the lack of clarity about what intelligence various levels of government had, and what was shared, before one of the worst incidents of political extremist violence in U.S. history.

NBC News reported Sunday that according to law enforcement sources briefed on the matter, the FBI and the NYPD shared some threat information with the Capitol Police in the days before the riot.

But NBC News also reported Tuesday that the FBI did not issue a comprehensive intelligence bulletin sharing everything its intelligence analysts had gathered about extremist postings on social media threatening violence. That didn’t happen because some FBI officials were concerned that issuing such a bulletin would run afoul of First Amendment protections for political speech — a view not everyone within the FBI agreed with, sources familiar with the matter said.

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From: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: Internal concerns
To: 
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Thank you for sharing everything below.

From: 
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To: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Internal concerns

Hello Paul,

I know how occupied you must be with the investigation of the Capitol insurrection and the larger-scale preparation for Inauguration week, if I didn't believe it was of significant importance, I wouldn't be sending you this email while you're in that crush. There's no good way to say it, so I'll just be direct: from my first-hand and second-hand information from conversations since January 6th there is, at best, a sizable percentage of the employee population that felt sympathetic to the group that stormed the Capitol, and said it was no different than the BLM protests of last summer. Several also lamented that the only reason this violent activity is getting more attention is because of "political correctness". Here's a sampling of what is happening across multiple field offices:

I literally had to explain to an agent from a "blue state" office the difference between opportunists burning & looting during protests that stemmed legitimate grievance to police brutality vs. an insurgent mob whose purpose was to prevent the execution of democratic processes at the behest of a sitting president. One is a smattering of criminals, the other is an organized group of domestic terrorists.

I was talking to an A/SSA in a "red state" office who was telling me that over 70% of his CT squad + roughly 75% of the agent population in his office, disagreed with the violence "but could understand where the frustration was coming from" which led to the "protestors getting carried away".

An analyst in "purple state" described watching horrified as the events were unfolding on the news, while several co-workers chalked up the insurgency as a "response to everyone being quarantined at home for months" and more "on edge, because so many lost their jobs and lack steady income because of COVID". After the TVs in that squad's space were tuned to far-right media channel Newsmax. Those TVs previously were tuned to Fox News but post-election the group found that Fox News was "playing to the left" and reporting "fake news".

I've spoken to multiple African American agents who have turned down asks to join SWAT because they do not trust that every member of their office's SWAT team would protect them in an armed conflict.

A senior analyst from my first unit who retired less than 2 years ago has a Facebook page full of #StoptheSteal content.

There are not one-off events -- they are representative of a larger group within the organization.

Do I think they were in the group storming the Capitol? No. But I know that that group of insurgents included state & local police officers and current and retired military personnel. I have seen from news coverage that at least one current federal agent is under investigation for participating in the siege, and that a current Secret Service agent is under admin leave/suspension as his agency investigates the social media postings he made supporting the insurrection. Nothing about how the Bureau is comprised is unique from any of those other organizations, which
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As usual, all the extra help that have arrived have been extremely professional and helpful. They came in, got briefed and went out to do their jobs. I'm extremely grateful for the support and continue to be impressed by everyone out here crushing their tasks.

Thx,
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Afternoon update, the number of identified cases has not increased today.
NATIONAL ISSUES

Capital/DT: OPA — In the wake of events at the U.S. Capitol last week, ProPublica asked for background on the Bureau’s focus on domestic terrorism. OPA pointed to the director’s congressional testimony in September and provided statistics on DT and IT arrests from fiscal 2017-19. The reporter also asked about a leaked intelligence product saying there are concerns about upcoming events in all 50 states. OPA provided the same statement provided earlier this week: “While our standard practice is to not comment on specific intelligence products, the FBI is supporting our state, local, and federal law enforcement partners with maintaining public safety in the communities we serve. Our efforts are focused on identifying, investigating, and disrupting individuals that are inciting violence and engaging in criminal activity. As we do in the normal course of business, we are gathering information to identify any potential threats and are sharing that information with our partners. The FBI respects the rights of individuals to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights. Our focus is not on peaceful protesters, but on those threatening their safety and the safety of other citizens with violence and destruction of property.” OPA did not comment on whether the FBI is investigating comments made on political podcasts and whether they are inciting violence.

No-Fly list: OPA — Continued interest in whether those involved in the U.S. Capitol riots were placed on the No-Fly List. OPA provided: “If an individual is deemed to be an immediate threat to other airline passengers or to the aircraft, the agencies and local law enforcement at the airport have jurisdiction to detain or arrest the individual, which would effectively prevent them from flying. Separately, the FBI will continue to nominate predicated subjects to the federal terrorism watchlist, as appropriate, in accordance with existing laws and policies. The TSC will continue to evaluate all nominations to the watchlist to ensure they meet the required criteria for watchlisting.”

Panic Buttons: OPA — The Boston Globe sought comment about panic buttons at the U.S. Capitol being disabled. OPA declined comment and referred reporter to the U.S. Capitol Police.

Reconnaissance: OPA — Received multiple inquiries regarding allegations made by U.S. Rep. Sherrill that some of her Republican colleagues invited people suspected in the U.S. Capitol attack on a “reconnaissance” tour of the U.S. Capitol the day before the attack. OPA declined comment and referred inquiries to the U.S. Capitol Police.

Tools and Techniques: OPA — Bloomberg asked how the FBI is using social media to track down and arrest the U.S. Capitol rioters. OPA advised the FBI does not comment on specific tools or techniques.

JIB/DVE: OPA — Several outlets asked about a leaked Joint Intelligence Bulletin about the threat posed by Domestic Violent Extremists who may try to resolve their political grievances through violence. OPA provided the same statement issued earlier this week about another product: “While our standard practice is to not comment on specific intelligence products, the FBI is supporting our state, local, and federal law enforcement partners with maintaining public safety in the communities we serve. Our efforts are focused on identifying, investigating, and disrupting individuals that are inciting violence and engaging in criminal activity. As we do
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**U.S. CAPITOL VIOLENCE**

Albany — SAC Relford provided a statement following the arrest of a Syracuse resident for his role in the assault on the Capitol. Relford: "Earlier today, our office arrested Syracuse resident Albert Ciarpelli for his role in last week’s riot and assault on the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The FBI respects and encourages the rights of individuals to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights, but we simply will not tolerate anyone who chooses to ignore the law by inciting violence, destroying property, and injuring others. This arrest should serve as a clear message that we are committed to working with our partners to ensure justice is served. We are incredibly thankful to the community for providing tips related to last week’s attack. Anyone with information is still encouraged to call 1-800-CALL-FBI or visit fbi.gov/USCapitol."

Baltimore — Several local reporters asked about the arrest of Nicholas Rodean, the subject pictured wearing his work badge in the Capitol on Jan. 6. Per guidance from Washington Field and USAO—District of Columbia, PAS confirmed the arrest and directed to reporters to the USAO for additional information.

Charlotte — Local and national media reported that an FBI bulletin said a man from Concord, North Carolina, had a stockpile of weapons he planned to take to inauguration for an attack, that he had hurt people in the Capitol attacks last week, and would hurt people again. PAO provided the following statement. "While the FBI cannot comment on specific intelligence products, our standard practice is to gather information to identify potential threats and share that information with our law enforcement partners. The information included in intelligence products can come from a variety of sources, including tips. Each tip is taken seriously and thoroughly investigated and if substantiated, acted upon immediately."

Chicago — Received numerous media inquiries requesting confirmation that retired Chicago firefighter David Quintavalle is wanted by the FBI for throwing a fire extinguisher at U.S. Capitol police officers during the Jan. 6 unrest. FBI declined to comment.

Cincinnati — Received multiple media inquiries about local individuals who may have been involved in criminal activity at the Capitol. PAO declined comment on any specific individuals involved in the Capitol riots and encouraged the public to continue to provide tips.

El Paso — Received numerous local and national media inquiries about the arrest of Jenny Cudd and Elie Rosa. PAO redirected media inquiries to the USAO—Western District of Texas and DOJ OPA.

Houston — Received multiple inquiries about the arrest of a Houston police officer at the U.S. Capitol riots last week after the Houston police chief announced in a news conference that the FBI was investigating the officer and his travels. Media also asked if the FBI was investigating other Houston-area individuals for being a part of the Capitol riots. FBI Houston replied to both questions with the same answer: "Per DOJ policy, the FBI does not confirm or deny the existence of an investigation."

Indianapolis — A local talk radio station asked about the number of Hoosiers arrested and being sought in connection with the violence at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. PAO provided previously issued statement: "Like FBI field offices across the country, FBI Indianapolis is receiving tips regarding Hoosiers who may have been at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. Jan. 6. Any subjects that are arrested/indicted will be prosecuted by the United States Attorney’s Office in Washington, D.C."
Los Angeles – Received multiple inquiries based on comments reportedly made by LAPD Chief Michel Moore indicating that an LAPD Officer self-reported that he had been in Washington D.C. during the Trump rally/protest. Moore reportedly added that the officer was told to cooperate with the FBI. FBI Los Angeles advised reporters that the FBI would like to speak with anyone who comes forward with potentially useful information but referred questions about the officer in question to LAPD.

Los Angeles – Received many inquiries about individuals in Southern California who purportedly were responsible for violence at the Capitol and whether investigations of individuals could be confirmed. Questions about specific subjects are being referred to Washington Field. FBI Los Angeles continuing to point media to the tip line and video intake website.

Newark – Received multiple inquiries about the arrest yesterday of the New Jersey resident in the protest at the U.S. Capitol and asked when and where he was arrested. PAO told reporters he was arrested yesterday in Ewing.

Norfolk – Received significant national and local media interest in the arrest of Robert Keith Packer, who was photographed during U.S. Capitol riots wearing a “Camp Auschwitz” sweatshirt.

Phoenix – Received inquiries after the communications director for the Arizona House Democrats sent the media a letter from Arizona Democratic members of the House and Senate addressed to Acting AG Jeffrey Rosen and Director Wray. The letter requests an FBI investigation into the potential involvement of members of the Arizona Legislature and two Arizona members of Congress in the planned Jan. 6 insurrection and attack on the U.S. Capitol. We referred media to NPO.

OTHER LOCAL STORIES

Multiple field offices – Field offices continued to receive media inquiries about expected protests in all 50 states. Reporters also asked about security plans for state capitals; some outlets had more specific questions. Albany, Boston, Cincinnati, El Paso, Houston, Indianapolis, Newark, Phoenix, and Pittsburgh, reported related inquiries, with most providing the NPOU-approved response.

Boston – SAC Bonavolonta provided a quote for a press release from the USAO-District of Massachusetts announcing the arrest this morning of Marilyn Golisano, a former clerk with the Boston Police Department, for her alleged role in an overtime scheme where she collected more than $29,000 for work she did not do. Bonavolonta: “For years, Marilyn Golisano allegedly forged her supervisor’s signature and submitted scores of fraudulent overtime slips for work she did not do, cheating taxpayers out of at least $29,000. Her self-serving actions have not only eroded the morale of her hard-working co-workers at the Boston Police Department but have the potential to undermine the public’s trust in civil servants. We would like to thank the Boston Police Department for bringing this matter to our attention, and for their shared commitment in rooting out public corruption.”

Boston – A reporter with WHDH-TV requested an interview to discuss what groups the FBI was tracking in relation to potential protests and the upcoming inauguration. PAO declined his request for an interview and provided the following statement: “The FBI does not track and monitor groups. The FBI investigates activity which may constitute a federal crime or pose a threat to national security, and we cannot initiate an investigation based solely on an individual’s exercise of First Amendment rights, race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion. Our focus is not on speech or membership in particular groups, but on individuals who commit violence and other criminal acts. We do not police ideology.”

El Paso – Received an interview request about domestic terrorism and violent extremism and how rhetoric
could fuel attacks. PAO declined interview request until the office receives approved talking points from NPOU.

Houston — Received an interview request to discuss “local security or cybersecurity/monitoring” of riots groups by the FBI. The following statement was given: “It is important to make clear that the FBI does not conduct surveillance and cannot initiate an investigation based solely on First Amendment-protected activity — there must be a clear threat of violence or alleged criminal activity. The FBI’s focus is not on membership in particular groups but on individuals who commit violence and criminal activity that constitutes a federal crime or poses a threat to national security.”

Indianapolis — The IndyStar newspaper asked for information about planned protests for the Indianapolis area in order to “appropriately staff its newsroom for the weekend.” PAO provided the approved statement from NPO and declined to comment on staffing levels.

Memphis — The local CBS affiliate in Nashville interviewed SA Burns of FBI Buffalo about the Tennessee Waltz case. Tennessee Waltz not only led to the convictions or guilty pleas of a dozen state and local public officials — including several state senators, a state representative, two county commissioners, and two school board members — but also to new state ethics laws and the creation of an independent ethics commission in Tennessee. The story will air tonight.

Newark — SAC Crouch appeared on radio to reassure New Jersey residents during these protests that the FBI Newark office is working with its state and local law enforcement partners to continue to keep New Jersey citizens safe. Crouch also reminded everyone that if they have any information or suspicion that they should report it immediately. Segment 1 will air tomorrow and another segment on Monday.

Phoenix — Multiple news outlets asked if the FBI is investigating after a subject chanting racial slurs hacked into a virtual funeral service for Calvin Goode. The Phoenix mayor tweeted that the FBI and Phoenix Police were investigating. After coordinating with Phoenix Police, which is taking lead on the investigation, we responded: “The FBI was made aware of the incident through both the Phoenix Police Department and other channels. The Phoenix Police Department is currently the lead agency on this investigation and the FBI will continue to coordinate with our partners to ensure potential violations of federal law are pursued.”

Pittsburgh — SAC Christman did interviews with local media after our release yesterday discussing violent protest concerns in the Pittsburgh area. SAC Christman stressed the partnerships with our law enforcement partners, and sharing of intelligence. He also discussed a report from the weekend that protests would be happening in Pittsburgh.

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Here you go Thanks!....Mike

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Mr. Sullivan,
The attached guidance was sent to field PAOs this afternoon should SACs want to do local media on the threat to their AORs.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Best regards,

FBI(21cv558)-4793
In an effort to keep all of you informed about the leads for Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity, I am providing the spreadsheet below. Note that our intelligence folks are still working on the word document that will accompany this spreadsheet. The word document will provide a more complete narrative of the intelligence and operational actions being taken on a daily basis. The first draft of the word document should be available tomorrow morning. The goal will be to have BOTH an up to date spreadsheet and word document rolling into the Command Post and scheduled activities over the weekend.

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On Jan 13, 2021 at 7:15 PM, "Vorhees, Bryan A. (ND) (FBI)" wrote:

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Good evening,

In an effort to keep everyone informed about the leads for Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity, I am providing the spreadsheet below. Note that our intelligence folks are also working on the word document that will accompany this spreadsheet. The word document will provide a more complete narrative of the intelligence and operational actions being taken on a daily basis. The first draft of the word document should be available tomorrow morning. The post will be both an up-to-date spreadsheet and word document rolling into the Commend Post and scheduled activities over the weekend.

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FBI Washington field office got an F for fighting domestic terrorism from bureau officials

An ex-official said the evaluation also faulted the D.C. field office's methods for sharing intel with other police agencies, including the Capitol Police.

By Ken Dilanian
WASHINGTON — FBI inspectors who evaluated the domestic terrorism program in the bureau's Washington field office two years ago gave it a "failing grade," meaning it was considered both ineffective and inefficient, two former FBI officials familiar with the matter tell NBC News.

The inspection — akin to an internal audit — found that mechanisms for collecting, analyzing and sharing threat intelligence were lacking — the same factors that appear to have played a role in the security failure that led to the U.S. Capitol being overrun by domestic extremists Jan. 6, the former officials said.

"It wasn't being worked fully, in short," said one of the former FBI officials, who was there at the time.

"They didn't have (enough) intelligence analysts assigned, and the ones who had been assigned in the past weren't doing intel work," the former official said. "They had few sources or understanding of the threat in their area of responsibility."

The second former official, who was directly involved, said the evaluation also criticized...
the Washington field office's procedures for sharing intelligence with other police agencies, including the Capitol Police. Capitol Police said they had no intelligence from the FBI about possible threats prior to the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, in which a pro-Trump mob overwhelmed the agency's officers and one officer died.

Washington, D.C. is considered the top domestic terror target in the country, and the FBI's Inspection Division sent a team to evaluate how the D.C. field office's domestic terrorism programs were working. FBI inspection reports are generally not made public.

The inspectors examined the office files to determine the number and quality of the office's human sources in domestic terrorism, and the intelligence papers the analysts were writing, the first former official said.

"They saw a big need for improvement," said a third former FBI official briefed on the matter. "They were uncomfortable with the iconic target city not having the best mechanisms to collect on and counter the threat. They found problems with how they interact with the other agencies, specifically the Capitol Police."

Samantha Shero, a spokeswoman for the FBI's Washington field office, told NBC News after this story was first published that the inspection that resulted in a failing grade took place for 18 months during 2017 and most of 2018.

In two separate reviews since then, she said, the office's grades have improved, and are now at the highest level. She acknowledged that those reviews were not inspections, which are the most rigorous evaluation FBI conducts of its own operations.

"Recommendations were made and changes were implemented," she said.

The sources said the failed inspection wasn't necessarily due to incompetence or bad management – there was a larger context. Domestic terrorism was ranked as a low priority in the FBI compared to international terrorism, the former official said, which meant that it did not always attract the most aggressive agents.

The second former FBI official said that one complicating factor was the large number of threats made on social media and in other forms on a near-daily basis against federal government targets in Washington, D.C., and the difficulty in sorting out what is real from what is simply aspirational.
A poster distributed by the FBI seeks information on a suspected pipe bomber on Jan. 13, 2021, in Washington, D.C.
Investigating domestic terrorism has been a challenge across the bureau. A fourth source, a former FBI official who worked in a senior role on domestic terrorism, told NBC News of experiencing ongoing frustration, because agents felt hamstrung by FBI lawyers who worried that an investigation or intelligence collection bumped up against protected free speech.

NBC News reported Sunday that according to law enforcement sources briefed on the matter, the FBI and the NYPD shared some threat information with the Capitol Police in the days before the riot.

But NBC News also reported Tuesday that the FBI did not issue a comprehensive intelligence bulletin sharing everything its intelligence analysts had gathered about extremist postings on social media threatening violence. That didn't happen because some FBI officials were concerned that issuing such a bulletin would run afoul of First Amendment protections for political speech — a view not everyone within the FBI agreed with, sources familiar with the matter said.

The acting assistant chief of the Capitol Police told Congress on Tuesday that he was not aware of any intelligence from the FBI in advance of Jan. 6.

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F.B.I. Urges Police Chiefs Across U.S. to Be On High Alert for Threats

A joint intelligence bulletin warned that the deadly breach at the Capitol will be a “significant driver of violence” ahead of the inauguration of President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr.

By John Eligon, Frances Roberts, Zolan Kennes-Yoon and Helene Cooper

Jan. 13, 2021, 7:51 p.m. ET

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The F.B.I. on Wednesday urged police chiefs across the country to be on high alert for extremist activity and to share intelligence on any threats they encounter, as the U.S. government issued a dire intelligence bulletin warning of potential violence ahead of the inauguration.

In the call with police chiefs, Christopher Wray, the F.B.I. director, and Kenneth Cuccinelli, the acting deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, warned about potential attacks on state capitols, federal buildings, the homes of congressional members and businesses, according to one of the chiefs on the call. The officials failed to identify any specific threats, participants said, but called on law enforcement officers across the country to watch for signs of trouble, no matter how small.

“They don’t want to be dismissive of anything,” Chief Jorge Colina of the Miami Police Department, one of thousands of officials participating in the call, said in an interview. “So even if it sounds aspirational, even if it’s just like, ‘Yeah, it’d be great if the whole place is burned down,’ they don’t want us to think, ‘Ah, that’s just some knucklehead, pinhead,’ and be dismissive.”

The federal authorities also issued a joint intelligence bulletin warning that the deadly breach at the Capitol last week would be a “significant driver of violence” for armed militia groups and racist extremists who are targeting the presidential inauguration next week.

Extremists aiming to trigger a race war “may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States,” officials wrote in the bulletin issued by the National Counterterrorism Center and the Justice and Homeland Security Departments, which was disseminated widely to law enforcement agencies around the country.

In Washington, the state of readiness remained high, with Chief
Robert J. Contee III of the Metropolitan Police Department saying on Wednesday that he expected more than 20,000 members of the National Guard in the Washington region on Inauguration Day. It remains unclear how many of the Guard members will carry weapons.

On Tuesday night, Defense Department officials said that the Army secretary, Ryan McCarthy, had decided to arm National Guard members who will be deployed to protect the Capitol building complex as Mr. Biden is sworn into office.

The number of National Guard troops in Washington may ultimately stretch beyond 20,000; the figure has been rapidly climbing in recent days as intelligence officials monitoring pro-Trump groups online have grown increasingly worried that militant, far-right organizations have plans for violent protests in Washington.

The decision to arm the Guard members illuminates the gnawing concern of the past week, which the Capitol expressed to officials about their return to the Capitol after they were briefly surrounded by officials against them, and the F.B.I. has warned of possible violence at all 50 state capitols. Defense Department officials met with Washington authorities on Wednesday to work on plans to try to ensure there is not a repeat of last week’s violent breach. The scope of the protests and the violence of the mob took law enforcement by surprise.

A Pentagon official expressed worry about a repeat of the pipe bombs that were placed in Washington last week. The official said the law enforcement agencies are also concerned that some protesters have threatened to show up at the homes of lawmakers, or to target their families.

On the call with police chiefs, federal officials said they were closely monitoring extremist communications online and urged the chiefs to be mindful of potential lone-wolf actors and local armed groups, said Chief Chris Magnus of Tucson, adding that he had rarely heard federal officials this alarmed.

“’They’re very, very worried about these, what they referred to as domestic violent extremists, embedding themselves in other protests,’’ he said. “Christopher Wray seemed particularly concerned about what was sort of the disregard these folks have for democratic government.’’

There was also some discussion about balancing the rights of protesters against the threat of violence.

“I think the message is they want everyone to have their First Amendment rights and be able to assemble without any government intrusion,” said Chief Rick Smith of Kansas City, Mo., who was on the call. “At the same time, how do you prevent
In the bulletin, written by the National Counterterrorism Center and the Justice and Homeland Security Departments and obtained by The New York Times, federal officials said that extremist groups have viewed the breach of the Capitol as a success and have been galvanized by the death of Ashli Babbit, a military veteran and QAnon follower who was shot by the police as she tried to enter the heavily protected Speaker’s Lobby, just outside the House chamber. The extremists could perceive that death as “an act of martyrdom,” they said.

Officials warned of possible activity by the “boogaloo,” a movement that seeks to start a second civil war. They also wrote that “the shared false narrative of a ‘stolen’ election,” a narrative that has been perpetuated by President Trump, “may lead some individuals to adopt the belief that there is no political solution to address their grievances and violent action is necessary.”

Antigovernment militias and extremist groups “very likely pose the greatest domestic terrorism threats in the 2021,” said the bulletin, which was dated Jan. 13.

Already, state and local officials are taking preparations into their own hands.

In Oregon, Gov. Kate Brown activated the National Guard “to assist with potential upcoming civil unrest,” the Oregon State Police said Wednesday. Authorities did not identify the locations the National Guard would be deployed, but troops in neighboring Washington State have used the Guard in recent days to protect the state’s Capitol building.

“Recent events at our Nation’s Capitol building and at our own statehouse illustrate the need for law enforcement to be prepared and appropriately staffed for any large gatherings,” Oregon State Police Superintendent Terri Davie said in a statement.

The National Guard was also assisting in state capitols in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Law enforcement presence has intensified at the California State Capitol in Sacramento, with California Highway Patrol officers on standby and outside at the entrances, and with squad cars parked on the grounds, blocking walkways. The F.B.I. has set up a joint command post with local authorities in Sacramento, and members of state, federal and local law enforcement have been meeting daily.

Even though Los Angeles officials have not received specific threats, the chief of the Los Angeles Police Department has ordered all officers, close to 10,000 people, to be in uniform every day leading up to the inauguration so they are ready to be
deployed at a moment's notice. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has adjusted staffing levels in anticipation of protest activity.

Part of the challenge for law enforcement agencies collecting intelligence was weeding out "aspirational" commentary, said Chief Colina of Miami. On the call Wednesday, the F.B.I. acknowledged the uneasiness felt across the nation in the wake of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, he said.

"It kind of shook everyone up, you know, seeing what happened at the Capitol. It gives you a terrible feeling of uneasiness, and so, they're concerned with that," he said, adding, "They're concerned with the mind-set of, 'Are we safe here in this country?'"
From: Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI)
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Is The Establishment Planning A False Flag “Insurrection” For Inauguration Day?

by Paul Craig Roberts | January 13, 2021

The question in the title is legitimate in light of the extraordinary and unusual letter signed by all members of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff condemning Trump supporters for insurrection and calling on the US military to remain ready for another attempt at sedition on Inauguration Day.

In the Joint Chiefs’ own words: “The violent riot in Washington, DC on January 6, 2021 was a direct assault on the US Congress, the Capitol building, and our Constitutional process.” https://www.rt.com/usa/512334-joint-chiefs-capitol-riot/

There was no riot, no assault on the Capitol, and no insurrection. As the videos show, there was no “storming of the Capitol.” Police allowed rally attendees inside, and they walked in calmly in line. (See, for example: https://bigleaguepolitics.com/new-footage-shows-pro-trump-demonstrators-being-let-into-capitol-orderly-protesting-dubious-electoral-certification/.)

Instead of insurrection, there was a defense of the Constitution by Americans protesting what they believe to be a stolen presidential election, the result of which is to consolidate power over the people in the hands of a corrupt Establishment.

The Joint Chiefs know this as do the presstitutes, Nancy Pelosi, and the members of Congress. So why are the Joint Chiefs warning of an insurrection?
One answer is to add to the blackening of Trump’s reputation. The Joint Chiefs most certainly dislike Trump who intended to take away the “Russian enemy” on which the military/security complex’s budget and power depends. Russiagate began immediately when Trump spoke of “normalizing relations with Russia.” The entire Washington Establishment hates Trump, because Trump said he was going to take power away from them and give it back to the people. Go listen to his inaugural address.

Let’s hope the Joint Chiefs’ gratuitous letter is just payback and not preparation of the public for a false flag insurrection staged for the purpose of putting the latest domestic terrorism bill that criminalizes dissent on a fast tract.

It is easy for the Establishment to dress up Antifa and BLM in MAGA hats and send them on a rampage that the presstitutes, with script ready in hand, can declare an insurrection. Or the FBI can use its provocateurs to create a situation. Remember the aftermath of 9/11 and the advent of the domestic war on terror when the FBI organized homeless people and meth addicts in schemes to blow up buildings and then arrested them. It was all done to prove to Americans that there was a terrorist threat justifying the PATRIOT Act and other police state measures.

The intention of the American Establishment is not only to destroy Trump but also to destroy or intimidate red state Americans into acquiescence. Many who attended the D. C. rally have been fired from their jobs. So, in “freedom and democracy America,” if you exercise your right to assemble and protest, your exercise of your civil liberties is grounds for being fired.

It is happening in the most improbably places. For example, the Legacy Fighting Alliance. MMA coach and UFC hall of fame Pat Miletich was fired from his job as LFA commentator because he attended the Trump rally. The tough guys at LFA couldn’t stand up to the pressure and terminated one of their own heroes because he showed support for Trump. [Link](https://www.rt.com/sport/512363-ufc-pat-miletich-capital-riots/)

We are witnessing the same cowardice and retribution everywhere in the country.

A false flag insurrection would create even more intimidating power in the hands of the Establishment.

Whether or not there is a false flag insurrection, the Establishment has consolidated its power. As Biden’s appointments reveal, this power is directed at white working class America – the “Trump deplorables.”

Democrats’ hatred of Trumpers is extremely violent. One Democrat mistook a photo of a rally attendee for Chuck Norris and posted it. Immediately on social media, Chuck Norris became a despised “MAGA terrorist.” One Democrat wrote: “Chuck is a racist, Nazi-loving d-list Republican. He belongs in prison for..."
insurrection, along with the rest of the MAGA mob.”

Biden has appointed black supremacist Kristen Clarke to a Justice Department position where she will have the power to enforce her ideology that justifies restitution for blacks because of alleged “systemic racism” of white people. Her appointment guarantees more erosion of equal protection under law for white Americans. https://www.rt.com/usa/512341-civil-rights-pick-racism/

As I have pointed out on many occasions, white people are the only people who can be demonized without the issue of hate speech or hate crime being raised. It has been open season on white Americans for many years.

Trump supporters are in an especially weak position. They are not only set up as “MAGA terrorists,” but they are members of the working class regarded as deplorables by professors, public relations professionals, lawyers, prostitutes, and technology professionals. Trump’s voters are small business owners, farmers, construction workers, truckers, electricians, plumbers, mechanics and homemakers. Long ago abandoned by Democrats and the left, they are Trumpers, not Republicans. They voted for Trump, because he stood for them against the Establishment. The Establishment is making such an example of Trump that no future presidential Democrat or Republican candidate will dare to present themself as a representative of the people.

The working class is finished politically unless they can form their own party. This is what the Establishment intends to prevent by, in effect, criminalizing Trump and the half of the American population that voted for him. Kristen Clarke will play a role in this, as will the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the prostitutes, the university faculties and public schools, bar associations, courts, social media and tech monopolies. It is difficult for the working class to organize, especially when they can be cut off from communicating and there are no factories with large work forces. Any political group that forms or tries to form can be declared a domestic terrorist group and arrested. The Establishment controls the media and the law.

Red state Americans do not have the power positions and billion dollar bank balances to fight back on equal terms. The Establishment will be as ruthless against them as it is being against Trump. Red state Americans should understand that the Establishment sees them precisely as Stalin saw the Kulaks.

Trump is not only being again impeached, but also many businesses on which his own are dependent have been pressured to end all association with him. Trump is left with hotels without conventions. Golf courses without tournaments. Financing will become an issue for him.

The kind of hate-driven ruthlessness that blue America is demonstrating against red America means an irreparable split that cannot be healed.
The Establishment should have thought about this before it stole the election, or, if it didn’t steal the election, before it refused to allow the evidence to be examined. If the election was not stolen, unity required the evidence to be examined and its absence made clear. To assert “no evidence” without looking at the evidence destroyed trust in our institutions, especially in the courts.

None of us should be fooled that the impeachment underway in the House is a real impeachment. The purpose of impeachment is to remove a person from office. But Trump is already removed from office by the election, stolen or not. Moreover, it is not clear that the Senate could vote prior to Trump being out of office. It makes no sense to use impeachment against a non-office holder. Conviction by the Senate also requires a 2/3 vote, and as cowardly as they are, it is still unlikely that enough Republicans would vote to convict Trump.

The second impeachment of Trump, like the first, is an exercise in hate. Its purpose is to blacken Trump as much as can be done by making him the only president twice impeached by the House and to intimidate his supporters into compliance. The most likely result will be to create extraordinary hate that will leave the country disunited and impotent.

Dr. Paul Craig Roberts was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy and associate editor of the Wall Street Journal. He was columnist for Business Week, Scripps Howard News Service, and Creators Syndicate. He has had many university appointments. His internet columns have attracted a worldwide following. Roberts’ latest books are The Failure of Laissez Faire Capitalism and Economic Dissolution of the West, How America Was Lost and The Neoconservative Threat To World Order: America’s Perilous War For Hegemony.
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Thank you.
This update was compiled by the Joint Inter-Agency National Crisis Coordination Center in the FBI Strategic Information and Operations Center. Information is accurate as of 1700 EST on 13 January 2021. The following agencies contributed to the development of this SYFREP: DIA, DEA, DOD, DOJ, DHS, US Park Police, and USMS. Responses provided after the cut-off time will be included in the next SYFREP.

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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) Executive Summary

(U) ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION AND INAUGURATION 2021

(U) INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

* (U//FOC) On 6 January, the FBI activated a digital media tip line URL (https://bi.gov/LSCapitol) which opened to the public. As of 0730 on 13 January, the FBI has received more than 118,000 tips.

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(U) National Threat Picture Through Inauguration 2021

(U) CURRENT FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSES

(U) Potential of criminal offenses or violence related to the 6 January 2021 Electoral College certification of the 2020 Presidential Election results for situational awareness - post-ongoing (within last 12-24 hours) and planned (next 12-24 hours)

(U) Post Ongoing in the last 12-24 Hours

* (U) [REDACTED] the House of Representatives has impeached President Trump.

(U) Planned in the next 12-24 Hours

* Nothing Significant to Report

(U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSES

(U) Potential Flashpoints by Geographic Location

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Multiple reports indicate various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the presidential inauguration. Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.
(U) OTHER

- (U/TS): As of 6 January, the FBI issued a request for information leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the placement of the suspected pipe bombs on 6 January in Washington, D.C. The FBI is offering a reward of up to $50,000 for information.
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**Bryan Vorndran**
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Wray, Rosen Haven’t Appeared in Public Since Attack On US Capitol. The AP (1/13, Tucker, Balsamo) reports that in the wake of the attack on the US Capitol, “neither FBI Director Chris Wray nor acting Attorney General Jeff Rosen has appeared in public or joined lower-level officials at news conferences or on calls updating the public on the case.” Neither official appearing on TV to answer questions or try to reassure the public during a national crisis is “striking given the gravity of an attack.” Officials with direct supervision of an investigation “are often joined by higher-level department officials, particularly in matters of great public interest and especially for an event in Washington.” However, “the public faces of the Justice Department have largely been Michael Sherwin, the acting U.S. attorney in Washington, and Steven D’Antuono, the head of the FBI’s Washington field office.”

The New York Times (1/13, Benner, Kanno-Youngs, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that both Rosen and Wray “face job security risks at a time when their ousters could prompt further chaos,” and two current government officials and two former national security officials say that President Trump’s refusal “to acknowledge his role in goading his supporters has forced administration officials to choose between remaining relatively silent or speaking out in a public setting where they could be pushed to directly contradict him.” Meanwhile, departing Acting Secretary Of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf told CNN on Wednesday that he was “disappointed that the president didn’t speak out sooner,” and acting Deputy Homeland Security Secretary Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II “concurred” in an interview with the Times.

Officials Arrest Dozens As Capitol Hill Investigation Continues. ABC World News Tonight’s (1/13, story 3, 3:05, Muir, 6.95M) Martha Raddatz reported, “Scores of arrests have been made in connection to the Capitol insurrection,” with prosecutors “submitting chilling new evidence.” Authorities have seized “multiple firearms, a crossbow, and a cooler containing ‘particularly lethal homemade Molotov cocktails’ from Lonnie Coffman’s truck, “saying Coffman had a handwritten note of potential targets.” Coffman has plead “not guilty to numerous weapons charges.” Officials also arrested Robert Keith Packer, “the rioter wearing a hoodie with the words camp Auschwitz on it,” and the FBI interviewed “Retired Reserve Navy SEAL Adam Newholt of Ohio...after saying online he wanted lawmakers to be left ‘shaking in their shoes.’”

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On the CBS Evening News (1/13, story 4, 2:30, O’Donnell, 4.24M), Jeff Pegues reported, “An FBI bulletin obtained by CBS News says large caches of weapons...have been recovered from suspect’s home and that police should consider use of SWAT techniques when arresting protestors who were photographed in body armor.” Pegues said, “Prosecutors released evidence against protester Lonnie Coffman,” as “the FBI arrested Robert Packer” and “Idaho man Josiah Colt,” the protester who hung from the Senate chamber balcony. As arrests continue, “the FBI is investigating coordination among attackers” as video footage shows “people acting together to breach the Capitol and attack police.” Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) “accused some of her congressional colleagues of working with the demonstrators.” Sherrill said, “There’s members of Congress who had groups coming through the Capitol that i saw on January 5th. A reconnaissance for the next day. i am going to see that they are held accountable.”

NBC Nightly News’ (1/13, story 5, 1:10, Holt, 5.73M) Tom Costello reported, “The FBI as has identified 200 suspects and is looking for hundreds more.” Acting AG Jeff Rosen said, “To the American public, I ask that if you are aware of any criminal activity or violent acts being planned, please share what you know with law enforcement or the FBI.” Costello added that some visitors to the Capitol “were allegedly getting tours despite the pandemic” on January 5, and “lawmakers say that these people on the tour seemed to be gathering intel on the layout of the building, and then allegedly some of them showed up at the attack the next day.”

The AP (1/13, Dazio, Balsamo) reports that federal “investigators are combing through a mountain of online posts, street surveillance and other intelligence, including information that suggests mobs could try to storm the Capitol again and threats to kill some members of Congress” to determine legitimate threats as “security is being tightened from coast to coast.” While “the FBI and other federal authorities use their substantial resources to prepare,” local police “lack the staff to hunt down every tip” and “rely heavily on state and federal assessments to inform their work, and that information sometimes slips through the cracks – which apparently happened last week.” The FBI “sent an intelligence bulletin warning of potential violence to other agencies, including the Capitol Police” on January 5, “but officials either did not receive it or ignored it – and instead prepared for a free-speech protest, not a riot.”
More than 70 people have been charged and at least 170 cases have been opened, Michael Sherwin, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, said at a news conference on Tuesday. The FBI has also "received more than 100,000 tips, including photos and videos, and that number does not include tips that people have submitted by phone," Steven D'Antuono, the head of the F.B.I.'s Washington Field Office, said at the news conference. Sherwin "said he expected the number of arrests to 'geometrically increase,'" and "noted that some defendants had been charged with misdemeanor crimes so they could be quickly arrested, but those people could be indicted on more significant charges, including sedition and conspiracy."

NPR (1/13, Westervelt, 3.59M) reports, "Members of the insurrectionist mob that attacked the Capitol last week face what the federal prosecutor in charge calls a "mind-blowing" range of potential charges from destruction of federal property, trespass, and mail theft to possession of destructive devices and felony murder." NPR adds, "For some of the most serious charges," Sherwin said, "his office has set up a 'strike force' to press federal charges that come with fines and up to 20 years in prison. 'We're looking at significant felony cases tied to sedition and conspiracy,' says Sherwin, who's overseeing the sprawling investigation that he predicts will grow into 'hundreds' of cases in coming weeks. 'Their only marching orders from me are to build sedition and conspiracy charges related to the most heinous acts that occurred in the Capitol.'"

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Viswanatha, Gurman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that law enforcement officials said on Wednesday that lawyers for several members of the mob have disclosed their clients' involvement in the attack on the Capitol in order to negotiate for lesser serious criminal charges. Prosecutors have filed dozens of cases since January 6 against rioters whose participation was widely known due to social media exposure, including a Virginia man wearing a Camp Auschwitz sweatshirt and an Idaho man who hung from the Senate balcony.

Capitol Siege Investigators Sort Through Thousands Of Tips. The AP (1/13, Dazio, Baleano) reports, "Potential threats and leads are pouring in to law enforcement agencies nationwide after the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol," and "the challenge is now figuring out what's real and what's just noise." The AP adds, "Investigators are combing through a mountain of tips that show members of Congress with rioters prior to the attack, though the bureau is "checking the veracity of the claims.""

CNN (1/13, Perez, 89.21M) reports on its website that "evidence uncovered so far, including weapons and tactics seen on surveillance video, suggests a level of planning that has led investigators to believe the attack on the U.S. Capitol was not just a protest that spiraled out of control, a federal law enforcement official says." The official indicated that FBI investigators are looking at planning that attendees of the President's rally on January 6 left early, possibly "to retrieve items to be used in the assault," as well as "the command and control aspect of the attack, looking at travel and communications records to determine if they can build a case that is similar to a counterterrorism investigation." The official said the FBI has also received tips that show members of Congress with rioters prior to the attack, though the bureau is "checking the veracity of the claims."

"Stop The Steal" Organizer Says Three GOP Representatives Helped Plan Last Week's Events. The Washington Post (1/13, Armus, 10.52M) reports that "weeks before a mob of President Trump's supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol, right-wing activist Ali Alexander told his followers he was planning something big for January 6. Alexander, who organized the 'Stop The Steal' movement, said he hatched the plan with Reps. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Mo Brooks (R-AL), and Paul Gosar (R-AZ), all hard-line Trump supporters. ... The plan, he said, was to 'change the hearts and the minds of Republicans who were in that body, hearing our loud roar from outside.'" The Arizona Republic (1/13, 1.05M) reports Biggs "denied any role in cheering for the 'Stop The Steal' movement and said allegations he helped organize the Capitol protest were "whoppers."" CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports on its website that Gosar "associated himself with Alexander's group in recent months. A spokesman for Biggs told CNN that he hasn't even met or worked with Alexander."

Sherrill Says Colleagues Led "Reconnaissance" Tours On Day Before Riot. The Washington Post (1/13, Sabucedo, 10.52M) reports that Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) alleges that on January 5, "she saw colleagues leading groups on 'reconnaissance' tours of the building," and "accused Republicans of inciting the pro-Trump mob that vandalized the Capitol and attacked police officers." The Post adds that Sherrill "did not specifically identify which lawmakers she saw leading groups through the Capitol." BuzzFeed News (1/13) reports Capitol Police officers "say they wouldn't even be surprised if some lawmakers helped organize the attack."

Rioter In "Camp Auschwitz" Sweater Among Those Arrested. USA Today (1/13, Laviole, 12.7M) reports that "a man who was photographed wearing a 'Camp Auschwitz' sweatshirt during the U.S. Capitol riot last week was arrested Wednesday in Virginia, authorities said." Robert Keith Packer "was arrested in Newport News, where he lives" and "charged with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, and knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or
grounds without lawful authority.” A law enforcement official identified Packer as “the man who is seen in a photo inside the Capitol wearing a sweatshirt with the name of the Nazi concentration camp” and “the phrase, ‘Work brings freedom,’ a translation of ‘Arbeit macht frei,’ the German phrase that appeared on the camp’s entrance.” FBI spokesperson Christina Pullen separately said a second Virginia man, Douglas Allen Sweet, of Grimstead, was also arrested Wednesday for his alleged participation.

The New York Times (1/13, Bogel-Burroughs, Goldman, Benner, 20.8M) reports that “news outlets had previously identified Mr. Packer based on the accounts of people who knew him.” Packer “was among more than 70 people charged, according to the top federal prosecutor in Washington, Michael Sherwin, who said that he expected that ‘hundreds’ would eventually be charged.” The Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M) reports, “Packer is set to appear in federal court in Norfolk at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday on charges of ‘unlawful entry and disorderly conduct on restricted Capitol grounds, two misdemeanors punishable by as much as a year in prison.’”

The AP (1/13, Finley, Lavole) reports from Norfolk, Virginia, “The photograph of Packer in the sweatshirt caused an uproar on social media, and the images ultimately helped authorities track him down. The complaint said an FBI agent confirmed Packer’s identity by comparing rally photos to his driver’s license and security footage of him wearing the shirt at a store near where he lives.”

Rioter Who Posted Photos Outside Pelosi’s Office Arrested. The Chicago Tribune (1/13, Melsner, Sweeney, Crapeau, 2.03M) reports, “A Chicago man was arrested Wednesday on federal charges alleging he participated in last week’s mob attack on the U.S. Capitol, posting a photo of the plaque outside House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s ransacked office.” Kevin Lyons “was charged in a criminal complaint in Washington with misdemeanor counts of knowingly entering a restricted building without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” Lyons “appeared via a telephone link from jail before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Fuentes, who ordered him released on a $10,000 recognizance bond.” on conditions that he ‘have no contact with anyone involved in the Jan. 6 riot or anyone planning ‘any act that would impede or disturb the normal course of business’ of Congress or any other federal agency.”

The AP (1/13) reports, Lyons, 40, “an HVAC technician, was arrested at his home and appeared via a telephone link from jail before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Fuentes. The judge ordered him released on a $10,000 recognizance bond.”

Olympic Gold Medalist Charged In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/13, Newberry) reports five-time Olympic swimming medalist Klete Keller was charged with participating in a deadly riot at the Capitol last week. An FBI affidavit “cited screenshots that shows the person identified as Keller wearing a U.S. Olympic team jacket’ among those storming the building. ‘It wasn’t clear if he had been taken into custody.”

USA Today (1/13, Schad, 12.7M) reports that in a statement, United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland said in a statement that the organization would, after law enforcement confirmed the identity of the individual in the video, “evaluate any appropriate actions of our own.”

CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports, “FBI Special Agent Matthew R. Barofsky wrote in court documents that he confirmed Keller’s identity by comparing photos he was in to his Colorado driver’s license. The photos from the Capitol also show Keller is wearing a US Olympic Team jacket and ‘appears to be one of the tallest individuals,” Barofsky writes in his statement of facts. Keller is 6 feet, 6 inches tall.”

The Washington Post (1/12, Maese, 10.52M) reports, “Standing 6-foot-8 and wearing a familiar Olympic jacket, Keller was easy to identify for many swimmers, coaches and officials who had competed with and against him over the years, two of whom told The Washington Post they recognized the maskless Keller in the footage. In the video, he can be seen in the Rotunda, at one point amid a mob of Trump supporters and law enforcement officers pushing against each other. The criminal charges are consistent with those faced by other Trump supporters arrested since last week, though Keller faces the added charge of impeding an officer.” Additional coverage includes the Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M).

US Charges Arizona Man Who Wore Furry Hat In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/13) reports from Phoenix, Arizona, “Additional criminal charges have been filed against an Arizona man who authorities say took part in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol while sporting face paint, no shirt and a furry hat with horns.” The AP adds, “An indictment unsealed Tuesday in Washington charges 33-year-old Jake Chansley with civil disorder, obstruction of an official proceeding, disorderly conduct in a restricted building, and demonstrating in a Capitol building. It’s unclear whether the new charges are felonies or misdemeanors. Chansley was previously charged with two misdemeanors stemming from the violent riot — entering a restricted building without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” The FBI “identified Chansley from images taken during the riot showing his distinctive sleeve tattoos.”

Man Charged With Threatening Pelosi Also Texted About Shooting Washington, DC Mayor. The New York Times (1/13, Fuchs, 20.6M) reports, “A man who traveled to Washington with an assault-style rifle last week and threatened to shoot Speaker Nancy Pelosi had also mused about shooting Mayor Muriel E. Bowser of Washington, federal prosecutors said in a court filing on Wednesday.” Cleveland Grover Meredith Jr., “was among those charged in federal court after the riot at the U.S.
Capitol last week. The government, including images of Mr. Meredith’s weaponry, said he drove to Washington with an assault-style rifle, a Glock firearm with high-capacity magazines and over 2,500 rounds of ammunition. On Thursday, the day after the riot, he sent a text reading, ‘I may wander over to the Mayor’s office and put a 5.56 in her skull.”

The New York Post (1/13, Fitz-Gibbon, 7.45M) reports, “Meredith, whose arsenal included a red, white, and blue handgun, also texted that ‘I predict that within the next 12 days, many in our country will die.’ ‘We’re gonna surround DC and slowly constrict,’ he wrote in one message.” Meredith also included messages to federal agents in texts, apparently believing the authorities were intercepting his rants. “I hope you’re reading this Mr. FBI agent FK U.,” he wrote in one text. “You get that one Mr. Marxist FBI Agent?” he said in another. “Go FK yourself.”

Political (1/13, McCaskill, 6.73M) reports, “The QAnon believer reached his destination late Wednesday ready for battle. After learning that Vice President Mike Pence wasn’t going to stop the certification of Biden’s Electoral College victory, Meredith texted, ‘War time,’ while en route to D.C. In later messages, he warned that he was ‘3.5 hours from target practice.’ ‘Ready to remove several craniums from shoulders,’ and ‘so ready to FK SOME TRAITORS UP.’ ‘I ain’t goin to jail,’ he wrote at one point. ‘[The morgue maybe, not jail.”

Fox News (1/13, Conklin, 23.99M) reports, “Soon after arriving in the city, he assaulted a male and fled in his truck, the U.S. government alleges.” Meredith “was arrested Jan. 7 and charged in federal court with making interstate threats, according to the government. He is also charged with possession of an unregistered firearm and ammunition in District of Columbia Superior Court, charges which each carry the possibility of a year in prison. U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Harvey on Wednesday rescheduled a detention hearing for Meredith for Thursday at 2:45 p.m. ET.”

Two Texas Women Charged In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/13, Stengle) reports, “A West Texas flower shop owner who posted a video on Facebook bragging about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office being broken into during the U.S. Capitol riot last week was arrested Wednesday, federal officials said.” The FBI arrested Jenny Cudd “and another Midland resident, Eliel Rosa, in connection with the Jan. 6 insurrection, said Daryl Fields, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in San Antonio.” Cudd and Rosa “appeared Wednesday afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald Griffin in Midland. Each is charged with entering a restricted building and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors. The court set personal recognizance bonds for them.”

Newsweek (1/13, 2.67M) reports, “Twitter users urged the FBI to take action against Cudd in numerous posts shared to the social platform throughout the past week. Most referenced the Trump supporter’s unnerving sense of pride as she recounted events that took place at the Capitol in a video that rapidly went viral online. ‘I’m proud of everything that I was part of today and I’ll be proud of everything that I’ll be a part of at the next one, and we’ll see what happens at that,’ she said of the riot.”

FBI Arrests Florida Firefighter Who Wore Trump Hat During Siege. The New York Post (1/13, Rhett Miller, 7.45M) reports, “A Florida firefighter who was photographed inside the US Capitol during last week’s deadly riot has been arrested by the FBI, officials said.” According to the Post, “Sanford firefighter and paramedic Andrew Williams was arrested by federal authorities on charges of unlawful entry of a restricted building and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds for his role in the Jan. 6 siege.” Fire Chief Crag Radzak confirmed Tuesday. Williams – employed by the department since 2016 – has been placed on administrative leave without pay as the federal criminal investigation and a separate internal probe proceeds, Radzak said.”

Williams, “who was taken into custody Tuesday, was arrested days after he was identified in a photo sent anonymously to Florida TV news station WKMG. The image shows the firefighter wearing a Trump 2020 hat while pointing to a sign for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the station reported.”
New York Man Who Threatened Warnock Charged. The New York Times (1/13, Shanahan, Hong, 20.9M) reports that Eduard Florea of New York was charged with a weapons offense “after messages he posted on social media around the time of the Capitol riot raised alarms,” including a threat to incoming Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA). Florea told federal agents he wanted to join the far-right Proud Boys group and prosecutors say over 1,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, two dozen shotgun rounds, 75 military-style combat knives, two hatchets, and two swords were found in his home.

Fox News (1/13, Wallace, 23.99M) reports that Florea “was arrested at his home in Middle Village, Queens, and is expected to appear virtually in federal court in Brooklyn at 2 p.m. Wednesday, a law enforcement source confirmed to Fox News. He is charged with being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition.”

The New York Post (1/13, Sheehan, Rosenberg, 7.45M) reports. “Astonishing photos show the moment an FBI vehicle rolled down a quiet Queens street to take a suspected Proud Boy into custody after he allegedly threatened to send an armed caravan to the US Capitol.” The Post adds, “In the snaps shot by a stunned neighbor, a law enforcement agent can be seen emerging from the armored vehicle’s hatch with what appears to be an assault weapon Tuesday afternoon in Middle Village when the FBI showed up to arrest Eduard Florea. Another snap shows Florea, 40, emerge from the basement apartment with his hands up in the air. Two minutes later, his wife and two terrified kids exited the home, eyewitnesses said.”

Idaho Man Charged For Role in Capitol Riot. The Idaho Stateeman (1/13, Scholl, 299K) reports, “An Idaho man seen jumping onto the floor of the U.S. Senate during a riot in Washington, D.C. last week made his initial federal court appearance Wednesday in Boise, a day after turning himself in to FBI officials at the Ada County Sheriff’s Office.” Josiah Colt, 34, “was in custody Tuesday afternoon on a federal hold, according to Patrick Orr, spokesperson for the Ada County Sheriff’s Office. On Wednesday, an FBI spokesperson told the Statesman that Colt turned himself in to the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force.” Colt “appeared via video call for his initial hearing in federal court Wednesday, along with Boise attorney Chuck Peterson, who was assigned to be his counsel by Judge Ronald Bush.”

The Idaho County ID Free Press (1/13) reports that Colt “is charged federally with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. FBI Special Agent Matthew J. Gano wrote in an affidavit that photos of Colt taken inside the Capitol Building and his own statements on social media prove he participated in the attempted insurrection, which was aimed at stopping lawmakers from certifying Joe Biden as the next president of the United States.”

FBI Probing Several Individuals in Western Pennsylvania. WPXI-TV Pittsburgh (1/13, 149K) reports from Pittsburgh, “There’s no shortage of disturbing videos showing violence inside the capitol last week,” and “now we know some of the people involved in the riot may be from western Pennsylvania. We are conducting investigations here. We have a number of leads. That’s been our focus all along with identifying any potential threats,” said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent In-Charge Michael Christman. Christman wouldn’t confirm how many people are being investigated, but said his office is working closely with investigators in Washington to find those responsible, and “that involves investigating potential threats between now and the inauguration, including one that specifically mentioned Pittsburgh. ‘We’ve run those leads down. At this time, we would report there are no threats that we’re aware of in the Western District of Pennsylvania that are related to the inauguration,' Christman said.”

KYW-TV Philadelphia (1/13) reports, “FBI agents swarmed a house in Chester County on Tuesday. They carried out boxes and boxes of items. It all unfolded on the 100 block of Applegate Drive in West Goshen Township. At this hour, there are still more questions than answers as to why FBI agents raided this home Tuesday morning and what they were looking to find.” KYW-TV adds, “Neighbors in this normally quiet community in West Goshen Township were jarred by the sight of numerous FBI agents raiding a home on the 100 block of Applegate drive on Tuesday morning. The FBI has not specified exactly what sparked this activity. Officials confirm it’s in relation to an ongoing matter, without any further comment.”

Rep. Cawthorn Under Scrutiny After Claiming He Was Armed During Capitol Attack. The Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times (1/13, Moon, 192K) reports Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) is under scrutiny after he claimed he was armed during the attack on the US Capitol. It is unclear whether Cawthorn had permission to carry a loaded gun in the Capitol, and also whether he carried it “on the House floor or in parts of the Capitol where rules for lawmakers carrying firearms are more permissive.” While there are clear laws banning the general public from carrying guns on Capitol grounds, “rules for lawmakers on where guns are permitted are murky.”

National Guard Troops Securing Capitol As Inauguration Nears. The CBS Evening News (1/13, story 3, 2:20, O'Donnell, 4.24M) reported, “Much of the Nation’s Capital is locked down with a huge security presence, with authorities very concerned about new threats of violence.” CBS’ Kris Van Cleave: “Two thousand National Guard troops are securing the Capitol, inside the grand halls and outside along the perimeter, some armed and authorized to defend themselves. ... Up to 20,000 could be deployed to protect Washington DC a week ahead of Joe Biden’s inauguration – nearly four times as many troops as are
currently in Iraq and Afghanistan." Pierre Thomas reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/13, story 4, 2:25, Muir, 6.95M), "Authorities are monitoring up to 10 organized events by demonstrators coming back to Washington. Some are calling it 'a week of siege.' They're warning one group is promising the largest armed protest on American soil. Another event is planned to 'capture and detain' Democratic politicians and set up a new government."

Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 4, 1:50, Holt, 5.73M), "It may be the biggest security presence in Washington since the Civil War: nine-foot-high perimeter fencing; buildings boarded up; streets closed; tens of thousands of local, state, and federal law enforcement officers – and today, news that an additional 5,000 National Guard troops are coming to DC, most of them armed." Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 10, 1:55, 5.73M) that 'hundreds of National Guard troops in uniforms, rifles by their sides,' slept 'shoulder to shoulder on the marble floor of the Capitol Visitors Center.' Norah O'Donnell similarly said on the CBS Evening News (1/13, story 9, 1:15, 4.24M), "Today, young men and women of the National Guard slept with their rifles in the same place Union troops were quartered during the Civil War. A difficult time then, and now."

**USA Today** (1/13, Hayes, Wu, Miller, 12.7M) reports, "A tall metal fence surrounded the building as dozens of National Guardsmen stood at the perimeter cradling their rifles. Police officers and large dump trucks obstructed intersections for blocks surrounding the building, a stark contrast to security in the area last week when a mob of Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol." The New York Times (1/13, Eligon, Robles, Kann-Yongsh, Cooper, 20.6M) reports "state of readiness remain[s] high" in Washington, with District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department Chief Robert Contee saying on Wednesday that he expected more than 20,000 members of the National Guard in the Washington region on inauguration Day. It remains unclear how many of the Guard members will carry weapons."

The Washington Post (1/13, Horton, 10.52M) reports, "Officials say 10,000 will be in place by the weekend. National Guard forces in and around the Capitol will be armed, while others are expected to be unarmed. Defense Department officials are scrambling to establish an adequate plan for providing National Guard aid for the inauguration and avoid a repeat of last week's attempted insurrection." Politico (1/13, Bertrand, Seligman, 6.73M) reports Guard units "are being told to prepare for the possibility that improvised explosive devices will be used by individuals plotting to attack the Capitol in the days surrounding the inauguration."

**TIME** (1/13, Dozier, 18.1M) reports that the January 6 Capitol siege "has prompted U.S. security officials to think the unthinkable as they scramble to secure Washington ahead of next week's Inauguration: that the enemy is already inside the house." TIME adds, "More than a dozen law enforcement officers and current and former military officials are reported to have taken part in the violent Jan. 6 insurrection. One Navy and two Air Force veterans are among those being investigated by law enforcement for the attack, as is a junior Army officer by her superiors, while several U.S. Capitol Police officers have been suspended after video showed them appearing to assist some of the rioters who were spurred to action by Trump's refusal to accept defeat," and "now the FBI is warning of planned armed protests at the Jan. 20 inauguration in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals, current senior U.S. officials tell TIME."

Reuters (1/13, Bice, Timmons) reports, "The website of Patriot Action for America, which was recently taken down, called for supporters to encircle the White House, Congress and Supreme Court days before to, at all costs, prevent Joseph Biden, or any other democrat from being inaugurated. An image posted to the pro-Trump website The Donald called for protesters to 'stand up for liberty' with armed marches on Jan. 17 at the U.S. Capitol and in state capitals, according to SITE Intelligence Group, a Maryland-based organization that tracks extremists," but "users on some other far-right forums cautioned protesters to 'stand up for liberty' with armed marches on Jan. 17 at the U.S. Capitol and in state capitals, according to SITE Intelligence Group, a Maryland-based organization that tracks extremists," but "users on some other far-right forums cautioned protesters to 'stand up for liberty' with armed marches on Jan. 17 at the U.S. Capitol and in state capitals, according to SITE Intelligence Group, a Maryland-based organization that tracks extremists," but "users on some other far-right forums cautioned protesters to 'stand up for liberty' with armed marches on Jan. 17 at the U.S. Capitol and in state capitals, according to SITE Intelligence Group, a Maryland-based 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spokeswoman "said late Tuesday the storming of the U.S. Capitol by armed pro-Trump demonstrators appeared to be a galvanizing event, spawning efforts to organize gatherings across the country for multiple dates around President-elect Joe Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration. Signs Facebook tracked included digital flyers promoting the events, some of them featuring calls to arms or the insignia of militias or hate groups, she said." The FBI "has warned of armed protests being planned for Washington and all 50 U.S. state capitals in the run-up to the inauguration."

**Airbnb To Cancel All DC-Area Reservations For Next Week.** The New York Times (1/13, Gold, 20.6M) reports Airbnb "will cancel all reservations made in the Washington area next week and block new rentals, the company announced in a statement on Wednesday. The decision came after the police and elected officials warned Americans not to travel to Washington for the inauguration."

**Joint Intelligence Bulletin Warns Capitol Breach May Encourage Extremists.** The New York Times (1/13, Kanno-Youngs, 20.6M) reports that last week's breach of the Capitol will be a "significant driver of violence" for extremists who are targeting the inauguration, according to a joint intelligence bulletin issued jointly on Wednesday by the National Counterterrorism Center, the DOJ and DHS. The "boogaloo" movement "may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States." The officials "wrote that extremist groups have viewed the breach of the Capitol as a success and have been galvanized by the death of Ashli Babbitt, a QAnon follower who was shot by the police as she tried to enter the heavily protected Speaker's Lobby, just outside the House chamber."

**State Lawmakers Attended January 6 Rally.** Politico (1/13, Siders, 6.73M) reports, "Lawmakers from more than a dozen states attended the Jan. 6 rally, while scores more cheered on the 'Stop the Steal' movement from afar. And in the days since the inscription, these Republicans continued to question the election while giving air to debunked claims that Antifa or other leftist agitators — not pro-Trump rioters — were primarily responsible for the destruction that followed. 'I wouldn't trust a word that comes out of the FBI's mouth at this point,' Mark Finchem, a Republican state representative from Arizona, said when asked about an FBI briefing of House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy that suggested no reason to believe Antifa was involved."

**Some Push Back Against Calls For Expanded Security Structure After Capitol Assault.** The Daily Beast (1/13, Ackerman, 933K) reports, "Oklahoma City showed that there is a long history of impunity for Radical White Terror," and without "that impunity, the storming of the Capitol would have been impossible." However, "arduous and necessary political, social, and prosecutorial work will be short-circuited if the U.S. treats January 6 as another September 11, according to former security officials, law enforcement experts and prominent left-wing politicians." Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) said, "The answer is not a broader security structure, or a deeper police state. The tools created in the PATRIOT Act "allowed the Pentagon to spy on antiwar activists; permitted the Department of Homeland Security to use drone surveillance on Black Lives Matter protesters; facilitated the FBI mapping entire American Muslim communities without suspicion of wrongdoing."

**Experts Urge Authorities To Enforce Laws Banning Unauthorized "Militias."** USA Today (1/13, Carless, 12.7M) reports that "some legal experts are calling on authorities to enforce longstanding laws outlawing organized groups that act as citizen-run, unauthorized militias." Various federal and state laws "outlaw groups that engage in activities..."
reserved for state agencies, including acting as law enforcement, training and drilling together, engaging in crowd control and making shows of force as armed groups at public gatherings." Still, "hundreds of armed groups, organized under the insignia of the Oath Keepers, the Three Percenters and others, do exactly that." The outlet adds, "Militias are groups of citizens called upon to aid their country in times of war or emergency," while these groups "have no legal authority whatsoever, and some are strongly anti-government."

**Experts Say Threat Of Violence From Extremist Groups Unlikely To Fade.** The AP (1/13, Boone, Flaccus, Kunzelman) reports, "As rioters laid siege to the U.S. Capitol, the seat of American democracy became a melting pot of extremist groups. Militia members, white supremacists, paramilitary organizations, anti-maskers and fanatical supporters of President Donald Trump, standing shoulder to shoulder in rage." Experts "say it was the culmination of years of increasing radicalization and partisanship, combined with a growing fascination with paramilitary groups and a global pandemic," and "warn that the armed insurrection that left five people dead and shook the country could be just the beginning." As the FBI issues warnings about plans for armed protests across the country, "those who monitor online chatter say the threat of more violence by far-right fringe groups hasn't abated."

**WP Post Analysis: QAnon Radicalized Americans, Poses Challenges For Biden.** The Washington Post (1/13, Harwell, Stanley-Becker, Nakhlawi, Timberg, 10.52M) reports that attack on the US Capitol is "a grim milestone in how the paranoid conspiracy theory QAnon has radicalized Americans, reshaped the Republican Party and gained a forceful grip on right-wing belief." QAnon's prominence at the Capitol riots, as its devotees joined extremist group members and white supremacists, "shows how powerful the conspiracy theory has become, and how quickly it has established a life of its own." Its "grip on the conservative psyche is growing," and online "believers are offering increasingly outlandish theories," as well as sharing ideas on overturning the election — "with violence, if necessary." QAnon "presents long-term challenges" for Joe Biden by "fomenting resistance" both to democratic governance and to measures to address the coronavirus pandemic, such as mass vaccination.

**FAA Steps Up Enforcement Against Unruly Passengers.** The AP (1/13) reports that, citing "a disturbing increase in incidents where airline passengers have disrupted flights with threatening or violent behavior" both from a refusal to wear masks and the Capitol riots, the Federal Aviation Administration has increased enforcement against unruly airline passengers. Through March 30, instead of issuing warnings to unruly passengers, the FAA will launch legal enforcement actions. Poulders (1/13, Shepardson) reports FAA Administrator Dickson said, "We will no longer adjudicate certain of these unruly passenger cases with counseling or warnings. We're going to go straight to enforcement." He also "warned disruptive passengers could face up to $35,000 fines and possible jail time."

**Capitol Rioters May Be Placed On No-Fly List.** The Washington Post (1/13, Aratani, 10.52M) reports that "using the no-fly list to block people from returning to Washington in the days leading to the inauguration" is being considered, and "that issue probably will be raised by law enforcement officials during a Thursday briefing for members of the House Homeland Security Committee." Steven D'Antuono, head of the FBI's Washington Field Office, previously said the agency was considering that measure, and "Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, also called for rioters to be banned from flying."

**Minnesota Approves Weekend Events By “Storm The Capitol” Organizer.** The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, Montemayor, 855K) reports Minnesota's Department of Administration approved for a so-called "Church Service" for Sunday and a Saturday "Freedom Fest" at the at Minnesota State Capitol, both led by Becky Strohmeier, "the Blooming conservative activist behind last week's 'Storm the Capitol' rally," which is under investigation by state law enforcement.

**Minnesota Man Pleads Guilty To Serving As An ISIS Recruit.** The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K) reports Abdellahmid Al-Madioum "pleaded guilty Wednesday to abandoning his family while vacationing in Morocco and joining an ISIS battalion trained to unleash suicide terror attacks in Europe." Federal guidelines "call for Al-Madioum to be sentenced to the maximum of 20 years in prison followed by anywhere from five years to life under supervised release."

The AP (1/13) reports that, according to his plea deal, he "left his family while they were visiting extended relatives in Morocco in 2015 and went to Istanbul, Turkey, where members of the Islamic State group helped him cross into Syria." He also "admitted in his guilty plea that he was assigned to a battalion that was responsible for training and preparing foreign fighters to carry out suicide attacks in Europe."

**NASA Scientist Pleads Guilty to Lying In China Trade Secrets Probe.** Biomem (1/13, Domatsch, 3.57M) reports from New York, "A senior NASA scientist admitted to lying to authorities about his participation in a..."
Federal Prosecutors Charge Three With Exporting US Goods To Iran.  

Chapman, 828K reports, “Federal prosecutors in Detroit have charged three men accused of ‘conspiring to export nine electrical discharge boards, one CPU board, two servo motors, and two railroad crankshafts from the United States to Iran in violation of economic sanctions under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) and the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations (ITSR).’ US Attorney Matthew Schneider said, ‘The deeply disturbing allegations in this case are that the defendants conspired to export highly sophisticated American manufacturing equipment and other American-made items into the arms of the Iranians.’ The indictment also alleges the ‘defendants and their coconspirators planned and acted outside of the United States — in Iran and Canada, among other places — to purchase goods inside the United States to send to Iran.’

Judge Denies Bond For Alleged Whitmer Kidnapping Plot Leader.  

Croft “pleaded not guilty and was denied bond during a hearing in federal court in Grand Rapids.”

Indicted Ohio Councilman Claims FBI Made “Prejudicial Statements” During Press Conference.  

Croft “claimed he had permission from God to commit murder and was the national leader of a militia group that rioted at the U.S. Capitol last week, an FBI agent said Wednesday.”

Cybersecurity Efforts Criticized Following SolarWinds Hack.  

Bloomberg reports, “Congress and federal agencies have been slow or unwilling to address warnings about cybersecurity. They have shelved ‘recommendations that are considered high priority while investing in programs that have fallen short.’ The SolarWinds hack, ‘disclosed in December, came after years of warnings from a watchdog group and cybersecurity experts.’”

Also reporting are Cincinnati (4/43, Baker, Riva, 7K) reports that suspended Cincinnati City Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld’s legal team “is continuing its vigorous legal challenge to his federal corruption charges,” and they have “accused federal authorities of misstating facts and the law in his indictment.”
additional safeguards to ensure more trusted supply chains.” Acting CISA Director Brandon Wales said in a statement, “Upon learning of this cyber campaign in mid-December, CISA immediately began working to understand the scope of the campaign, share information and detections and assist compromised entities with remediation.” He added, “We released an emergency cyber directive to help federal agencies identify whether their networks were exposed to this activity, and within 72 hours of release, 100% of the identified affected devices were taken offline.”

Meanwhile, **BGR News** (1/13, 876K) reports, Microsoft President Brad Smith “called the SolarWinds hack an ‘mass indiscriminate global assault’ that should be a wake-up call to cyber-defenders.” The Microsoft official was making a keynote speech at the CES technology trade show. **President-elect Biden has created a new post for a former National Security Agency official to help determine the US response to the attack.”** Anne Neuberger “will now be responsible for trying to persuade US agencies and the country’s wider cyber-security sector to work together against such threats.” Neuberger told CBS News in August, “It was really great to see five different cyber-security entities using that to identify other Russian intelligence infrastructure and then take that down.”

**Trump Denounces US Capitol Violence As House Impeaches Him For Second Time.** On Wednesday afternoon, with less than one week left in his term, President Trump became the first US president to be impeached twice by the House, with the **House of Representatives** passing **232-197**, with all Democrats and 10 Republicans in favor, and four Republicans not voting. The **AP** (1/13) reports the President released a five-minute video “condemning the violent insurrection he fomented at the Capitol last week” shortly after the vote. Trump said in part, “I want to be very clear: I unequivocally condemn the violence that we saw last week. … Like all of you I was shocked and deeply saddened by the calamity.” The **AP** says Trump “made no reference” to the impeachment.

The **New York Post** (1/13, Bowden, 7.45M) says the message “was the exact statement that Trump’s allies and critics alike both begged him to send as thousands of his supporters, angry with the outcome of the election, laid siege to Congress while lawmakers inside were voting to certify Joe Biden’s victory.” The **New York Times** (1/13, Haberman, Schmidt, 20.6M) reports Trump released the video “under heavy pressure from his advisers.” Trump “offered no note of humility, regret or self-reflection about his two months of false claims that the election was stolen from him. But it was also a broader condemnation of the violence than he has offered so far.” The **Daily Caller** (1/13, 375K) reports Trump said he was briefed “on potential violent acts planned ahead” of next week’s inauguration “and had directed federal agencies to utilize all possible resources to ensure a ‘peaceful transfer of power.’”

Earlier Wednesday, the **New York Times** (1/13, Benner, 20.6M) reports, Trump “issued a statement calling on Americans to ‘ease tensions and calm tempers.’” The statement was “released by the White House and sent by text to Mr. Trump’s supporters.” The statement reads: “In light of reports of more demonstrations, I urge that there must be NO violence, NO lawbreaking and NO vandalism of any kind. That is not what I stand for, and it is not what America stands for.” The **Fox News** (1/13, Singman, 23.99M) reports on its website that the White House press office “later sent out the statement while attempting to post it to all of Trump’s official social media accounts.”

The **Washington Post** (1/13, Rucker, Dawsey, Parker, 10.52M) writes, “With less than seven days remaining in his presidency, Trump’s inner circle is shrinking, offices in his White House are emptying, and the president is lashing out at some of those who remain. He is angry that his allies have not mounted a more forceful defense of his incitement of the mob that stormed the Capitol last week,” according to “advisers and associates.”

**House Votes 232-197 To Impeach Trump.** In opening **ABC World News Tonight** (1/13, lead story, 6:45, 6.95M), David Muir called it a “night of history made in America. For the first time ever, a president has been impeached twice – one week to the day after that deadly assault on the Capitol.” House Speaker Pelosi “called the President a ‘clear and present danger,’” saying the House has a sacred obligation to stand for the truth against the lies of what she said is a desperate President who feels his power slipping away.” House Minority Leader McCarthy said Trump “bears responsibility after the assault on the Capitol, but saying he did not support impeachment on this timeline.” **ABC’s Mary Bruce:** “One week to the day after a violent mob of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, Congress tonight impeached the man who sent them there, charging the President with incitement of insurrection.”

Norah O’Donnell said on the **CBS Evening News** (1/13, lead story, 5:10, 4.24M) that Pelosi “says she will immediately send the article of impeachment to the Senate so the President can stand trial.” But **Senate Majority Leader McConnell** “says that won’t happen before [Joe] Biden is inaugurated next Wednesday.” **CBS’ Nancy Cordes:** “This historic bipartisan vote took place in the same chamber where one week ago today lawmakers were cowering and praying for their lives. ... Voting in a Capitol that has now become a fortress, House members impeached the 45th President for putting them in harm’s way one week ago today.”

Lester Holt said on **NBC Nightly News** (1/13, lead story, 4:15, 5.73M), “Added to the list of grave, unimaginable, and simply stunning moments that keep rocking our country, for the second time in 13 months the House of Representatives has voted to
impeach President Donald Trump. This time Democrats, backed by several Republicans, laying the mantle of blame for one of this country's ugliest and most dangerous moments squarely at the President’s feet.”

The AP (1/13, Mascaro, Jalonick, Lemire) reports, “With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House… moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president’s calls for them to ‘fight like hell’ against the election results.” USA Today (1/13, Fritz, Subramanian, 12.7M) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer, who will become majority leader later this month, said, “There will be an impeachment trial in the United States Senate, there will be a vote on convicting the President for high crimes and misdemeanors; and if the President is convicted, there will be a vote on barring him from running again.”

The New York Times (1/13, Fandos, 20.6M) reports the 10 GOP defections “were a remarkable break from the head of the party by Republicans.” The Washington Post (1/1, Blake, 10.52M) reports that it was “the most bipartisan [presidential impeachment] vote in history.” Five Democrats voted to impeach Bill Clinton in 1998, and though Andrew Johnson was overwhelmingly impeached” in 1868, it was “on a party-line vote in the Republican-dominated House.” The New York Post (1/13. Nelson, Moore, Golding, 7.45M) reports, “No members of the GOP voted in 2019 to impeach Trump the first time.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Andrews, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports McCarthy and other Republicans who opposed impeachment said the effort was rushed, and unnecessary with Trump set to leave office anyway. The Detroit Free Press (1/13, Spangler, 2.16M) reports, “McCarthy and others argued throughout the day that while the armed mob delayed the work of Congress for several hours in finalizing the Electoral College count for Biden over Trump's baseless claims that the election had been corrupt, impeaching the president so close to his leaving office would only continue division in the country.” The San Francisco Chronicle (1/13. Carofoli, 2.44M) says McCarthy, “who is so tight with Trump that the president refers to him as ‘my Kevin,’ barely defended the president during his House speech. ... And he did something that he hasn’t done over the past four years: He told Trump to ‘accept his share of responsibility.’” The Dallas Morning News (1/13, 772K) reports McCarthy “rejected impeachment in favor of censure - a step nearly as rare, if only symbolic.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M) writes, “The fast-moving scene of political tumult is an appropriate coda for a Trump career that has broken precedent, norms and laws at every turn. Even in the Senate, Republicans are beginning to envision what was unthinkable just days ago: that there might be enough votes to produce the two-thirds majority needed to convict Trump, although most likely not until he is out of office.” The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/13, Tamari) says Trump “now faces the possibility of becoming the only president ever convicted in a Senate trial. There is far more uncertainty than last year, when Senate Republicans firmly rejected impeachment charges centered on Trump’s attempt to pressure Ukrainian leaders to tar Biden.” CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports on its website, “During the last impeachment effort, Trump allies in and out of the White House publicly defended him and sent out talking points throughout the impeachment proceeding.” On Wednesday, “it was the President who was left to fend for himself at the White House. ... There was no organized effort to send out talking points, unlike his first impeachment.” The Boston Globe (1/13, 1.04M) writes, “The House’s swift repudiation, coming one week after a violent mob breached the Capitol and led to five deaths, is all but certain to cleave [Trump’s] party and diminish his legacy, even if it is unlikely to force him from office.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/13, 1.46M) says the “unprecedented second impeachment of an American president came without hearings, witnesses or testimony.”

Peter Baker of the New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) writes, “Not since the dark days of the Civil War and its aftermath has Washington seen a day quite like Wednesday. In a Capitol bristling with heavily armed soldiers and newly installed metal detectors, with the physical wreckage of last week’s siege cleaned up but the emotional and political wreckage still on display, the president of the United States was impeached for trying to topple American democracy.” Baker says it “felt like the preordained coda of a presidency that repeatedly pressed all limits and frayed the bonds of the body politic. ... Faith in the system has eroded. Anger is the one common ground.”

The New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) editorializes, “It has come to this: Lawmakers are telling journalists that they were casting their impeachment votes in a climate of threats where they feared for their own and their families’ safety. ... A representative democracy cannot function under the threat from violent extremists determined to overturn the results of a presidential election that they lost. Americans -- whether elected officials or regular citizens -- should not live in fear that they could be attacked or killed for doing their jobs or supporting a particular candidate.” Republicans “who objected to the electoral vote results on the grounds of mythical election fraud should immediately and publicly apologize, repudiate their lies and admit that Joe Biden won the election fairly.”

The Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M) editorializes, “There is no doubt Mr. Trump deserved to be impeached.” But impeachment “does not obviate the need for further investigation. Large questions remain: How close did the mob come to harming members of Congress or the vice president? Was there a conspiracy? Were other GOP leaders involved? What was the source of the pipe bombs discovered on Jan. 6? Why was the Capitol so exposed and backup seemingly so unavailable? What measures must be taken to ensure this never happens again?” If McConnell “refuses to convene the Senate this week, senators
must move with dispatch once they have convened. ... The nation would be better served by a prompt trial ending in the guilty verdict Mr. Trump deserves.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says in an editorial that while it has called on Trump to resign, the hasty impeachment one week before Trump will leave office was divisive and unnecessary, and raises the question of whether an impeachment trial of a president who is no longer in office is even constitutional. The New York Daily News (1/13, 2.51M) editorializes, “Huzzah for the House of Representatives, including 10 Republicans who put country before party. ... After pressuring Georgia officials to change their certified, hand-recounted results, Trump’s incendiary words on Jan. 6 tossed a lit match into a pile of dry kindling, inciting the siege on the Capitol. Such direct assaults on the democratic process should disqualify an American from serving as president. His appeals for calm are laughably late, inherently heartfelt.”

The San Francisco Chronicle (1/13, 2.44M) editorializes that Trump has become “the first twice-impeached president in the most bipartisan such vote in U.S. history Wednesday, an ignominious valedictory that was as fitting as it was unprecedented.” Impeachment “is the least Trump should expect for an act of lawlessness that warrants his immediate removal from office. But the boundless cowardice of those who enabled him to this point will likely spare him that fate.” The Chicago Tribune (1/13, 2.03M) editorializes, “Trump is a failed leader not fit to serve. If he lasts his final days in office without causing more chaos, America will be lucky ... Off the table, apparently, is a Senate trial that would remove the president from office in his final days if he is convicted. That’s OK. We’re still heartened the House took action. The threat of trial could be enough to keep Trump’s behavior in check.”

The Boston Globe (1/13, 1.04M) editorializes, “When a president calls for violence against fellow political leaders and revives against the government and nation he is supposed to defend as commander in chief, Congress has little choice but to protect democracy through the constitutional measure of impeachment. And since Trump didn’t simply resign, getting him out swiftly is a matter of national security.” The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K) editorializes, “Trump has been impeached a second time – a fitting disgrace for a leader who has besmirched his office, betrayed his oath and fomented violent invasion of the U.S. Capitol. ... The Trump years have shown us an ugliness that must be rooted out, with a national recommitment to democratic values. That is what will keep America great.”

Reuters (1/13, Bloomberg (1/13, 3.57M), the New York Daily News (1/13, McAluff, Sommerfeldt, 2.51M), the Houston Chronicle (1/13, 902K), the Miami Herald (1/13, 647K), the Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K), Axios (1/13, Perano, 1.26M), Politico (1/13, Cheney, 6.73M), The Hill (1/13, Lillis, 5.69M), Roll Call (1/13, McPherson, 130K), and the Fox News (1/13, Schulte, 23.99M) website are among the other outlets covering the vote.

Ten Republicans Vote To Impeach Trump. The AP (1/13, Peoples) reports, “The unbreakable wall of Republican support that encouraged and enabled Donald Trump’s norm-shattering presidency cracked on Wednesday.” The New York Times (1/13, Elgin, 20.6M) reports “10 Republicans cast their votes in favor of impeachment, ‘exactly one week after the Capitol was breached by an angry mob of Trump loyalists.” USA Today (1/13, Hayes, 12.7M) reports the 10 defectors were Reps. Liz Cheney (R-WY), Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), John Katko (R-NY), Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), Peter Meijer (R-MI), Dan Newhouse (R-WA), Tom Rice (R-SC), Fred Upton (R-MI), and David Valadao (R-CA).

The Capper-Wy Star Tribune (1/13, 94K) reports Cheney “defended her vote ... on Wednesday, telling reporters that some votes ‘should never be partisan.”” The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/13, 1.22M) reports Gonzalez said in a statement, “The President of the United States helped organize and incite a mob that attacked the United States Congress in an attempt to prevent us from completing our solemn duties as prescribed by the Constitution. In doing so, five people have died – including a Capitol Police Officer – many more have been injured, and our democracy has been shaken.” The Clark County (WA) Columbian (1/13, 79K) reports Herrera Beutler voted to impeach “in a stunning final rebuke of Trump, calling on her colleagues to embrace the moral clarity that comes with accepting the truth.”

The Syracuse (NY) Post-Standard (1/13, 487K) reports Katko said in a Tuesday evening floor speech that members “had a constitutional duty to respond and impeach Trump. ‘To allow the president of the United States to incite this attack without consequence is a direct threat to the future of our democracy,’ he said.” The Chicago Sun-Times (1/13, 970K) reports Kinzinger said in an interview, “I think there’s going to be a lot of reckoning in this party about how did we get here, how we were led here, what did we do wrong, what did we do right. ... And I think the next few months will tell; does this party, you know... does it wake up Saturday morning from a Friday night bender and look around and say, What did we do?” MSNBC (1/13, 826K) reports Meijer said before the vote, “I believe the article of impeachment to be accurate. The President betrayed his oath of office by seeking to undermine our constitutional process, and he bears responsibility for inciting the violent acts of insurrection last week.”

The Tri-City Herald (1/13, 84K) reports Newhouse said in a statement, “A vote against this impeachment is a vote to validate the unacceptable violence we witnessed in our nation’s capital.” Newhouse “also criticized Trump’s lack of action after rioters entered the Capitol building. ‘He did not strongly condemn the attack nor did he call in reinforcements when our officers were overwhelmed,’ he said. ‘Our country needed a leader; and President Trump failed to fulfill his oath of office.” The
Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (1/13, Novelly, Fleming, 299K) reports Rice "stunned the South Carolina political universe" with his vote, which is "destined to spark outrage in his home district where support for Trump runs high and to the extreme. ... Rice said he spent the last week reading how the president responded to the Jan. 6 protests. While he doesn’t think the president exactly called for protesters to storm the Capitol, the way Trump responded to the violence was unacceptable."

The Detroit News (1/13, 1.16M) reports Upton said in an interview before the vote, "I’m going to do the right thing. The Constitution has to come first. I’m sorry. The President’s failure to take any blame for what happened last week is inexcusable. ... Calling these people ‘patriots’ as they were looting the Capitol? They’re almost worse than the British when they burned it down."

The Visalia (CA) Times Delta (1/13, 14K) reports Valadao said in a statement, "Based on the facts before me, I have to go with my gut and vote my conscience. I voted to impeach President Trump. His inciting rhetoric was un-American, abhorrent, and absolutely an impeachable offense. It’s time to put country over politics."

Politics (1/13, Zadora, 6.73M) reports "conservative hard-liners are moving against" Cheney over her vote. Members of the Freedom Caucus "began circulating a petition Wednesday to force a special conference meeting so they could debate and vote on a resolution calling on Cheney to resign" as House Republican Conference Chair, the third-ranking slot in the GOP leadership. Breitbart (1/13, 1.28M) reports one unnamed House Republican predicted "that as many as half of the House Republican conference might vote to oust" Cheney. The Hill (1/13, Brufke, 5.59M) reports McCarthy "would not comment when asked multiple times on his thoughts on the matter or whether he would back the effort." The Daily Caller (1/13, 375K) reports Cheney "rebuked resignation calls from her fellow GOP lawmakers." She told a reporter, "I’m not going anywhere."

McConnell Says He Has "Not Made A Final Decision" On Convicting, But Will Not Permit Early Trial. The AP (1/13, Fram) reports McConnell "pointedly did not rule out Wednesday that he might eventually vote to convict [Trump], but he also blocked a quick Senate impeachment trial." In a letter to his GOP colleagues, McConnell wrote, "I have not made a final decision on how I will vote and I intend to listen to the legal arguments when they are presented to the Senate." The Washington Post (1/13, Kim, Kane, 10.52M) calls McConnell’s words "a dramatic shift from his position during Trump’s first impeachment a year ago, when he publicly stressed that he was ‘not an impartial juror’ and privately worked in concert with White House officials to map out the president’s eventual acquittal in the Senate."

The New York Times (1/13, Edmondson, 20.5M) reports, “Because the Senate is not scheduled to hold a regular session until Jan. 19, ... an agreement between’ McConnell and Schumer would be needed to begin the trial before then. McConnell said he “would not agree to do so, meaning that the article could not be taken up until the day before Mr. Biden is sworn in’” at the earliest. USA Today (1/13, Hayes, 12.7M) reports McConnell, “in a statement after the House impeached Trump, said the Senate trial would not be rushed and concluded, ‘There is simply no chance that a fair or serious trial could conclude before President-elect Biden is sworn in next week.’"

Polling (1/13, Levine, Desiderio, Stein, 8.73M) reports Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) “is leading the charge” against convicting Trump in the Senate. Graham, “who just last week said he had ‘enough’ of Trump’s did to overturn the election results after he incited a deadly riot at the Capitol, has been calling around to Republican senators urging them to oppose convicting the president in the Senate’s expected impeachment trial.”

NYT Times Analysis: “Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray.” The New York Times (1/13, Shear, Crowley, 20.8M) reports under the headline “As His Predecessor Is Impeached, Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray” that while “his fellow Democrats are red hot with rage after the assault on the Capitol,” Biden “has maintained a studied cool, staying largely removed from the searing debate” over impeachment “and keeping his focus on battling a deadly pandemic, reviving a faltering economy and lowering the political temperature.” Biden “has deferred” to Pelosi and other Capitol Hill Democrats, and “has spent the past week honing policy proposals and introducing new appointees while delivering a carefully calibrated, above-the-fray message.”

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Ex-Trump Aide Fights To Speak At Former FBI Ally Sentencing
Former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page is doubling down on his bid to speak as a victim at this month’s sentencing hearing for an ex-FBI lawyer who pled guilty to falsifying an email to justify surveilling Page, telling a D.C. federal judge that the surveillance warrant was obtained without probable cause.

Leading NASA Scientist Cops To Lying About China Ties
A well-known National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientist on Wednesday copped to lying to the FBI, telling a Manhattan federal judge that he concealed his deep ties to a China science development initiative.

DOD Launches Tool To Link Tech Cos. With Vetted Funders
The U.S. Department of Defense on Wednesday announced the launch of a forum meant to link small technology companies with government-trusted investors, saying it will help to cut off “predatory” foreign investors seeking access to U.S. intellectual property.
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ABACautions Attys Against Reacting To Online Criticism

Attorneys must adhere to client representation and confidentiality obligations when responding to online criticism and should consider refraining from such discourse altogether, the American Bar Association said in a new opinion.
House impeaches Trump With 10 GOP Reps. Joining Dems:
The U.S. House on Wednesday made President Donald Trump the only chief
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charge Trump with "incitement of insurrection" following his supporters' attack
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Holland & Hart LLP, Holland & Knight LLP and Hogan Lovells are the latest
BigLaw firms to suspend donations through their political action committees
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Seyfarth Drops Trump Org. As Client After Capitol Riot:
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2 AGs Absent From Bipartisan Letter Against Capitol Violence:
The attorneys general of Louisiana, Indiana and Montana are pointing to last
summer's racial justice protests to explain their decision not to sign onto a
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Fed. Circ. Shuts Clerk’s Office As DC Braces For Unrest:
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Tom Girardi’s Brother Says Celeb Attorney Mentally ‘Incompetent’
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NEW YORK (AP) — A Proud Boys supporter who threatened to deploy “three cars full of armed patriots” to Washington last week was charged Wednesday with stockpiling military-style combat knives and more than 1,000 rifle rounds in his New York home, federal authorities said.

Eduard Florea, 40, was charged with possessing ammunition as a convicted felon and denied bail after the FBI searched his Queens home and interviewed him about a series of threats about the deadly siege on the U.S. Capitol they said he made on the social network Parler.

Prosecutors said the software engineer vowed to travel to the nation’s capital and slice “a throat” at the Jan. 6 riot by supporters of President Donald Trump. Another post attributed to Florea threatened the life of U.S. Sen.-elect Raphael Warnock of Georgia, authorities said.

“The time for peace and civility is over,” Florea wrote, according to a criminal complaint. “I will be reaching out to patriots in my area so we can come up with a game plan.”

Florea’s defense attorney dismissed the online posts as “blather” and noted that Florea had no guns in his home. She said federal authorities “came to his home in a military tank” to arrest him.

“He is not charged with any action whatsoever in connection with the despicable acts that happened at the Capitol,” federal public defender Mia Eisner-Grynberg said. “Mr. Florea does not condone that behavior.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney Francisco J. Navarro said Florea posed a flight risk and is
“particularly dangerous in the current political environment.”

He said Florea applied to join the Proud Boys, a far-right group, but was not yet a member because he had not attended the requisite number of meetings. He said Florea traveled to Washington in December and was with the group when it vandalized a church.

“This is not just rhetoric,” Navarro said. “This is rhetoric backed by action.”

U.S. Magistrate Judge Sanket Bulsara ordered Florea held without bail, saying the evidence suggested “a premeditated plan to exact violence against people in New York and people in Washington.”

Also on Wednesday, a western New York man who told a Buffalo TV station he tried to light media equipment on fire as a “symbolic gesture” outside the Capitol was arrested by the FBI.

Pete Harding was taken into custody after his home in Cheektowaga was searched by the bureau earlier in the day. His attorney told WIVB-TV that it’s unclear what charges his client faces.

While earlier in the day, an employee of a New York commuter railroad was released on $10,000 bond at his initial court appearance on charges he participated in last week’s mob assault on the U.S. Capitol.

A federal judge in White Plains, New York, ordered Will Pepe to be put on electronic monitoring and to surrender a shotgun and a hunting knife as part of his bail conditions pending the outcome of his federal trespassing case in Washington.

Pepe was suspended without pay from his job with the Metro-North railroad after he was photographed inside the Capitol during the unrest. MTA officials said he had called in sick to attend the protests.

Pepe’s attorney did not comment on the charges. There was no allegation he was armed when he went to the protest.

William Sweeney, the head of the FBI’s New York field office, said Pepe “chose to cross the bright line between the peaceful exercise of First Amendment rights and violence and destruction.”

“We are continuing our investigation,” Sweeney said, “and I expect more arrests in this region will follow.”

On Tuesday, the son of a New York City judge was arrested by the FBI on charges he was among the protesters who stormed the Capitol. Aaron Mostofsky, 34, is accused of stealing a police vest and wearing a fur costume during the mayhem.
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Wray, Rosen Haven’t Appeared In Public Since Attack On US Capitol. The AP (1/13, Tucker, Balsamo) reports that in the wake of the attack on the US Capitol, “neither FBI Director Chris Wray nor acting Attorney General Jeff Rosen has appeared in public or joined lower-level officials at news conferences or on calls updating the public on the case.” Neither official appearing on TV to answer questions or try to reassure the public during a national crisis is “striking given the gravity of an attack.” Officials with direct supervision of an investigation “are often joined by higher-level department officials, particularly in matters of great public interest and especially for an event in Washington.” However, “the public faces of the Justice Department have largely been Michael Sherwin, the acting U.S. attorney in Washington, and Steven D’Antuono, the head of the FBI’s Washington field office.”

The New York Times (1/13, Benner, Kanno-Youngs, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that both Rosen and Wray “face job security risks at a time when their ousters could prompt further chaos,” and two current government officials and two former national security officials say that President Trump’s refusal “to acknowledge his role in goading his supporters has forced administration officials to choose between remaining relatively silent or speaking out in a public setting where they could be pushed to directly contradict him.” Meanwhile, departing Acting Secretary Of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf told CNN on Wednesday that he was “disappointed that the president didn’t speak out sooner,” and acting Deputy Homeland Security Secretary Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II “concurred” in an interview with the Times.

Officials Arrest Dozens As Capitol Hill Investigation Continues. ABC World News Tonight’s (1/13, story 3, 3:05, Muir, 6.85M) Martha Raddatz reported, “Scores of arrests have been made in connection to the Capitol Insurrection,” with prosecutors “submitting chilling new evidence.” Authorities have seized “multiple firearms, a crossbow, and a cooler containing ‘particularly lethal’ homemade Molotov cocktails” from Lonnie Coffman’s truck, “saying Coffman had a handwritten note of potential targets.” Coffman has plead “not guilty to numerous weapons charges.” Officials also arrested Robert Keith Packer, “the rioter wearing a hoodie with the words camp Auschwitz on it,” and the FBI interviewed “Retired Reserve Navy SEAL Adam Newbold of Ohio...after saying online he wanted lawmakers to be left ‘shaking in their shoes.’” Maddatz added, “There are additional names, many shocking,” with “US Olympic gold medalist Klete Keller charged today.”

On the CBS Evening News (1/13, story 4, 2:30, O’Donnell, 4.24M), Jeff Pegues reported, “An FBI bulletin obtained by CBS News says large caches of weapons...have been recovered from suspect’s home and that police should consider use of SWAT techniques when arresting protestors who were photographed in body armor.” Pegues said, “Prosecutors released evidence against protester Lonnie Coffman,” as “the FBI arrested Robert Packer” and “Idaho man Josiah Colt,” the protester who hung from the Senate chamber balcony. As arrests continue, “the FBI is investigating coordination among attackers” as video footage shows “people acting together to breach the Capitol and attack police.” Rep. Mike Sherrill (D-NJ) “accused some of her congressional colleagues of working with the demonstrators.” Sherrill said, “There’s members of Congress who had groups coming through the Capitol that i saw on January 5th. A reconnaissance for the next day. i am going to see that they are held accountable.”

NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 5, 1:10, Holt, 5.73M) Tom Costello reported, “The FBI as has identified 200 suspects and is looking for hundreds more.” Acting AG Jeff Rosen said, “To the American public, I ask that if you are aware of any criminal activity or violent acts being planned, please share what you know with law enforcement or the FBI.” Costello added that some visitors to the Capitol “were allegedly getting tours despite the pandemic” on January 5, and “lawmakers say that these people on the tour seemed to be gathering intel on the layout of the building, and then allegedly some of them showed up at the attack the next day.”

The AP (1/13, Dazio, Balsamo) reports that federal “investigators are combing through a mountain of online posts, street surveillance and other intelligence, including information that suggests mobs could try to storm the Capitol again and threats to kill some members of Congress” to determine legitimate threats as “security is being tightened from coast to coast.” While “the FBI and other federal authorities use their substantial resources to prepare,” local police “lack the staff to hunt down every tip” and “rely heavily on state and federal assessments to inform their work, and that information sometimes slips through the cracks — which apparently happened last week.” The FBI “sent an intelligence bulletin warning of potential violence to other agencies, including the Capitol Police” on January 5, “but officials either did not receive it or ignored it — and instead prepared for a free-speech protest, not a riot.”
The New York Times (1/13, Fazio, 20.6M) reports, “More than 70 people have been charged and at least 170 cases have been opened, Michael Sherwin, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, said at a news conference on Tuesday.” The FBI has also “received more than 100,000 tips, including photos and videos, and that number does not include tips that people have submitted by phone. Steven D’Antuono, the head of the F.B.I.’s Washington Field Office, said at the news conference.” Sherwin “said he expected the number of arrests to ‘geometrically increase,’ and noted that some defendants had been charged with misdemeanor crimes so they could be quickly arrested, but those people could be indicted on more significant charges, including sedition and conspiracy.”

NPR (1/13, Westervelt, 3.69M) reports, “Members of the insurrectionist mob that attacked the Capitol last week face what the federal prosecutor in charge calls a ‘mind-blowing’ range of potential charges from destruction of federal property, trespass, and mail theft to possession of destructive devices and felony murder.” NPR adds, “For some of the most serious charges, Sherwin said, ‘his office has set up a strike force to press federal charges that come with fines and up to 20 years in prison.’

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Viswanatha, Gurman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that law enforcement officials said on Wednesday that lawyers for several members of the mob have disclosed their clients’ involvement in the attack on the Capitol in order to negotiate for less serious criminal charges. Prosecutors have filed dozens of cases since January 6 against rioters whose participation was widely known due to social media exposure, including a Virginia man wearing a Camp Auschwitz sweatshirt and an Idaho man who hung from the Senate balcony.

CNN (1/13, Perez, 89.21M) reports on its website that “evidence uncovered so far, including weapons and tactics seen on surveillance video, suggests a level of planning that has led investigators to believe the attack on the US Capitol was not just a protest that spiraled out of control, a federal law enforcement official says.” The official indicated that FBI investigators are looking at evidence that attendees of the President’s rally on January 6 left early, possibly “to retrieve items to be used in the assault,” as well as “the command and control aspect of the attack, looking at travel and communications records to determine if they can build a case that is similar to a counterterrorism investigation.” The official said the FBI has also received tips that show members of Congress with rioters prior to the attack, though the bureau is “checking the veracity of the claims.”

Capitol Siege Investigators Sort Through Thousands Of Tips. The AP (1/13, Dazio, Balsamo) reports, “Potential threats and leads are pouring in to law enforcement agencies nationwide after the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol,” and “the challenge is now figuring out what’s real and what’s just noise.” The AP adds, “Investigators are combing through a mountain of online posts, street surveillance and other intelligence, including information that suggests mobs could try to storm the Capitol again and threats to kill some members of Congress.” According to the AP, “The FBI and other federal authorities use their substantial resources to prepare, but smaller local police departments lack the staff to hunt down every tip” and “must rely heavily on state and federal assessments to inform their work, and that information sometimes slips through the cracks — which apparently happened last week.”

“Stop The Steal” Organizer Says Three GOP Representatives Helped Plan Last Week’s Events. The Washington Post (1/13, Armus, 10.52M) reports that “weeks before a mob of President Trump’s supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol, right-wing activist Ali Alexander told his followers he was planning something big” for January 6. Alexander, “who organized the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement, said he hatched the plan” with Reps. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Mo Brooks (R-AL), and Paul Gosar (R-AZ), “all hard-line Trump supporters. ... The plan, he said, was to ‘change the hearts and the minds of Republicans who were in that body, hearing our loud roar from outside.’” The Arizona Republic (1/13, 1.05M) reports Biggs “denied any role in cheerleading for the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement and said allegations he helped organize the Capitol protest were ‘whoppers.’” CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports on its website that Gosar “associated himself with Alexander’s group in recent months. A spokesman for Biggs told CNN that he hasn’t ever met or worked with Alexander.”

Sherrill Says Colleagues Led “Reconnaissance” Tours On Day Before Riot. The Washington Post (1/13, Sabucedo, 10.52M) reports that Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) alleges that on January 5, “she saw colleagues leading groups on ‘reconnaissance’ tours of the building,” and “accused Republicans of inciting the pro-Trump mob that vandalized the Capitol and attacked police officers.” The Post adds that Sherrill “did not specifically identify which lawmakers she saw leading groups through the Capitol.”

Rioter In “Camp Auschwitz” Sweater Among Those Arrested. USA Today (1/13, Lavoie, 12.7M) reports that “a man who was photographed wearing a ‘Camp Auschwitz’ sweatshirt during the U.S. Capitol riot last week was arrested Wednesday in Virginia, authorities said.” Robert Keith Packer was arrested in Newport News, where he lives” and “charged with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, and knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without
authority." A law enforcement official identified Packer as “the man who is seen in a photo inside the Capitol wearing a sweatshirt with the name of the Nazi concentration camp” and “the phrase, ‘Work brings freedom,’ a translation of ‘Arbeit macht frei,’ the German phrase that appeared on the camp’s entrance.” FBI spokesperson Christina Pullen separately “said a second Virginia man, Douglas Allen Sweet, of Grimstead, was also arrested Wednesday for his alleged participation.”

The New York Times (1/13, Bogel-Burroughs, Goldman, Benner, 20.6M) reports that “news outlets had previously identified Mr. Packer based on the accounts of people who knew him.” Packer “was among more than 70 people tied to the mayhem who have been charged, according to the top federal prosecutor in Washington, Michael Sherwin, who said that he expected that ‘hundreds’ would eventually be charged.” The Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M) reports, “Packer is set to appear in federal court in Norfolk at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday on charges of ‘unlawful entry and disorderly conduct on restricted Capitol grounds, two misdemeanors punishable by as much as a year in prison.’

The AP (1/13, Finley, Lavole) reports from Norfolk, Virginia, “The photograph of Packer in the sweatshirt caused an uproar on social media, and the images ultimately helped authorities track him down. The complaint said an FBI agent confirmed Packer’s identity by comparing rally photos to his driver’s license and security footage of him wearing the shirt at a store near where he lives.”

Rioter Who Posted Photos Outside Pelosi’s Office Arrested. The Chicago Tribune (1/13, Meisner, Sweeney, Crapeau, 2.03M) reports, “A Chicago man was arrested Wednesday on federal charges alleging he participated in last week’s mob attack on the U.S. Capitol, posting a photo of the plaque outside House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s ransacked office.” Kevin Lyons “was charged in a criminal complaint in Washington with misdemeanor counts of knowingly entering a restricted building without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” Lyons “appeared via a telephone link from jail before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Fuentes, who ordered him released on a $10,000 recognizance bond,” on conditions that he “have no contact with anyone involved in the Jan. 6 riot or anyone planning ‘any act that would impede or disturb the normal course of business of Congress or any other federal agency.”

The AP (1/13) reports, Lyons, 40, “an HVAC technician, was arrested at his home and appeared via a telephone link from jail before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Fuentes. The judge ordered him released on a $10,000 recognizance bond.”

Olympic Gold Medalist Charged In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/13, Newberry) reports five-time Olympic swimming medalist Klete Keller was charged with participating in the deadly riot at the Capitol last week. An FBI affidavit “cited screenshots that shows the person identified as Keller wearing a U.S. Olympic team jacket” among those storming the building. “It wasn’t clear if he had been taken into custody.”

USA Today (1/13, Schae, 12.7M) reports that in a statement, United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland said in a statement that the organization would, after law enforcement confirmed the identity of the individual in the video, “evaluate any appropriate actions of our own.”

CNN (1/13, 69.21M) reports, “FBI Special Agent Matthew R. Barofsky wrote in court documents that he confirmed Keller’s identity by comparing photos he was in to his Colorado driver’s license. The photos from the Capitol also show Keller is wearing a US Olympic Team jacket and ‘appears to be one of the tallest individuals,’ Barofsky writes in his statement of facts. Keller is 6 feet, 6 inches tall.”

The Washington Post (1/12, Masse, 10.52M) reports, “Standing 6-foot-5 and wearing a familiar Olympic jacket, Keller was easy to identify for many swimmers, coaches and officials who had competed with and against him over the years, two of whom told The Washington Post they recognized the maskless Keller in the footage. In the video, he can be seen in the Rotunda, at one point amid a mob of Trump supporters and law enforcement officers pushing against each other. The criminal charges are consistent with those faced by other Trump supporters arrested since last week, though Keller faces the added charge of impeding an officer.” Additional coverage includes the Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M).

US Charges Arizona Man Who Wore Furry Hat In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/13) reports from Phoenix, Arizona, “Additional criminal charges have been filed against an Arizona man who authorities say took part in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol while sporting face paint, no shirt and a furry hat with horns.” The AP adds, “An indictment unsealed Tuesday in Washington charges 33-year-old Jake Chansley with civil disorder, obstruction of an official proceeding, disorderly conduct in a restricted building, and demonstrating in a Capitol building. It’s unclear whether the new charges are felonies or misdemeanors. Chansley was previously charged with two misdemeanors stemming from the violent riot — entering a restricted building without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” The FBI “identified Chansley from images taken during the riot showing his distinctive sleeve tattoos.”

Man Charged With Threatening Pelosi Also Texted About Shooting Washington, DC Mayor. The New York Times (1/13, Fuchs, 20.6M) reports, “A man who traveled to Washington with an assault-style rifle last week and threatened to shoot Speaker Nancy Pelosi had also mused about shooting Mayor Muriel E. Bowser of Washington, federal prosecutors said in a court filing on Wednesday.” Cleveland Grover Meredith Jr., “was among those charged in federal court after the riot at the U.S.
The government, including images of Mr. Meredith's weaponry, said he drove to Washington with an assault-style rifle, a Glock firearm with high-capacity magazines and over 2,500 rounds of ammunition. On Thursday, the day after the riot, he sent a text reading, "I may wander over to the Mayor's office and put a 5.56 in her skull."

The New York Post (1/13, Fitz-Gibbon, 7.45M) reports, "Meredith, whose arsenal included a red, white, and blue handgun, also texted that 'I predict that within the next 12 days, many in our country will die.' We're gonna surround DC and slowly constrict,' he wrote in one message." Meredith "also included messages to federal agents in texts, apparently believing the authorities were interpreting his rants. 'I hope you're reading this Mr. FBI agent FK U,' he wrote in one text. 'You get that one Mr. Marxist FBI Agent?' he said in another. 'Go FK yourself.'"

Politico (1/13, McCaskill, 6.73M) reports, "The QAnon believer reached his destination late Wednesday ready for battle. After learning that Vice President Mike Pence wasn't going to stop the certification of Biden's Electoral College victory, Meredith texted, 'War time,' while en route to D.C. In later messages, he warned that he was 3.5 hours from target practice,' 'Ready to remove several craniums from shoulders,' and 'so ready to FK SOME TRAITORS UP.' I ain't goin to jail," he wrote at one point. "I'll be proud of everything that I will be part of at the next one, and we'll see what happens at that," she said of the riot."

Two Texas Women Charged In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/13, Stengle) reports, "A West Texas flower shop owner who posted a video on Facebook bragging about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office being broken into during the U.S. Capitol riot last week was arrested Wednesday, federal officials said." The FBI arrested Jenny Cudd and another Midland resident, Eliel Rosa, in connection with the Jan. 6 insurrection, said Daryl Fields, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Antonio. Cudd and Rosa "appeared Wednesday afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald Griffin in Midland. Each is charged with entering a restricted building and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors. The court set personal recognizance bonds for them."

Newsweek (1/13, 2.07M) reports, "Twitter users urged the FBI to take action against Cudd in numerous posts shared to the social platform throughout the past week. Most referenced the Trump supporter's unnerving sense of pride as she recounted events that took place at the Capitol in a video that rapidly went viral online. "I'm proud of everything that I will be part of at the next one, and we'll see what happens at that," she said of the riot."

FBI Arrests New Jersey Man In Siege Video. NJ News (1/13, Sherman, 1.47M) reports, "Thomas Baranyi, a 28-year-old New Jersey man who was standing next to the woman who died in last week's storming of the Capitol, was arrested by the FBI Tuesday evening and charged with disorderly or disruptive conduct." NJ News, "In a brief video hearing before U.S. District Judge Cathy Walker in Newark on Tuesday, the former Peace Corps member was charged with relatively minor offenses, but more serious charges may be pending. Bail was set at $100,000 and the matter moved to Washington, D.C., where all the cases involving the Capitol rampage are being handled. He was released on an unsecured bond. In a criminal affidavit, an FBI special agent cited the widely circulated news interview that Baranyi gave in the wake of the attack, acknowledging his presence in the building."

The AP (1/13) reports from Trenton, New Jersey that Baranyi "was arrested Tuesday night by the FBI and charged with disorderly or disruptive conduct. He made his initial court appearance later that night via video conference, where bail was set at $100,000, but he was later released on an unsecured bond." Baranyi "gained attention on the day of the riots when he told a TV reporter that he was standing next to Ashli Babbitt when she was fatally shot inside the building, and held up his right hand to show blood that was still there." The AP adds, "In a criminal affidavit, FBI Special Agent Cassidy Vreeland wrote that Baranyi's identity and actions inside the Capitol were confirmed through the interview he gave to a local TV station and through online videos and photos."

FBI Arrests Florida Firefighter Who Wore Trump Hat During Siege. The New York Post (1/13, Rhett Miller, 7.45M) reports, "A Florida firefighter who was photographed inside the US Capitol during last week's deadly riot has been arrested by the FBI, officials said." According to the Post, "Sanford firefighter and paramedic Andrew Williams was arrested by federal authorities on charges of unlawful entry of a restricted building and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds for his role in the Jan. 6 siege, Fire Chief Crag Radzak confirmed Tuesday. Williams – employed by the department since 2016 – has been placed on administrative leave without pay as the federal criminal investigation and a separate internal probe proceeds, Radzak said." Williams, "who was taken into custody Tuesday, was arrested days after he was identified in a photo sent anonymously to Florida TV news station WSTM. The image shows the firefighter wearing a Trump 2020 hat while pointing to a sign for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the station reported."
**New York Man Who Threatened Warnock Charged.** The *New York Times* (1/13, Shanahan, Hong, 20.9M) reports that Eduard Florea of New York was charged with a weapons offense “after messages he posted on social media around the time of the Capitol riot raised alarms,” including a threat to incoming Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA). Florea told federal agents he wanted to join the far-right Proud Boys group and prosecutors say over 1,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, two dozen shotgun rounds, 75 military-style combat knives, two hatchets, and two swords were found in his home.

*Fox News* (1/13, Wallace, 23.98M) reports that Florea “was arrested at his home in Middle Village, Queens, and is expected to appear virtually in federal court in Brooklyn at 2 p.m. Wednesday, a law enforcement source confirmed to Fox News. He is charged with being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition.”

**Idaho Man Charged For Role in Capitol Riot.** The *Idaho Statesman* (1/13, Scholl, 299K) reports, “An Idaho man seen jumping onto the floor of the U.S. Senate during a riot in Washington, D.C. last week made his initial federal court appearance Wednesday in Boise, a day after turning himself in to FBI officials at the Ada County Sheriff’s Office.” Josiah Coit, 34, “was in custody Tuesday afternoon on a federal hold, according to Patrick Orr, spokesperson for the Ada County Sheriff’s Office. On Wednesday, an FBI spokesperson told the Statesman that Coit turned himself in to the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force.” Coit “appeared via video call for his initial hearing in federal court Wednesday, along with Boise attorney Chuck Peterson, who was assigned to be his counsel by Judge Ronald Bush.”

The *Idaho County (ID) Free Press* (1/13) reports that Coit “is charged federally with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. FBI Special Agent Matthew J. Gano wrote in an affidavit that photos of Colt taken inside the Capitol Building and his own statements on social media prove he participated in the attempted insurrection, which was aimed at stopping lawmakers from certifying Joe Biden as the next president of the United States.”

**FBI Probing Several Individuals In Western Pennsylvania.** WPXI-TV Pittsburgh (1/13, 149K) reports from Pittsburgh, “There’s no shortage of disturbing videos showing violence inside the capitol last week,” and “now we know some of the people involved in the riot may be from western Pennsylvania. ‘We are conducting investigations here. We have a number of leads. That’s been our focus all along with identifying any potential threats,” said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent In-Charge Michael Christman. Christman wouldn’t confirm how many people are being investigated, but said his office is working closely with investigators in Washington to find those responsible,” and “that involves investigating potential threats between now and the inauguration, including one that specifically mentioned Pittsburgh.” We’ve run those leads down. At this time, we would report there are no threats that we’re aware of in the Western District of Pennsylvania that are related to the inauguration,” Christman said.”

KYW-TV Philadelphia (1/13) reports, “FBI agents swarmed a house in Chester County on Tuesday. They carried out boxes and boxes of items. It all unfolded on the 100 block of Applegate Drive in West Goshen Township. At this hour, there are still more questions than answers as to why FBI agents raided this home Tuesday morning and what they were looking to find.” KYW-TV adds, “Neighbors in this normally quiet community in West Goshen Township were jarred by the sight of numerous FBI agents raiding a home on the 100 block of Applegate drive on Tuesday morning. The FBI has not specified exactly what sparked this activity. Officials confirm it’s in relation to an ongoing matter, without any further comment.”

**Rep. Cawthorn Under Scrutiny After Claiming He Was Armed During Capitol Attack.** The *Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times* (1/13, Moon, 192K) reports Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) is under scrutiny after he claimed he was armed during the attack on the US Capitol. It is unclear whether Cawthorn had permission to carry a loaded gun in the Capitol, and also whether he carried it “on the House floor or in parts of the Capitol where rules for lawmakers carrying firearms are more permissible.” While there are clear laws banning the general public from carrying guns on Capitol grounds “rules for lawmakers on where guns are permitted are murky.”

**National Guard Troops Securing Capitol As Inauguration Nears.** The *CBS Evening News* (1/13, story 3, 2:20, O'Donnell, 4.24M) reported, “Much of the Nation’s Capital is locked down with a huge security presence, with authorities very concerned about new threats of violence.” CBS’ Kris Van Cleave: “Two thousand National Guard troops are securing the Capitol, inside the grand halls and outside along the perimeter, some armed and authorized to defend themselves. Up to 20,000 could be deployed to protect Washington DC a week ahead of Joe Biden’s inauguration – nearly four times as many troops as are...
Currently in Iraq and Afghanistan." Pierre Thomas reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/13, story 4, 2:25, Muir, 6.95M), "Authorities are monitoring up to 10 organized events by demonstrators coming back to Washington. Some are calling it 'a week of siege.' They're warning one group [is] promising the largest armed protest on American soil. Another event is planned to 'capture and detain' Democratic politicians and set up a new government."

Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 4, 1:50, Holt, 5.73M), "It may be the biggest security presence in Washington since the Civil War: nine-foot-high perimeter fencing; buildings boarded up; streets closed; tens of thousands of local, state, and federal law enforcement officers — and today, news that an additional 5,000 National Guard troops are coming to DC, most of them armed." Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 10, 1:55, 5.73M) that "hundreds of National Guard troops in uniforms, rifles by their sides," slept "shoulder to shoulder on the marble floor of the Capitol Visitors Center." Norah O'Donnell similarly said on the CBS Evening News (1/13, story 9, 1:15, 4.24M), "Today, young men and women of the National Guard slept with their rifles in the same room where Union troops were quartered during the Civil War. A difficult time then, and now."

USA Today (1/13, Hayes, Wu, Miller, 12.7M) reports, "A tall metal fence surrounded the building as dozens of National Guardsmen stood at the perimeter cradling their rifles. Police officers and large dump trucks obstructed intersections for blocks surrounding the building, a stark contrast to security in the area last week when a mob of Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol." The New York Times (1/13, Eligon, Robbins, Kanro-Youngs, Cooper, 20.6M) reports "state of readiness remain[s] high" in Washington, with District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department Chief Robert Contee "saying on Wednesday that he expected more than 20,000 members of the National Guard in the Washington region on inauguration Day. It remains unclear how many of the Guard members will carry weapons."

The Washington Post (1/13, Horton, 10.52M) reports, "Officials say 10,000 will be in place by the weekend. National Guard forces in and around the Capitol will be armed, while others are expected to be unarmed. Defense Department officials are scrambling to establish an adequate plan for providing National Guard aid for the inauguration and avoid a repeat of last week's attempted insurrection." Politico (1/13, Bertrand, Seligman, 6.73M) reports Guard units "are being told to prepare for the possibility that improvised explosive devices will be used by individuals plotting to attack the Capitol in the days surrounding the inauguration."

The Hill (1/13, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports, "Biden's team expects to receive daily briefings on security and preparations for the inauguration, which will take place one week from Wednesday at the U.S. Capitol." The Hill adds, "The Biden transition team on Wednesday also emphasized the need for the Senate to swiftly confirm the president-elect's nominees for top national security positions in order to ensure a 'smooth handoff in power that will ensure continuous command and control across the homeland security and law enforcement components of the U.S. government.' The transition welcomed the decision by leaders on the Senate Homeland Security Committee to schedule a confirmation hearing for Alejandro Mayorkas, Biden's nominee to serve as secretary of homeland security, on Jan 19, the day that the Senate reconvenes."

TIME (1/13, Dozier, 18.1M) reports that the January 6 Capitol siege "has prompted U.S. security officials to think the unthinkable as they scramble to secure Washington ahead of next week's inauguration: that the enemy is already inside the house." TIME adds, "More than a dozen law enforcement officers and current and former military officials are reported to have taken part in the violent Jan. 6 insurrection. One Navy and two Air Force veterans are among those being investigated by law enforcement for the attack, as is a junior Army officer by his superiors, while several U.S. Capitol Police officers have been suspended after video showed them appearing to assist some of the rioters who were spurred to action by Trump's refusal to accept defeat." and "now the FBI is warning of planned armed protests at the Jan. 20 inauguration in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals, current senior U.S. officials tell TIME."

Reuters (1/13, Eric, Timmons) reports, "The website of Patriot Action for America, which was recently taken down, called for supporters to encircle the White House, Congress and Supreme Court days before 'to, at all costs, prevent Joseph Biden, or any other democrat from being inaugurated.' An image posted to the pro-Trump website The Donald called for protesters to 'stand up for liberty' with armed marches on Jan 17 at the U.S. Capitol and in state capitals, according to SITE Intelligence Group, a Maryland-based organization that tracks extremists, but 'users on some other far-right forums cautioned people not to attend the events, which they warned might be part of a plot to ensnare them.'"

The Los Angeles Times (1/13, Contreras, 3.37M) reports, "The FBI said extremists may not view their attack on the Capitol as a failed mission. Rather, the bureau warned, they may believe the siege helped 'advance' their goals."

USA Today (1/13, 12.7M) reports, "A suburban Chicago man, Louis Caprictti, was arrested Tuesday on a federal criminal charge on suspicion of threatening violence at the inauguration."

Reuters: Facebook Tracking Rise Of Violent Rhetoric Linked To Inauguration. Reuters (1/13, Paul) reports, "Facebook Inc has seen an increase in signals indicating potential future acts of violence associated with efforts to contest the result of the U.S. presidential election since the Capitol siege last week, a company spokeswoman told Reuters." The
spokeswoman “said late Tuesday the storming of the U.S. Capitol by armed pro-Trump demonstrators appeared to be a
galvanizing event, spawning efforts to organize gatherings across the country for multiple dates around President-elect Joe
Biden’s Jan. 20 inauguration. Signa7 Facebook tracked included digital flyers promoting the events, some of them featuring calls
to arms or the insignia of militias or hate groups, she said.” The FBI “has warned of armed protests being planned for
Washington and all 50 U.S. state capitals in the run-up to the inauguration.”

Airbnb To Cancel All DC-Area Reservations For Next Week. The New York Times (1/13, Gold, 20.6M) reports Airbnb
“will cancel all reservations made in the Washington area next week and block new rentals, the company announced in a
statement on Wednesday. The decision came after the police and elected officials warned Americans not to travel to Washington
for the inauguration.”

Joint Intelligence Bulletin Warns Capitol Breach May Encourage Extremists. The New York Times (1/13, Kanno-Youngs, 20.6M) reports that last week’s breach of the Capitol will be a “significant driver of violence” for extremists who are
targeting the inauguration, according to a joint intelligence bulletin issued jointly on Wednesday by the National
Counterterrorism Center, the DOJ and DHS. The “boogaloo” movement “may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by
conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States.” The officials “wrote that extremist groups
have viewed the breach of the Capitol as a success and have been galvanized by the death of Ashli Babbitt, a QAnon follower
who was shot by the police as she tried to enter the heavily protected Speaker’s Lobby, just outside the House chamber.”

Yahoo News (1/13, Knowles, 10.67M) reports briefly that the bulletin, “obtained by Yahoo News on Wednesday stated that
insurrection at the U.S. Capitol last week will likely spur domestic extremists to carry out more violent attacks.” The Week (1/13,
2.17M) picks up on the NYT story.

USA Today Analysis: Capitol Police Failures Stemmed From Decisions Made Prior To Attack. In an in-depth
analysis of the events of January 6, USA Today (1/13, Kelly, Duret, Padilla, Mansfield, J. Beard, Fraser, 12.7M) reports that
“decisions made long before the chaos cast the die for law enforcement’s failures, which played out in several critical moments
captured in social media videos and news coverage.” Law enforcement experts “say a reckoning may be painful for the forces
that allowed the halls of Congress to be breached for the first time since 1814,” City University of New York criminology professor
Christopher Chapman said. “They’ll have to admit one of two things: Either they’ll have to say that they can’t protect the Capitol,
or they’ll have to admit that they gave certain people preferential treatment because they didn’t view them as threats.”

Governors Prepare For Continued Violence Against State Capitals. The Washington Post (1/13, Bailey, Craig,
10.52M) reports from Minneapolis, Minnesota. “The nation’s governors, facing increasing threats to their capitols and little
support or information from the federal government, said Wednesday that they are bracing for long-term dangers from extremist
groups who already have breached government buildings, damaged property and been linked to threats against state leaders
and their families. ‘It’s going to take quite a while to turn back what’s started here,’ said Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D), who
has participated in joint calls in recent days with other Midwest governors about the possibility of fresh violence in the
aftermath of last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol and an FBI warning about armed far-right extremists gathering across the country
this weekend.”

State Lawmakers Attended January 6 Rally. Politico (1/13, Siders, 6.73M) reports, “Lawmakers from more than a dozen
states attended the Jan. 6 rally, while scores more cheered on the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement from afar. And in the days since
the insurrection, these Republicans continued to question the election while giving air to debunked claims that Antifa or other
leftist agitators — not pro-Trump rioters — were primarily responsible for the destruction that followed. ‘I wouldn’t trust a word that
comes out of the FBI’s mouth at this point,’ Mark Finchem, a Republican state representative from Arizona, said when asked
about an FBI briefing of House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy that suggested no reason to believe Antifa was involved.”

Some Push Back Against Calls For Expanded Security Structure After Capitol Assault. The Daily Beast (1/13,
Ackerman, 933K) reports, “Oklahoma City showed that there is a long history of impunity for Radical White Terror,” and without
“that impunity, the storming of the Capitol would have been impossible.” However, “arduous and necessary political, social, and
prosecutorial work will be short-circuited if the U.S. treats January 6 as another September 11, according to former security
officials, law enforcement experts and prominent left-wing politicians.” Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) said, “The answer is not a
broader security structure, or a deeper police state.” The tools created in the PATRIOT Act “allowed the Pentagon to spy on
antiwar activists; permitted the Department of Homeland Security to use drone surveillance on Black Lives Matter protesters;
facilitated the FBI mapping entire American Muslim communities without suspicion of wrongdoing.”

Experts Urge Authorities To Enforce Laws Banning Unauthorized “Militias.” USA Today (1/13, Carlss, 12.7M) reports that “some legal experts are calling on authorities to enforce longstanding laws outlawing organized groups that act as
citizen-run, unauthorized militias.” Various federal and state laws “outlaw groups that engage in activities reserved for state
agencies, including acting as law enforcement, training and drills together, engaging in crowd control and making shows of
Experts Say Threat Of Violence From Extremist Groups Unlikely To Fade. The AP (1/13, Boone, Flaccus, Kunzelman) reports, “As rioters laid siege to the U.S. Capitol, the seat of American democracy became a melting pot of extremist groups: militia members, white supremacists, paramilitary organizations, anti-maskers and fanatical supporters of President Donald Trump, standing shoulder to shoulder in rage.” Experts say it was the culmination of years of increasing radicalization and partisanship, combined with a growing fascination with paramilitary groups and a global pandemic, and warn that the armed insurrection that left five people dead and shock the country could be just the beginning. As the FBI issues warnings about plans for armed protests across the country, “those who monitor online chatter say the threat of more violence by far-right fringe groups hasn’t abated.”

WPost Analysis: QAnon Radicalized Americans, Poses Challenges For Biden. The Washington Post (1/13, Harwell, Stanley-Becker, Nakhiawi, Timberg, 10.52M) reports that attack on the US Capitol is “a grim milestone in how the paranoid conspiracy theory QAnon has radicalized Americans, reshaped the Republican Party and gained a forceful grip on right-wing belief.” QAnon’s prominence at the Capitol riots, as its devotees joined extremist group members and white supremacists, “shows how powerful the conspiracy theory has become, and how quickly it has established a life of its own.” Its “grip on the conservative psyche is growing,” and online “believers are offering increasingly outlandish theories,” as well as sharing ideas on overturning the election — “with violence, if necessary.” QAnon “presents long-term challenges” for Joe Biden by “fomenting resistance” both to democratic governance and to measures to address the coronavirus pandemic, such as mass vaccination.

FAA Steps Up Enforcement Against Unruly Passengers. The AP (1/13) reports that, citing “a disturbing increase in incidents where airline passengers have disrupted flights with threatening or violent behavior” both from a refusal to wear masks and the Capitol riots, the Federal Aviation Administration has increased enforcement against unruly airline passengers. Through March 30, instead of issuing warnings to unruly passengers, the FAA will launch legal enforcement actions.

News (1/13, Shepardson) reports FAA Administrator Dickson said, “We will no longer adjudicate certain of these unruly passenger cases with counseling or warnings. We’re going to go straight to enforcement.” He also “warned disruptive passengers could face up to $35,000 fines and possible jail time.”

Capitol Rioters May Be Placed On No-Fly List. The Washington Post (1/13, Aratani, 10.52M) reports that “using the no-fly list to block people from returning to Washington in the days leading to the inauguration” is being considered, and “that issue probably will be raised by law enforcement officials during a Thursday briefing for members of the House Homeland Security Committee.” Steven D’Antuono, head of the FBI’s Washington Field Office, previously said the agency was considering that measure, and “Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, also called for rioters to be banned from flying.”

Minnesota Approves Weekend Events By “Storm The Capitol” Organizer. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, Montemayor, 555K) reports Minnesota’s Department of Administration approved for a so-called “Church Service” for Sunday and a Saturday “Freedom Fest” at the at Minnesota State Capitol, both led by Becky Stohmeier, “the Bloomington conservative activist behind last week’s ‘Storm the Capitol’ rally,” which is under investigation by state law enforcement.

Minnesota Man Pleads Guilty To Serving As An ISIS Recruit. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K) reports Abdelhamid Al-Macioum “pleaded guilty Wednesday to abandoning his family while vacationing in Morocco and joining an ISIS battalion trained to unleash suicide terror attacks in Europe.” Federal guidelines “call for Al-Macioum to be sentenced to the maximum of 20 years in prison followed by anywhere from five years to life under supervised release.”

The AP (1/13) reports that, according to his plea deal, he “left his family while they were visiting extended relatives in Morocco in 2015 and went to Istanbul, Turkey, where members of the Islamic State group helped him cross into Syria.” He also “admitted in his guilty plea that he was assigned to a battalion that was responsible for training and preparing foreign fighters to carry out suicide attacks in Europe.”

NASA Scientist Pleads Guilty To Lying In China Trade Secrets Probe. Bloomberg (1/13, Dolmatsch, 3.57M) reports from New York, “A senior NASA scientist admitted to lying to authorities about his participation in a program the U.S. says is designed to siphon intellectual property to China.” Meyya Meyyappan, of Pacifica, California, “pledged guilty on Wednesday in federal court in New York to one count of making false statements, Acting U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss in
Manhattan said in a statement. Meyyappan, 66, has worked for NASA since 1996 and has been chief scientist for exploration technology at the Center for Nanotechnology at Ames Research Center in California since 2006, according to the statement. Prosecutors said Meyyappan participated in China’s Thousand Talents Program and “served as a professor at universities in China, South Korea and Japan,” but “when questioned by FBI agents, NASA’s inspector general and government attorneys in October, he denied that he took part in the program or held professorships at the schools.”

**Federal Prosecutors Charge Three With Exporting US Goods To Iran.** [Milwaukie (Ml) (1/13, Chapman, 828K)] reports, “Federal prosecutors in Detroit have charged three men accused of ‘conspiring to export nine electrical discharge boards, one CPU board, two servo motors, and two railroad crankshafts from the United States to Iran in violation of economic sanctions under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) and the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations (ITSR).’” US Attorney Matthew Schneider said, “The deeply disturbing allegations in this case are that the defendants conspired to export highly sophisticated American manufacturing equipment and other American-made items into the arms of the Iranians.” The indictment also alleges the “defendants and their coconspirators planned and acted outside of the United States – in Iran and Canada, among other places – to purchase goods inside the United States to send to Iran.”

**Judge Denies Bond For Alleged Whitmer Kidnapping Plot Leader.** [Milwaukie (Ml) (1/13, Tunison, 828K) reports from Grand Rapids, Michigan, “A Delaware man described by prosecutors as ‘probably the most committed violent extremist’ of those accused in the Whitmer kidnapping plot has been denied bond.” US District Judge Sally Berens on Wednesday “ruled that giving 45-year-old Barry Croft Jr. bond would be too much of a risk to the community, particularly given his anti-police statements and apparent ability to construct improvised explosives. After a lengthy delay because of coronavirus-related issues, Croft appeared in a Grand Rapids courtroom for his first Michigan hearing since being arrested Oct. 8.” Croft “is one of six men facing federal charges in an alleged plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer over coronavirus lockdowns and other issues.”

The Detroit News (1/13, Snell, 1.19M) reports that Croft “claimed he had permission from God to commit murder and was the national leader of a militia group that noted at the U.S. Capitol last week, an FBI agent said Wednesday.” The News adds, “The new details emerged as Croft ‘pleaded not guilty and was denied bond during a hearing in federal court in Grand Rapids. The hearing marked Croft’s first appearance in a Michigan courtroom since being charged alongside five others in October in a case that has focused national attention on violent extremism in Michigan.” Croft “is the national leader of the 3 Percenters, a small militia that participated in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, FBI Special Agent Richard Trask said during the hearing, which featured undercover audio and video recorded by FBI informants. At one point Wednesday, Croft was asked to stand and display the 3 Percenters tattoo on his hand.”

**Indicted Ohio Councilman Claims FBI Made “Prejudicial Statements” During Press Conference.** [WXXI-TV Cincinnati (1/13, Baker, Riva, 75K) reports that suspended Cincinnati City Councilman P.G Sittenfeld’s legal team “is continuing its vigorous legal challenge to his federal corruption charges,” and they have “accused federal authorities of misstating facts and the law in his indictment.” Their filing reads, “The motion argues that Mr. Sittenfeld has the right to present a complete defense. By cherry-picking excerpts from longer conversations, the government has misconstrued essential facts and limited access to evidence, which not only impacts the jury pool and potential defense witnesses but also compromises the integrity of our criminal justice system.”

[WIVI-TV Cincinnati (1/13, Albright, 315K) reports that the legal team “is now asking that the audio recordings be released without restriction.” The US Attorney’s Office “said they will respond with a court filing of their own.”

[WVIU-FM Cincinnati (1/13, Swartsell, 4K) reports that the indictment “alleges [Sittenfeld] received $40,000 in bribes from undercover agents and an FBI informant in 2018 and 2019 in exchange for favorable public policy actions on a Downtown development deal involving sports betting at 435 Elm Street.”

Also reporting are Cincinnati Enquirer (1/13, 223K) and WCPO-TV Cincinnati (1/13, 185K).

**Cybersecurity Efforts Criticized Following SolarWinds Hack.** [Bloomberg (1/13, Sebenius, 3.57M) reports, “Congress and federal agencies have been slow or unwilling to address warnings about cybersecurity.” They have shelved “recommendations that are considered high priority while investing in programs that have fallen short.” The SolarWinds hack, “disclosed in December, came after years of warnings from a watchdog group and cybersecurity experts.” For instance, in March, the Cyberspace Solarium Commission “presented a set of recommendations to Congress... that included additional safeguards to ensure more trusted supply chains.” Acting CISA Director Brandon Wales said in a statement, “Upon learning of this cybersecurity campaign in mid-December, CISA immediately began working to understand the scope of the campaign, share information and detections and assist compromised entities with remediation.” He added, “We released an emergency cyber
Meanwhile, *BBC News* (1/13, 875K) reports, Microsoft President Brad Smith "called the SolarWinds hack an 'mass indiscriminate global assault' that should be a wake-up call to cyber-defenders." The Microsoft official "was making a keynote speech at the CES technology trade show." President-elect Biden has "created a new post for a former National Security Agency official to help determine the US response to the attack." Anne Neuberger "will now be responsible for trying to persuade US agencies and the country's wider cyber-security sector to work together against such threats." Neuberger told CBS News in August, "It was really great to see five different cyber-security entities using that to identify other Russian intelligence infrastructure and then take that down."

**Trump Denounces US Capitol Violence As House Impeaches Him For Second Time.** On Wednesday afternoon, with less than one week left in his term, President Trump became the first US president to be impeached twice by the House, with the *sole article of impeachment passing 232-197*, with all Democrats and 10 Republicans in favor, and four Republicans not voting. The AP (1/13) reports the President released a five-minute video "condemning the violent insurrection he fomented at the Capitol last week" shortly after the vote. Trump said in part, "I want to be very clear: I unequivocally condemn the violence that we saw last week. ... Like all of you I was shocked and deeply saddened by the calamity." The AP says Trump "made no reference" to the impeecrert

"The New York Post" (1/13, Bowden, 7.45M) says the message "was the exact statement that Trump's allies and critics alike both begged him to send as thousands of his supporters, angry with the outcome of the election, laid siege to Congress while lawmakers inside were voting to certify Joe Biden's victory." The *New York Times* (1/13, Haberman, Schmidt, 20.6M) reports Trump released the video "under heavy pressure from his advisers." Trump "offered no note of humility, regret or self-reflection about his two months of false claims that the election was stolen from him. But it was also a broader condemnation of the violence than he has offered so far." The *DailyCaller* (1/13, 37.5K) reports Trump said he was briefed "on potential violent acts planned ahead of next week's inauguration "and had directed federal agencies to utilize all possible resources to ensure a 'peaceful transfer of power.'"

Earlier Wednesday, the *New York Times* (1/13, Benner, 20.6M) reports, Trump "issued a statement calling on Americans to 'ease tensions and calm tempers.'" The statement was "released by the White House and sent by text to Mr. Trump's supporters." The statement reads: "In light of reports of more demonstrations, I urge that there must be NO violence, NO lawbreaking and NO vandalism of any kind. That is not what I stand for, and it is not what America stands for." *Fox News* (1/13, Singman, 23.9K) reports on its website that the White House press office "later sent out the statement while attempting to post it to all of Trump's official social media accounts."

The *Washington Post* (1/13, Rucker, Dawsey, Parker, 10.5M) writes, "With less than seven days remaining in his presidency, Trump's inner circle is shrinking, offices in his White House are emptying, and the president is lashing out at some of those who remain. He is angry that his allies have not mounted a more forceful defense of his incitement of the mob that stormed the Capitol last week," according to "advisers and associates."

*House Votes 232-197 To Impeach Trump.* In opening *ABC World News Tonight* (1/13, lead story, 6:45, 6.95M), David Muir called it a "night of history made in America. For the first time ever, a president has been impeached twice – one week to the day after that deadly assault on the Capitol." House Speaker Pelosi "called the President a 'clear and present danger,' saying the House has a sacred obligation to stand for the truth against the lies of what she said is a desperate President who feels his power slipping away." House Minority Leader McCarthy said Trump "bears responsibility after the assault on the Capitol, but saying he did not support impeachment on this timeline." *ABC's* Mary Bruce: "One week to the day after a violent mob of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, Congress tonight impeached the man who sent them there, charging the President with incitement of insurrection."

Norah O'Donnell said on the *CBS Evening News* (1/13, lead story, 5:10, 4.24M) that Pelosi "says she will immediately send the article of impeachment to the Senate so the President can stand trial." But Senate Majority Leader McConnell "says that won't happen before [Joe] Biden is inaugurated next Wednesday." *CBS's* Nancy Cordes: "This historic bipartisan vote took place in the same chamber where one week ago today lawmakers were cowering and praying for their lives. ... Voting in a Capitol that has now become a fortress, House members impeached the 45th President for putting them in harm's way one week ago today." Lester Holt said on *NBC Nightly News* (1/13, lead story, 4:15, 5.73M), "Added to the list of grave, unimaginable, and simply stunning moments that keep rocking our country, for the second time in 13 months the House of Representatives has voted to impeach President Donald Trump. This time Democrats, backed by several Republicans, laying the mantle of blame for one of this country's ugliest and most dangerous moments squarely at the President's feet."
The AP (1/13, Mascaro, Jalonick, Lemaire) reports, “With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House...moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president’s calls for them to fight like hell against the election results.” USA Today (1/13, Fritz, Subramanian, 12.7M) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer, who will become majority leader later this month, said, “There will be an impeachment trial in the United States Senate, there will be a vote on convicting the President for high crimes and misdemeanors. And if the President is convicted, there will be a vote on barring him from running again.”

The New York Times (1/13, Fandos, 20.8M) reports the 10 GOP defections were “a remarkable break from the head of the party by Republicans.” The Washington Post (1/13, Blake, 10.52M) reports that it was “the most bipartisan [presidential impeachment] vote in history.” Five Democrats voted to impeach Bill Clinton in 1998, and though Andrew Johnson was overwhelmingly impeached in 1868, it was “on a party-line vote in the Republican-dominated House.” The New York Post (1/13, Nelson, Moore, Golighty, 7.46M) reports, “No members of the GOP voted in 2019 to impeach Trump the first time.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Andrews, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports McCarthy and other Republicans who opposed impeachment said the effort was rushed, and unnecessary with Trump set to leave office anyway. The Detroit Free Press (1/13, Spangler, 2.16M) reports, “McCarthy and others argued throughout the day that while the armed mob delayed the work of Congress for several hours in finalizing the Electoral College count for Biden over Trump’s baseless claims that the election had been corrupt, impeaching the president so close to his leaving office would only continue division in the country.” The San Francisco Chronicle (1/13, Garofoli, 24.4M) says McCarthy, “who is so tight with Trump that the president refers to him as ‘my Kevin,’ barely defended the president during his House speech. And he did something that he hasn’t done over the past four years: He told Trump to ‘accept his share of responsibility.’” The Dallas Morning News (1/13, 772K) reports McCarthy “rejected impeachment in favor of censure — a step nearly as rare, if only symbolic.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M) writes, “The fast-moving scene of political tumult is an appropriate coda for a Trump career that has broken precedent, norms and laws at every turn. Even in the Senate, Republicans are beginning to envision what was unthinkable just days ago: that there might be enough votes to produce the two-thirds majority needed to convict Trump, although most likely not until he is out of office.” The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/13, Tamari) says Trump “now faces the possibility of becoming the only president ever convicted in a Senate trial. There is far more uncertainty than last year, when Senate Republicans firmly rejected impeachment charges centered on Trump’s attempt to pressure Ukrainian leaders to tar Biden.”

CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports on its website, “During the last impeachment effort, Trump allies in and out of the White House publicly defended him and sent out talking points throughout the impeachment proceeding.” On Wednesday, “it was the President who was left to fend for himself at the White House. There was no organized effort to send out talking points, unlike his first impeachment.” The Boston Globe (1/13, 1.04M) writes, “The House’s swift repudiation, coming one week after a violent mob breached the Capitol and led to five deaths, is all but certain to cleave [Trump’s] party and diminish his legacy, even if it is unlikely to force him from office.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/13, 1.46M) says the “unprecedented second impeachment of an American president came without hearings, witnesses or testimony.”

Peter Baker of the New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) writes, “Not since the dark days of the Civil War and its aftermath has Washington seen a day quite like Wednesday. In a Capitol bristling with heavily armed soldiers and newly installed metal detectors, with the physical wreckage of last week’s siege cleaned up but the emotional and political wreckage still on display, the president of the United States was impeached for trying to topple American democracy.” Baker says it “felt like the preordained coda of presidency that repeatedly pressed all limits and frayed the bonds of the body politic. ... Faith in the system has eroded. Anger is the one common ground.”

The New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) editorializes, “It has come to this: Lawmakers are telling journalists that they were casting their impeachment votes in a climate of threats where they feared for their own and their families’ safety. ... A representative democracy cannot function under the threat from violent extremists determined to overturn the results of a presidential election that they lost. Americans — whether elected officials or regular citizens — should not live in fear that they could be attacked or killed for doing their jobs or supporting a particular candidate.” Republicans “who objected to the electoral vote results on the grounds of mythical election fraud should immediately and publicly apologize, repudiate their lies and admit that Joe Biden won the election fairly.”

The Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M) editorializes, “There is no doubt Mr. Trump deserved to be impeached.” But impeachment “does not obviate the need for further investigation. Large questions remain: How close did the mob come to harming members of Congress or the vice president? Was there a conspiracy? Were other GOP leaders involved? What was the source of the pipe bombs discovered on Jan. 6? Why was the Capitol so exposed and backup seemingly so unavailable? What measures must be taken to ensure this never happens again?” If McConnell “refuses to convene the Senate this week, senators must move with dispatch once they have convened. ... The nation would be better served by a prompt trial ending in the guilty verdict Mr. Trump deserves.”
The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says in an editorial that while it has called on Trump to resign, the hasty impeachment trial one week before Trump will leave office was divisive and unnecessary, and raises the question of whether an impeachment trial of a president who is no longer in office is even constitutional. The New York Daily News (1/13, 2.51M) editorializes, “Huzzah for the House of Representatives, including 10 Republicans who put country before party. ... After pressuring Georgia officials to change their certified, hand-counted results, Trump’s incendiary words on Jan. 6 tossed a lit match into a pile of dry kindling, inciting the siege on the Capitol. Such direct assaults on the democratic process should disqualify an American from serving as president. His appeals for calm are laughably late, inherently hollowed.”

The San Francisco Chronicle (1/13, 2.44M) editorializes that Trump has become “the first twice-impeached president in the most bipartisan such vote in U.S. history Wednesday, an ignominious valetory that was as fitting as it was unprecedented.” Impeachment “is the least Trump should expect for an act of lawlessness that warrants his immediate removal from office. But the boundless cowardice of those who enabled him to this point will likely spare him that fate.” The Chicago Tribune (1/13, 2.03M) editorializes, “Trump is a failed leader not fit to serve. If he lasts his final days in office without causing more chaos, America will be lucky. ... Off the table, apparently, is a Senate trial that would remove the president from office in his final days if he is convicted. That’s OK. We’re still heartened the House took action. The threat of trial could be enough to keep Trump’s behavior in check.”

The Boston Globe (1/13, 1.04M) editorializes, “When a president calls for violence against fellow political leaders and revolts against the government and nation he is supposed to defend as commander in chief, Congress has little choice but to protect democracy through the constitutional measure of impeachment. And since Trump didn’t simply resign, getting him out swiftly is a matter of national security.” The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K) editorializes, “Trump has been impeached a second time — a fitting disgrace for a leader who has besmirched his office, betrayed his oath and fomented violent invasion of the U.S. Capitol. ... The Trump years have shown us an ugliness that must be rooted out, with a national recommitment to democratic values. That is what will keep America great.”

Ten Republicans Vote To Impeach Trump. The AP (1/13, Peoples) reports, “The unbreakable wall of Republican support that encouraged and enabled Donald Trump’s norm-shattering presidency cracked on Wednesday.” The New York Times (1/13, Elgin, 20.6M) reports “10 Republicans cast their votes in favor” of impeachment, “exactly one week after the Capitol was breached by an angry mob of Trump loyalists.” USA Today (1/13, Hayes, 12.7M) reports the 10 defectors were Reps. Liz Cheney (R-WY), Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), John Katko (R-NY), Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), Peter Meijer (R-MI), Don Newhouse (R-WA), Tom Rice (R-SC), Fred Upton (R-MI), and David Valadao (R-CA).

The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (1/13, 94K) reports Cheney “defended her vote...on Wednesday, telling reporters that some votes ‘should never be partisan.’” The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/13, 1.22M) reports Gonzalez said in a statement, “The President of the United States helped organize and incite a mob that attacked the United States Congress in an attempt to prevent us from completing our solemn duties as prescribed by the Constitution. In doing so, five people have died — including a Capitol Police Officer — many more have been injured, and our democracy has been shaken.” The Clerk County (WA) Columbia (1/13, 79K) reports Herrera Beutler voted to impeach “in a stunning final rebuke” of Trump, “calling] on her colleagues to embrace the moral clarity that comes with accepting the truth.”

The Syracuse (NY) Post-Standard (1/13, 467K) reports Katko said in a Tuesday evening floor speech that members “had] a constitutional duty to respond and impeach Trump. To allow the president of the United States to incite this attack without consequence is a direct threat to the future of our democracy,” he said.” The Chicago Sun-Times (1/13, 970K) reports Kinzinger said in an interview, “I think there’s going to be a lot of reckoning in this party about how did we get here, how we were led here, what did we do wrong, what did we do right. ... And I think the next few months will tell; does this party, you know... does it wake up Saturday morning from a Friday night bender and look around and say, ‘What did we do?’” The Minneapolis (Minn) Star Tribune (1/13, 828K) reports Meijer said before the vote, “I believe the article of impeachment to be accurate. The President betrayed his oath of office by seeking to undermine our constitutional process, and he bears responsibility for inciting the violent acts of insurrection last week.”

The Tri-City Herald (WA) (1/13, 84K) reports Newhouse said in a statement, “A vote against this impeachment is a vote to validate the unacceptable violence we witnessed in our nation’s capital.” Newhouse “also criticized Trump’s lack of action after rioters entered the Capitol building. ‘He did not strongly condemn the attack nor did he call in reinforcements when our officers were overwhelmed,’” he said. “Our country needed a leader, and President Trump failed to fulfill his oath of office.” The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (1/13, Novelly, Fleming, 299K) reports Rice “stunned the South Carolina political universe” with his vote, which is “destined to spark outrage in his home district where support for Trump runs high and to the extreme.”
Rice said he spent the last week reading how the president responded to the Jan. 6 protests. While he doesn't think the president exactly called for protesters to storm the Capitol, the way Trump responded to the violence was unacceptable.

The Detroit News (1/13, 1.18M) reports Upton said in an interview before the vote, "I'm going to do the right thing. The Constitution has to come first, I'm sorry. The President's failure to take any blame for what happened last week is inexcusable. ... Calling these people 'patriots' as they were looting the Capitol? They're almost worse than the British when they burned it down."

The Vandalia (CA) Times-Delta (1/13, 14K) reports Valadao said in a statement, "Based on the facts before me, I have to go with my gut and vote my conscience. I voted to impeach President Trump. His inciting rhetoric was un-American, aberrant, and absolutely an impeachable offense. It's time to put country over politics."

Politico (1/13, Zanona, 6.73M) reports "conservative hard-liners are moving against Cheney over her vote. Members of the Freedom Caucus "began circulating a petition Wednesday to force a special conference meeting so they could debate and vote on a resolution calling on Cheney to resign" as House Republican Conference Chair, the third-ranking slot in the GOP leadership. Breitbart (1/13, 1.26M) reports one unnamed House Republican predicted "that as many as half of the House Republican conference might vote to oust" Cheney. The Hill (1/13, Brufke, 5.89M) reports McCarthy "would not comment when asked multiple times on his thoughts on the matter or whether he would back the effort." The Daily Caller (1/13, 375K) reports Cheney "rebuked resignation calls from her fellow GOP lawmakers." She told a reporter, "I'm not going anywhere."

McConnell Says He Has "Not Made A Final Decision" On Convicting, But Will Not Permit Early Trial. The AP (1/13, Fram) reports McConnell "pointedly did not rule out Wednesday that he might eventually vote to convict Trump," but he also blocked a quick Senate impeachment trial. In a letter to his GOP colleagues, McConnell wrote, "I have not made a final decision on how I will vote and I intend to listen to the legal arguments when they are presented to the Senate." The Washington Post (1/13, Kane, 10.52M) calls McConnell's words "a dramatic shift from his position during Trump's first impeachment a year ago, when he publicly stressed that he was not an impartial juror and privately worked in concert with White House officials to map out the president's eventual acquittal in the Senate."

The New York Times (1/13, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports, "Because the Senate is not scheduled to hold a regular session until Jan. 19,. an agreement between McConnell and Schumer would be needed to begin the trial before then. McConnell said he "would not agree to do so, meaning that the article could not be taken up until the day before Mr. Biden is sworn in" at the earliest. USA Today (1/13, Hayes, 12.7M) reports McConnell, "in a statement after the House impeached Trump, said the Senate trial would not be rushed and concluded, 'There is simply no chance that a fair or serious trial could conclude before President-elect Biden is sworn in next week."

Politico (1/13, Levine, Desiderio, Stein, 6.73M) reports Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) "is leading the charge" against convicting Trump in the Senate. Graham, "who just last week said he had had 'enough of Trump's bid for overturn the election results after he incited a deadly riot at the Capitol, has been calling around to Republican senators urging them to oppose convicting the president in the Senate's expected impeachment trial."

NYTimes Analysis: "Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray." The New York Times (1/13, Shear, Crowley, 20.9M) reports under the headline "As His Predecessor Is Impeached, Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray" that while "his fellow Democrats are red hot with rage after the assault on the Capitol," Biden "has maintained a studied cool, staying largely removed from the searing debate" over impeachment "and keeping his focus on battling a deadly pandemic, reviving a faltering economy and lowering the political temperature." Biden "has deferred to" Pelosi and other Capitol Hill Democrats, and "has spent the past week honing policy proposals and introducing new appointees while delivering a carefully calibrated, above-the-fray message."
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History

The Story

For the first time in history, a sitting US president has been impeached twice.

What a year.

And it had quite the start. Since the deadly siege at the US Capitol, the country (and the world) has grappled with feelings of anger, shock, and horror that such an attack could happen. And some lawmakers moved quickly to hold people (including President Trump) accountable. Earlier this week, House Democrats introduced an article of impeachment against the president: "incitement of insurrection." And accused him of "willfully" encouraging his supporters to attack one of the highest levels of the US government. Yesterday, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump — for the second time in just over a year.

Go on...

Unlike the first time, 10 Republican lawmakers joined their Democratic colleagues in favor of impeachment. It's the most bipartisan presidential impeachment in history. Some GOP lawmakers called the president's behavior a "betrayal" and argued voting against it would "validate the unacceptable violence." But others within the party said it would do more damage. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) argued it would "further fan the flames of partisan division." And Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) claimed Democrats were "canceling the president."
And what about the Dems?

All 222 Democratic lawmakers voted in favor. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) said the president’s “clear and present danger” meant “he must go.” And others like Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO) pleaded for his fellow Republican lawmakers to stop being “paralyzed with fear,” show “courage,” and vote to impeach.

What’s next?

It’s unclear. Now that the House has impeached Trump, the Senate will decide whether to convict him. Given that Trump’s term ends in six days, it’s unlikely the Senate will vote to remove him from office before then. Especially since the upper chamber is in recess until Jan 19, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) doesn’t plan on bringing them back early. So the Senate trial could be pushed into Biden’s term, when Dems will have control of the Senate. If convicted, they could push to bar him from future political office, something that would require a simple majority of senators (read: 51). And they could also work to keep him from receiving benefits allotted to former presidents, like a pension and travel budget.

And in the meantime?

The president, who had called the second impeachment a “witch hunt,” could spend his last days in office arguing that his remarks ahead of the Capitol riots are protected by the First Amendment. Meanwhile, the Republican Party appears to be split as several lawmakers broke with four years of Trump’s politics. Already, there are calls to remove Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY), the third-ranking House Republican, for supporting yesterday’s impeachment vote. And some face death threats. For Dems, they have to decide how they’ll juggle moving forward with a new admin while following through on intentions to convict the president.

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Over the course of a week, the US has seen an attack on its democratic principles. And the fastest impeachment in history that proves that such threats on our nation have consequences, even for the president.

A Clear Message
A week after the US Capitol was breached for the first time in over 200 years, current and future leaders stood up and gave a clear message:

**President Trump**...After he was impeached for the second time, the president shared a video message in which he "unequivocally" condemned last week's violent riots. Following reports of possible upcoming demonstrations, he *urged* for there to be "no violence, no lawbreaking, and no vandalism of any kind." And called on his supporters to think of ways to "ease tensions" and "help to promote peace in our country."

**President-elect Joe Biden**...As he transitions into his role as a world leader next week, he urged supporters not to attend his inauguration on Jan 20 and instead watch the events virtually. This is in part to follow safety guidelines amid the pandemic. And amid the threat of more armed protests. The president-elect has called for those involved in the Capitol riots to be held accountable.

**And others**...Washington, DC, officials said the number of troops helping secure the nation's capital could *expand from 15,000 to 20,000*. Meanwhile, Airbnb and HotelTonight are canceling and blocking reservations in DC ahead of the inauguration due to safety concerns.

And Also...This

**Where things are breaking more records...**

The US. Earlier this week, it hit another grim record of over 4,300 daily COVID-19 deaths. And the number of infections continues to rise despite a national vaccine rollout. Meanwhile, researchers in Ohio have discovered two new variants of the virus that likely originated in the US. They're different from the ones found in the UK and in South Africa. And while there's no evidence that they're deadlier, experts say they spread more easily — which could be a problem for *already-struggling hospitals*.

...Oh and amid the rise in cases, the NBA has postponed several games this week and tightened protocols. Masks on the bench are in, handshakes are out.
Who the US is sending a message to...

China. Yesterday, the US gov announced it would stop imports of certain goods (think: cotton, tomato products) from China's Xinjiang region. Reminder: That's where the Communist Party is accused of detaining more than 1 million Uighur Muslims and other ethnic minorities in forced labor camps. Now, US officials are reportedly saying they've got info that "reasonably indicates" the allegations are true. And they're taking a stand. Acting DHS Deputy Sec Ken Cuccinelli said the ban is to push China to abandon its inhumane practices. It's the Trump admin's latest effort to crack down on China.

- Looking at you: The admin's ban comes amid growing calls for companies like Nike, Zara, and Amazon to stop sourcing their products from the region — which supplies over 80% of China's cotton.

Who's facing the music...

Former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R). Yesterday, he was charged for his role in the Flint water crisis. In 2014, state officials switched the city's water supply to a nearby river to cut costs. The problem: the water wasn't treated properly, leading local pipes to corrode and exposing tens of thousands of people in the majority-Black city to dangerous levels of lead. 12 people also died from Legionnaires' — a form of pneumonia that can come from bacteria thriving in water. Now, Snyder's been charged with willful neglect of duty and faces up to a year in prison. Snyder's defense team says there's "no evidence" to support criminal charges.
What's taking initiative...

Apple. Yesterday, it announced new details on its plan to combat systemic racism and promote racial equality. The initiative includes: a $25 million donation to the Propel Center, which supports Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The launch of the Apple Developer Academy to support tech and coding students in Detroit. And venture capital funding for Black and Brown founders. Apple hopes these resources will "create meaningful change."

Sephora. Yesterday, it announced plans to combat racial bias at its stores. The company will stock the store shelves with more Black-owned brands and feature them more prominently there and on its website. It'll also reportedly revamp its marketing tactics to be more inclusive and provide its employees with diversity and inclusion training. On top of that, it plans to reduce the number of security officers in its stores and roll out a new greeting system to prevent unfair treatment of its customers.

...Oh and speaking of pushing for change, this new project is encouraging Black journalists to speak out about their experiences with racism.

Why winter came for House Dire Wolves...

When you play the game of evolution, you mate or you die.

Thing to Know
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That's how many millimeters eyelashes grow a day on average. Not exactly speed enthusiasts. Lashes go through three phases: anagen (active growth), catagen (transitional or degradation), and telogen (resting). The whole process is similar to — but much shorter than — the life cycle of hair on your head.

If you're feeling impatient, let Lancôme's new Lash Idôle mascara help you out. The brush has 360 micro bristles, so it targets every. single. lash...no matter what stage it's in or how long it is. Oh, and the gel-like formula has white tea extract, so it conditions while lifting, lengthening, and volumizing. Plus, Skimm'rs get 20% off with code SKIMM. Add to cart.
Making $$$ moves can be intimidating...and overwhelming. So today's challenge keeps it simple: Write down whatever finance-y stuff is stressing you out. Because it's a lot easier to tackle anxiety when you know what's causing it. Then check out our guide when you're ready to make a plan so you can afford the life you want. Aaand breathe.

Wanna see our past challenges? Here's where you can find 'em.
Here are our favorite picks to help you take a break today...

1. 25 mocktail recipes that aren't just juice or soda. There's more to life than Negronis and mulled wine. Cheers to you, dry January.

2. Meditation apps for when 'calm' is your word of the year. Enter: one that'll help you get better sleep, one for all the new parents out there, one for pain relief, and more. Download now and press play stat.

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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.

Moving on up.. She’s finishing her family medicine residency and will be starting a sports medicine fellowship at this summer.

Getting all the titles with the Utah State Board of Education.

(Some) Birthdays...

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Wray, Rosen Haven’t Appeared In Public Since Attack On US Capitol.

The AP (1/13, Tucker, Balsamo) reports that in the wake of the attack on the US Capitol, “neither FBI Director Chris Wray nor acting Attorney General Jeff Rosen has appeared in public or joined lower-level officials at news conferences or on calls updating the public on the case.” Neither official appearing on TV to answer questions or try to reassure the public during a national crisis is “striking given the gravity of an attack.” Officials with direct supervision of an investigation “are often joined by higher-level department officials, particularly in matters of great public interest and especially for an event in Washington.” However, “the public faces of the Justice Department have largely been Michael Sherwin, the acting U.S. attorney in Washington, and Steven D’Antuono, the head of the FBI’s Washington field office.”

The New York Times (1/13, Benner, Kanno-Youngs, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that both Rosen and Wray “face job security risks at a time when their ousters could prompt further chaos,” and two current government officials and two former national security officials say that President Trump’s refusal “to acknowledge his role in goading his supporters has forced administration officials to choose between remaining relatively silent or speaking out in a public setting where they could be pushed to directly contradict him.” Meanwhile, departing Acting Secretary Of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf told CNN on Wednesday that he was “disappointed that the president didn’t speak out sooner,” and acting Deputy Homeland Security Secretary Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II “concurred” in an interview with the Times.

Officials Arrest Dozens As Capitol Hill Investigation Continues.

ABC World News Tonight’s (1/13, story 3, 3:05, Muir, 6.95M) Martha Raddatz reported, “Scores of arrests have been made in connection to the Capitol insurrection,” with prosecutors “submitting chilling new evidence.” Authorities have seized “multiple firearms, a crossbow, and a cooler containing ‘particularly lethal’ homemade Molotov cocktails” from Lonnie Coffman’s truck, “saying Coffman had a handwritten note of potential targets.” Coffman has plead “not guilty to numerous weapons charges.” Officials also arrested Robert Keith Packer, “the rioter wearing a hoodie with the words camp Auschwitz on it,” and the FBI interviewed “Retired Reserve Navy SEAL Adam Newbold of Ohio...after saying online he wanted lawmakers to be left ‘shaking in their shoes.’” Maddatz added, “There are additional names, many shocking,” with “US Olympic gold medalist Klete Keller charged today.”

On the CBS Evening News (1/13, story 4, 2:30, O’Donnell, 4.24M), Jeff Pegues reported, “An FBI bulletin obtained by CBS News says large caches of weapons...have been recovered from suspect’s home and that police should consider use of SWAT techniques when arresting protesters who were incarcerated in body armor.” Pegues said, “Prosecutors released evidence against protester Lonnie Coffman,” as “the FBI arrested Robert Packer” and “Idaho man Josiah Colt,” the protester who hung “from the Senate chamber balcony.” As arrests continue, “the FBI is investigating coordination among attackers” as video footage shows “people acting together to breach the Capitol and attack police.” Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) “accused some of her congressional colleagues of working with the demonstrators.” Sherrill said, “There’s members of Congress who had groups coming through the Capitol that I saw on January 5th. A reconnaissance for the next day. I am going to see that they are held accountable.”

NBC Nightly News’s (1/13, story 5, 1:10, Holt, 5.73M) Tom Costello reported, “The FBI as has identified 200 suspects and is looking for hundreds more.” Acting AG Jeff Rosen said, “To the American public, I ask that if you are aware of any criminal activity or violent acts being planned, please share what you know with law enforcement or the FBI.” Costello added that some visitors to the Capitol “were allegedly getting tours despite the pandemic” on January 5, and “lawmakers say that these people on the tour seemed to be gathering intel on the layout of the building, and then allegedly some of them showed up at the attack the next day.”

The AP (1/13, Dazio, Balsamo) reports that federal “investigators are combing through a mountain of online posts, street surveillance and other intelligence, including information that
suggests mobs could try to storm the Capitol again and threats to kill some members of Congress to deter legitimate threats as "security is being tightened from coast to coast." While "the FBI and other federal authorities use their substantial resources to prepare," local police "lack the staff to hunt down every tip" and "rely heavily on state and federal assessments to inform their work, and that information sometimes slips through the cracks" which apparently happened last week. The FBI "sent an intelligence bulletin warning of potential violence to other agencies, including the Capitol Police" on January 5, "but officials either did not receive it or ignored it -- and instead prepared for a free-speech protest, not a riot."

The New York Times (1/13, Fazio, 20.6M) reports, "More than 70 people have been charged and at least 170 cases have been opened, Michael Sherwin, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, said at a news conference on Tuesday." The FBI has also "received more than 100,000 tips, including photos and videos, and that number does not include tips that people have submitted by phone, Steven D'Antuono, the head of the F.B.I.'s Washington Field Office, said at the news conference." Sherwin "said he expected the number of arrests to 'geometrically increase,'" and "noted that some defendants had been charged with misdemeanor crimes so they could be quickly arrested, but those people could be indicted on more significant charges, including sedition and conspiracy."

NPR (1/13, Westervelt, 3.69M) reports, "Members of the insurrectionist mob that attacked the Capitol last week face what the federal prosecutor in charge calls a 'mind-blowing' range of potential charges from destruction of federal property, trespass, and mail theft to possession of destructive devices and felony murder." NPR adds, "For some of the most serious charges, Sherwin said, "his office has set up a 'strike force' to press federal charges that come with fines and up to 20 years in prison. 'We're looking at significant felony cases tied to sedition and conspiracy,'" says Sherwin, who's overseeing the sprawling investigation that he predicts will grow into 'hundreds' of cases in coming weeks. "Their only marching orders from me are to build sedition and conspiracy charges related to the most heinous acts that occurred in the Capitol."

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Viswanath, Gurman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that law enforcement officials said on Wednesday that lawyers for several members of the mob have disclosed their clients' involvement in the attack on the Capitol in order to negotiate for less serious criminal charges. Prosecutors have filed dozens of cases since January 6 against rioters whose participation was widely known due to social media exposure, including a Virginia man wearing a Camp Auschwitz sweatshirt and an Idaho man who hung from the Senate balcony.

CNN (1/13, Perez, 89.21M) reports on its website that "evidence uncovered so far, including weapons and tactics seen on surveillance video, suggests a level of planning that has led investigators to believe the attack on the US Capitol was not just a protest that spiraled out of control, a federal law enforcement official says." The official indicated that FBI investigators are looking at evidence that attendees of the President's rally on January 6 left early, possibly "to retrieve items to be used in the assault," as well as "the command and control aspect of the attack, looking at travel and communications records to determine if they can build a case that is similar to a counterterrorism investigation." The official said the FBI has also received tips that show members of Congress with rioters prior to the attack, though the bureau is "checking the veracity of the claims."

Capitol Siege Investigators Sort Through Thousands Of Tips. The AP (1/13, Dazio, Balsamo) reports, "Potential threats and leads are pouring in to law enforcement agencies nationwide after the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol," and "the challenge is now figuring out what's real and what's just noise." The AP adds, "Investigators are combing through a mountain of online posts, street surveillance and other intelligence, including information that suggests mobs could try to storm the Capitol again and threats to kill some members of Congress." According to the AP, "The FBI and other federal authorities use their substantial resources to prepare," but "smaller local police departments lack the staff to hunt down every tip" and "must rely heavily on state and federal assessments to inform their work, and that information sometimes slips through the cracks -- which apparently happened last week."

"Stop The Steal" Organizer Says Three GOP Representatives Helped Plan Last Week's Events. The Washington Post (1/13, Armus, 10.52M) reports that "weeks before a mob
President Trump’s supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol, right-wing activist Ali Alexander told his followers he was planning something big for January 6. Alexander, “who organized the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement, said he hatched the plan” with Reps. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Mo Brooks (R-AL), and Paul Gosar (R-AZ), “all hard-line Trump supporters. ... The plan, he said, was to ‘change the hearts and the minds of Republicans who were in that body, hearing our loud roar from outside.’”

The Arizona Republic (1/13, 1.05M) reports Biggs “denied any role in cheerleading for the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement and said allegations he helped organize the Capitol protest were ‘whoppers.’” CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports on its website that Gosar “associated himself with Alexander’s group in recent months. A spokesman for Biggs told CNN that he hasn’t ever met or worked with Alexander.”

Sherrill Says Colleagues Led “Reconnaissance” Tours On Day Before Riot. The Washington Post (1/13, Salcedo, 10.52M) reports that Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) alleges that on January 5, “she saw colleagues leading groups on ‘reconnaissance’ tours of the building,” and “accused Republicans of inciting the pro-Trump mob that vandalized the Capitol and attacked police officers.” The Post adds that Sherrill “did not specifically identify which lawmakers she saw leading groups through the Capitol.” BuzzFeed News (1/13) reports Capitol Police officers “say they wouldn’t even be surprised if some lawmakers helped organize the attack.”

Rioter In “Camp Auschwitz” Sweater Among Those Arrested. USA Today (1/13, Lavoie, 12.7M) reports that “a man who was photographed wearing a ‘Camp Auschwitz’ sweatshirt during the U.S. Capitol riot last week was arrested Wednesday in Virginia, authorities said.” Robert Keith Packer “was arrested in Newport News, where he lives” and “charged with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, and knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority.” A law enforcement official identified Packer as “the man who is seen in a photo inside the Capitol wearing a sweatshirt with the name of the Nazi concentration camp” and “the phrase, ‘Work brings freedom,’ a translation of ‘Arbeit macht frei,’ the German phrase that appeared on the camp’s entrance.” FBI spokesperson Christina Pullen separately “said a second Virginia man, Douglas Allen Sweet, of Grassfield, was also arrested Wednesday for his alleged participation.”

The New York Times (1/13, Bogel-Burroughs, Goldman, Benner, 20.6M) reports that “news outlets had previously identified Mr. Packer based on the accounts of people who knew him.” Packer “was among more than 70 people tied to the mayhem who have been charged, according to the top federal prosecutor in Washington, Michael Sherwin, who said that he expected that ‘hundreds’ would eventually be charged.” The Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M) reports, “Packer is set to appear in federal court in Norfolk at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday” on charges of “unlawful entry and disorderly conduct on restricted Capitol grounds, two misdemeanors punishable by as much as a year in prison.”

The AP (1/13, Finley, Lavoie) reports from Norfolk, Virginia, “The photograph of Packer in the sweatshirt caused an uproar on social media, and the images ultimately helped authorities track him down. The complaint said an FBI agent confirmed Packer’s identity by comparing rally photos to his driver’s license and security footage of him wearing the shirt at a store near where he lives.”

Rioter Who Posted Photos Outside Pelosi’s Office Arrested. The Chicago Tribune (1/13, Meisner, Sweeney, Crepeau, 2.03M) reports, “A Chicago man was arrested Wednesday on federal charges alleging he participated in last week’s mob attack on the U.S. Capitol, posting a photo of the plaque outside House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s ransacked office.” Kevin Lyons “was charged in a criminal complaint in Washington with misdemeanor counts of knowingly entering a restricted building without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” Lyons “appeared via a telephone link from jail before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Fuentes, who ordered him released on a $10,000 recognizance bond,” on conditions that he “have no contact with anyone involved in the Jan. 6 riot or anyone planning ‘any act that would impede or disturb the normal course of business’ of Congress or any other federal agency.”

The AP (1/13) reports, Lyons, 40, “an HVAC technician, was arrested at his home and appeared via a telephone link from jail before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Fuentes. The judge ordered him released on a $10,000 recognizance bond.”

Olympic Gold Medalist Charged In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/13, Newberry) reports five-
time Olympic swimming medalist Kiete Keller was charged with participating in the deadly riot at the Capitol last week. An FBI affidavit cited screenshots that shows the person identified as Keller wearing a U.S. Olympic team jacket among those storming the building. “It wasn’t clear if he had been taken into custody.”

USA Today (1/13, Schad, 12.7M) reports that in a statement, United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland said in a statement that the organization would, after law enforcement confirmed the identity of the individual in the video, “evaluate any appropriate actions of our own.”

CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports, “FBI Special Agent Matthew R. Barofsky wrote in court documents that he confirmed Keller’s identity by comparing photos he was in to his Colorado driver’s license. The photos from the Capitol also show Keller is wearing a US Olympic Team jacket and appears to be one of the tallest individuals,” Barofsky writes in his statement of facts. Keller is 6 feet, 6 inches tall.”

The Washington Post (1/12, Maese, 10.52M) reports, “Standing 6-foot-6 and wearing a familiar Olympic jacket, Keller was easy to identify for many swimmers, coaches and officials who had competed with and against him over the years, two of whom told The Washington Post they recognized the maskless Keller in the footage. In the video, he can be seen in the Rotunda, at one point amid a mob of Trump supporters and law enforcement officers pushing against each other. The criminal charges are consistent with those faced by other Trump supporters arrested since last week, though Keller faces the added charge of impeding an officer.” Additional coverage includes the Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M).

US Charges Arizona Man Who Wore Furry Hat In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/13) reports from Phoenix, Arizona, “Additional criminal charges have been filed against an Arizona man who authorities say took part in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol while sporting face paint, no shirt and a furry hat with horns.” The AP adds, “An indictment unsealed Tuesday in Washington charges 33-year-old Jake Chansley with civil disorder, obstruction of an official proceeding, disorderly conduct in a restricted building, and demonstrating in a Capitol building. It’s unclear whether the new charges are felonies or misdemeanors. Chansley was previously charged with two misdemeanors stemming from the violent riot — entering a restricted building without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” The FBI “identified Chansley from images taken during the riot showing his distinctive sleeve tattoos.”

Man Charged With Threatening Pelosi Also Texted About Shooting Washington, DC Mayor. The New York Times (1/13, Fuchs, 20.6M) reports, “A man who traveled to Washington with an assault-style rifle last week and threatened to shoot Speaker Nancy Pelosi had also mused about shooting Mayor Muriel E. Bowser of Washington, federal prosecutors said in a court filing on Wednesday.” Cleveland Grover Meredith Jr., ‘was among those charged in federal court after the riot at the U.S. Capitol last week. The government, including images of Mr. Meredith’s weaponry, said he drove to Washington with an assault-style rifle, a Glock firearm with high-capacity magazines and over 2,500 rounds of ammunition. On Thursday, the day after the riot, he sent a text reading, ‘I may wander over to the Mayor’s office and put a 9.56 in her skull.’”

The New York Post (1/13, Fitz-Gibbon, 7.45M) reports, “Meredith, whose arsenal included a red, white, and blue handgun, also texted that ‘I predict that within the next 12 days, many in our country will die.’ ‘We’re gonna surround DC and slowly constrict,’ he wrote in one message.” Meredith also included messages to federal agents in texts, apparently believing the authorities were intercepting his rants. ‘I hope you’re reading this Mr. FBI agent FK U,’ he wrote in one text. ‘You get that one Mr. Marxist FBI Agent?’ he said in another. ‘Go FK yourself.’”

Politics (1/13, McCaskill, 6.73M) reports, “The QAnon believer reached his destination late Wednesday ready for battle. After learning that Vice President Mike Pence wasn’t going to stop the certification of Biden’s Electoral College victory, Meredith texted, ‘War time,’ while en route to D.C. In later messages, he warned that he was ‘3.5 hours from target practice,’ ‘Ready to remove several craniums from shoulders,’ and ‘so ready to FK SOME TRAITORS UP.’ ‘I ain’t goin to jail,’ he wrote at one point. ‘[T]he morgue maybe, not jail.’”

Fox News (1/13, Conklin, 23.99M) reports, “Soon after arriving in the city, he assaulted a male and fled in his truck, the U.S. government alleges.” Meredith “was arrested Jan. 7 and
charged in federal court with making interstate threats, according to the government. He is also charged with possession of an unregistered firearm and ammunition in District of Columbia Superior Court, charges which each carry the possibility of a year in prison. U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Harvey on Wednesday rescheduled a detention hearing for Meredith for Thursday at 2:45 p.m. ET.”

Two Texas Women Charged In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/13, Stengle) reports, "A West Texas flower shop owner who posted a video on Facebook bragging about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office being broken into during the U.S. Capitol riot last week was arrested Wednesday, federal officials said." The FBI arrested Jenny Cudd “and another Midland resident, Eliel Rosa, in connection with the Jan. 6 Insurrection, said Daryl Fields, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in San Antonio." Cudd and Rose "appeared Wednesday afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald Griffin in Midland. Each is charged with entering a restricted building and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors. The court set personal recognizance bonds for them.”

Newsweek (1/13, 2.67M) reports, “Twitter users urged the FBI to take action against Cudd in numerous posts shared to the social platform throughout the past week. Most referenced the Trump supporter’s unnerving sense of pride as she recounted events that took place at the Capitol in a video that rapidly went viral online. ‘I’m proud of everything that I was part of today and I’ll be proud of everything that I’ll be a part of at the next one, and we’ll see what happens at that,’ she said of the riot.”

FBI Arrests New Jersey Man In Siege Video. NJ News (1/13, Sherman, 1.47M) reports, "Thomas Baranyi, a 28-year-old New Jersey man who was standing next to the woman who died in last week’s storming of the Capitol, was arrested by the FBI Tuesday evening and charged with disorderly or disruptive conduct.” NJ News, "In a brief video hearing before U.S. District Judge Cathy Waldorf in Newark on Tuesday, the former Peace Corps member was charged with relatively minor offenses, but more serious charges may be pending. Bail was set at $100,000 and the matter moved to Washington, D.C., where all the cases involving the Capitol rampage are being handled. He was released on an unsecured bond. In a criminal affidavit, an FBI special agent cited the widely circulated news interview that Baranyi gave in the wake of the attack, acknowledging his presence in the building.”

The AP (1/13) reports from Trenton, New Jersey that Baranyi “was arrested Tuesday night by the FBI and charged with disorderly or disruptive conduct. He made his initial court appearance later that night via video conference, where bail was set at $100,000, but he was later released on an unsecured bond.” Baranyi “gained attention on the day of the riots when he told a TV reporter that he was standing next to Ashli Babbitt when she was fatally shot inside the building, and held up his right hand to show blood that was still there.” The AP adds, "In a criminal affidavit, FBI Special Agent Cassidy Vreeland wrote that Baranyi’s identity and actions inside the Capitol were confirmed through the interview he gave to a local TV station and through online videos and photos.”

FBI Arrests Florida Firefighter Who Wore Trump Hat During Siege. The New York Post (1/13, Rhett Miller, 7.45M) reports, “A Florida firefighter who was photographed inside the US Capitol during last week’s deadly riot has been arrested by the FBI, officials said.” According to the Post, "Sanford firefighter and paramedic Andrew Williams was arrested by federal authorities on charges of unlawful entry of a restricted building and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds for his role in the Jan. 6 siege, Fire Chief Crag Radzak confirmed Tuesday. Williams – employed by the department since 2016 – has been placed on administrative leave without pay as the federal criminal investigation and a separate internal probe proceeds, Radzak said.” Williams, "who was taken into custody Tuesday, was arrested days after he was identified in a photo sent anonymously to Florida TV news station WKMG. The image shows the firefighter wearing a Trump 2020 hat while pointing to a sign for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the station reported.”

New York Man Who Threatened Warnock Charged. The New York Times (1/13, Shanahan, Hong, 20.6M) reports that Edua Florea of New York was charged with a weapons offense “after messages he posted on social media around the time of the Capitol riot raised alarms,” including a threat to incoming Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA). Florea “told federal agents he wanted to join the far-right Proud Boys group” and prosecutors say over 1,000 rounds of rifle
ammunition, two dozen shotgun rounds, 75 military-style combat knives, two hatchets, and two swords were found in his home.

Fox News (1/13, Wallace, 23.99M) reports that Florea “was arrested at his home in Middle Village, Queens, and is expected to appear virtually in federal court in Brooklyn at 2 p.m. Wednesday, a law enforcement source confirmed to Fox News. He is charged with being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition.”

The New York Post (1/13, Sheehan, Rosenberg, 7.45M) reports, “Astonishing photos show the moment an FBI vehicle rolled down a quiet Queens street to take a suspected Proud Boy into custody after he allegedly threatened to send an armed caravan to the US Capitol.” The Post adds, “In the snaps shot by a stunned neighbor, a law enforcement agent can be seen emerging from the armored vehicle’s hatch with what appears to be an assault weapon Tuesday afternoon in Middle Village when the FBI showed up to arrest Eduard Florea. Another snap shows Florea, 40, emerge from the basement apartment with his hands up in the air. Two minutes later, his wife and two terrified kids exited the home, eyewitnesses said.”

Idaho Man Charged For Role In Capitol Riot. The Idaho Statesman (1/13, Scholl, 299K) reports, “An Idaho man seen jumping onto the floor of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. last week made his initial federal court appearance Wednesday in Boise, a day after turning himself in to FBI officials at the Ada County Sheriff’s Office.” Josiah Colt, 34, “was in custody Tuesday afternoon on a federal hold, according to Patrick Orr, spokesperson for the Ada County Sheriff’s Office. On Wednesday, an FBI spokesperson told the Statesman that Colt turned himself in to the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force.” Colt “appeared via video call for his initial hearing in federal court Wednesday, along with Boise attorney Chuck Peterson, who was assigned to be his counsel by Judge Ronald Bush.”

The Idaho County (ID) Free Press (1/13) reports that Colt “is charged federally with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. FBI Special Agent Matthew J. Gano wrote in an affidavit that photos of Colt taken inside the Capitol Building and his own statements on social media prove he participated in the attempted insurrection, which was aimed at stopping lawmakers from certifying Joe Biden as the next president of the United States.”

FBI Probing Several Individuals In Western Pennsylvania. WPXI-TV Pittsburgh (1/13, 149K) reports from Pittsburgh, “There’s no shortage of disturbing videos showing violence inside the capitol last week,” and “now we know some of the people involved in the riot may be from western Pennsylvania. We are conducting investigations here. We have a number of leads. That’s been our focus all along with identifying any potential threats,’ said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent In-Charge Michael Christman. Christman wouldn’t confirm how many people are being investigated, but said his office is working closely with investigators in Washington to find those responsible,” and “that involves investigating potential threats between now and the inauguration, including one that specifically mentioned Pittsburgh. ‘We’ve run those leads down. At this time, we would report there are no threats that we’re aware of in the Western District of Pennsylvania that are related to the inauguration,’ Christman said.”

KYW-TV Philadelphia (1/13) reports, “FBI agents swarmed a house in Chester County on Tuesday. They carried out boxes and boxes of items. It all unfolded on the 100 block of Applegate Drive in West Goshen Township. At this hour, there are still more questions than answers as to why FBI agents raided this home Tuesday morning and what they were looking to find.” KYW-TV adds, “Neighbors in this normally quiet community in West Goshen Township were jarred by the sight of numerous FBI agents raiding a home on the 100 block of Applegate drive on Tuesday morning. The FBI has not specified exactly what sparked this activity. Officials confirm it’s in relation to an ongoing matter, without any further comment.”

Rep. Cawthorn Under Scrutiny After Claiming He Was Armed During Capitol Attack. The Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times (1/13, Moon, 192K) reports Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) is under scrutiny after he claimed he was armed during the attack on the US Capitol. It is unclear whether Cawthorn had permission to carry a loaded gun in the Capitol, and also whether he carried it "on the House floor or in parts of the Capitol where rules for lawmakers carrying firearms are more permissible." While there are clear laws banning the general public from
Retired Navy SEAL Adam Newbold of Lisbon has been contacted by the FBI in connection with the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol. Newbold "told the Salem News in a story published Jan. 8 he was among 50 to 60 people from the area who attended the rally in support of President Trump, but has denied entering the Capitol and participating in the violence against police."

Federal authorities have arrested and charged two Virginia police officers who took a selfie during the attack on the U.S. Capitol last week, when hundreds of supporters of outgoing President Donald Trump stormed the seat of the legislative branch in an attempt to overturn the results of the election. Thomas Robertson and Jacob Fracker, two members of the Rocky Mount Police Department in Virginia, took a selfie in front of a statute of John Stark, a general in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Robertson and Fracker are charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry or disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.

Much of the Nation's Capital is locked down with a huge security presence, with authorities very concerned about new threats of violence. CBS' Kris Van Cleave: "Two thousand National Guard troops are securing the Capitol, inside the grand halls and outside along the perimeter, some armed and authorized to defend themselves. ... Up to 20,000 could be deployed to protect Washington DC a week ahead of Joe Biden's inauguration - nearly four times as many troops as are currently in Iraq and Afghanistan. Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 4, 1:50, Holt, 5.73M), "It may be the biggest security presence in Washington since the Civil War: nine-foot-high perimeter fencing; buildings boarded up; streets closed; tens of thousands of local, state, and federal law enforcement officers -- and today, news that an additional 5,000 National Guard troops are coming to DC, most of them armed." Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 10, 1:55, 5.73M) that "hundreds of National Guard troops in uniforms, rifles by their sides," slept "shoulder to shoulder on the marble floor of the Capitol Visitors Center." Norah O'Donnell similarly said on the CBS Evening News (1/13, story 9, 1:15, 4.24M), "Today, young men and women of the National Guard slept with their rifles in the same place where Union troops were quartered during the Civil War. A difficult time then, and now."

A tall metal fence surrounded the building as dozens of National Guardsmen stood at the perimeter cradling their rifles. Police officers and large dump trucks obstructed intersections for blocks surrounding the building, a stark contrast to security in the area last week when a mob of Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol. The New York Times (1/13, Eligon, Robles, Kanno-Youngs, Cooper, 20.6M) reports "state of readiness remain[s] high" in Washington, with District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department Chief Robert Contee "saying on Wednesday that he expected more than 20,000 members of the National Guard in the Washington region on Inauguration Day. It remains unclear how many of the Guard members will carry weapons."

Officials say 10,000 will be in place by
the weekend. National Guard forces in and around the Capitol will be armed, while others are expected to be unarmed. Defense Department officials are scrambling to establish an adequate plan for providing National Guard aid for the inauguration and avoid a repeat of last week's attempted insurrection." Politico (1/13, Bertrand, Seligman, 6.73M) reports Guard units "are being told to prepare for the possibility that improvised explosive devices will be used by individuals plotting to attack the Capitol in the days surrounding the Inauguration."

The Hill (1/13, Chalfent, 5.69M) reports, "Biden's team expects to receive daily briefings on security and preparations for the inauguration, which will take place one week from Wednesday at the U.S. Capitol." The Hill adds, "The Biden transition team on Wednesday also emphasized the need for the Senate to swiftly confirm the president-elect's nominees for top national security positions in order to ensure a 'smooth handoff in power that will ensure continuous command and control across the homeland security and law enforcement components of the U.S. government.' The transition welcomed the decision by leaders on the Senate Homeland Security Committee to schedule a confirmation hearing for Alejandro Mayorkas, Biden's nominee to serve as secretary of homeland security, on Jan 19, the day that the Senate reconvenes."

TIME (1/13, Dozier, 18.1M) reports that the January 6 Capitol siege "has prompted U.S. security officials to think the unthinkable as they scramble to secure Washington ahead of next week’s inauguration: that the enemy is already inside the house." TIME adds, "More than a dozen law enforcement officers and current and former military officials are reported to have taken part in the violent Jan. 6 insurrection. One Navy and two Air Force veterans are among those being investigated by law enforcement for the attack," and "now the FBI is warning of planned armed protests at the Jan. 20 Inauguration in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals, current senior U.S. officials tell TIME."

Reuters (1/13, Brice, Timmons) reports, "The website of Patriot Action for America, which was recently taken down, called for supporters to encircle the White House, Congress and Supreme Court days before to, at all costs, prevent Joseph Biden, or any other democrat from being inaugurated.' An image posted to the pro-Trump website The Donald called for protesters to 'stand up for liberty' with armed marches on Jan. 17 at the U.S. Capitol and in state capitals, according to SITE Intelligence Group, a Maryland-based organization that tracks extremists," but "users on some other far-right forums cautioned people not to attend the events, which they warned might be part of a plot to ensnare them."

The Los Angeles Times (1/13, Contreras, 3.37M) reports, "The FBI said extremists may not view their attack on the Capitol as a failed mission. Rather, the bureau warned, they may believe the siege helped 'advance' their goals."

USA Today (1/13, 12.7M) reports, "A suburban Chicago man, Louis Capriotti, was arrested Tuesday on a federal criminal charge on suspicion of threatening violence at the inauguration."

Reuters (1/13, Paul) reports, "Facebook Inc has seen an increase in signals indicating potential future acts of violence associated with efforts to contest the result of the U.S. presidential election since the Capitol siege last week, a company spokeswoman told Reuters." The spokeswoman "said late Tuesday the storming of the U.S. Capitol by armed pro-Trump demonstrators appeared to be a galvanizing event, spawning efforts to organize gatherings across the country for multiple dates around President-elect Joe Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration. Signals Facebook tracked included digital flyers promoting the events, some of them featuring calls to arms or the insignia of militias or hate groups, she said." The FBI "has warned of armed protests being planned for Washington and all 50 U.S. state capitals in the run-up to the inauguration."

Airbnb To Cancel All DC-Area Reservations For Next Week. The New York Times (1/13, Gold, 20.6M) reports Airbnb "will cancel all reservations made in the Washington area next week and block new rentals, the company announced in a statement on Wednesday. The decision came after the police and elected officials warned Americans not to travel to Washington for the inauguration."

DC Metro To Close 13 Stations For A Week Amid Threats Of Inauguration Violence. The Washington Post (1/13, George, 10.52M) reports that the DC Metro system "will shut down more than a dozen stations near the U.S. Capitol and Mall for days around the presidential
Joint Intelligence Bulletin Warns Capitol Breach May Encourage Extremists.

The New York Times (1/13, Kanno-Youngs, 20.6M) reports that last week's breach of the Capitol will be a "significant driver of violence" for extremists who are targeting the inauguration, according to a joint intelligence bulletin issued jointly on Wednesday by the National Counterterrorism Center, the DOJ and DHS. The "boogaloo" movement "may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States." The officials "wrote that extremist groups have viewed the breach of the Capitol as a success and have been galvanized by the death of Ashli Babbitt, a QAnon follower who was shot by the police as she tried to enter the heavily protected Speaker's Lobby, just outside the House chamber."

In its coverage of the bulletin, CNN (1/13, Campbell, Wild, 89.21M) reports that the "range of potential future targets of attack was varied, with intelligence officials warning in the bulletin that extremists could zero-in on government officials and institutions, as well as racial and religious minorities, journalists and members of the LGBTQ+ community." The document "also indicated that the January 6 attack may have served as a venue for extremists of differing ideological motivations to foster connections."

Yahoo! News (1/13, Knowles, 10.87M) reports briefly that the bulletin, "obtained by Yahoo News on Wednesday stated that Insurrection at the U.S. Capitol last week will likely spur domestic extremists to carry out more violent attacks." In a separate piece, Yahoo! News (1/13, Hill, 10.87M) reports that Federal authorities "believe it will "likely serve as a significant driver of violence for a diverse set of [domestic violent extremists] motivated by racially motivated bigotry, QAnon conspiracies, and other fringe views, according to the report. These extremists 'will very likely pose the greatest domestic terrorism threats in 2021.'"

The Week (1/13, 2.17M) picks up on the NYT story. Business Insider (1/13, Vlamis, 2.74M) and the Daily Mail (UK) (1/13, Lenthing, 4.11M) also run short pieces.

Experts Say Threat Of Violence From Extremist Groups Unlikely To Fade.

The AP (1/13, Boone, Flaccus, Kunzelman) reports, "As rioters laid siege to the U.S. Capitol, the seat of American democracy became a melting pot of extremist groups: militia members, white supremacists, paramilitary organizations, anti-maskers and fanatical supporters of President Donald Trump, standing shoulder to shoulder in rage." Experts "say it was the culmination of years of increasing radicalization and partisanship, combined with a growing fascination with paramilitary groups and a global pandemic," and "warn that the armed insurrection that left five people dead and shook the country could be just the beginning." As the FBI issues warnings about plans for armed protests across the country, "those who monitor online chatter say the threat of more violence by far-right fringe groups hasn't abated."

WPost Analysis: QAnon Radicalized Americans, Poses Challenges For Biden. The Washington Post (1/13, Harwell, Stanley-Becker, Nakhlawi, Timberg, 10.52M) reports that attack on the US Capitol is "a grim milestone in how the paranoid conspiracy theory QAnon has radicalized Americans, reshaped the Republican Party and gained a forceful grip on right-wing belief." QAnon's prominence at the Capitol riots, as its devotees joined extremist group members and white supremacists, "shows how powerful the conspiracy theory has become, and how quickly it has established a life of its own." Its "grip on the conservative psyche is growing," and online "believers are offering increasingly outlandish theories," as well as sharing ideas on overturning the election - "with violence, if necessary." QAnon "presents long-term challenges" for Joe Biden by "fomenting resistance" both to democratic governance and to measures to address the...
FAA Steps Up Enforcement Against Unruly Passengers.

The AP (1/13) reports that, citing "a disturbing increase in incidents where airline passengers have disrupted flights with threatening or violent behavior" both from a refusal to wear masks and the Capitol riots, the Federal Aviation Administration has increased enforcement against unruly airline passengers. Through March 30, instead of issuing warnings to unruly passengers, the FAA will launch legal enforcement actions.

Reuters (1/13, Shepardsan) reports FAA Administrator Dickson said, "We will no longer adjudicate certain of these unruly passenger cases with counseling or warnings. We're going to go straight to enforcement." He also "warned disruptive passengers could face up to $35,000 fines and possible jail time."

Capitol Rioters May Be Placed On No-Fly List. The Washington Post (1/13, Aratani, 10.52M) reports that "using the no-fly list to block people from returning to Washington in the days leading to the inauguration" is being considered, and "that issue probably will be raised by law enforcement officials during a Thursday briefing for members of the House Homeland Security Committee." Steven D'Antuono, head of the FBI's Washington Field Office, previously said the agency was considering that measure, and "Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, also called for rioters to be banned from flying."

Minnesota Approves Weekend Events By “Storm The Capitol” Organizer.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, Montemayor, 855K) reports Minnesota’s Department of Administration approved for a so-called "Church Service" for Sunday and a Saturday "Freedom Fest" at the at Minnesota State Capitol, both led by Becky Strohmeier, “the Bloomington conservative activist behind last week’s ‘Storm the Capitol’ rally,” which is under investigation by state law enforcement.

Minnesota Man Pleads Guilty To Serving As An ISIS Recruit.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K) reports Abdelhamid Al-Madioun "pleaded guilty Wednesday to abandoning his family while vacationing in Morocco and joining an ISIS battalion trained to unleash suicide terror attacks in Europe." Federal guidelines "call for Al-Madioun to be sentenced to the maximum of 20 years in prison followed by anywhere from five years to life under supervised release."

The AP (1/13) reports that, according to his plea deal, he "left his family while they were visiting extended relatives in Morocco in 2015 and went to Istanbul, Turkey, where members of the Islamic State group helped him cross into Syria." He also "admitted in his guilty plea that he was assigned to a battalion that was responsible for training and preparing foreign fighters to carry out suicide attacks in Europe."

Afghanistan Foils ISIS Assassination Plot Targeting Top US Diplomat.

CNN (1/13, Popalzai, Hansler, Tawfeeq, 89.21M) reports, "Afghanistan's intelligence agency have said they foiled an attempt by an ISIS cell of four members to assassinate a US diplomat in Kabul." US Charge d'Affaires Ross Wilson "was the target of the planned attack on Monday, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said in a statement released on Tuesday." The ISIS members "were also planning to assassinate other Afghan senior officials." They have "been arrested in an NDS special military operation in Kama district of Nangarhar province, including the cell mastermind Abdul Wahid." A State Department spokesperson said the agency is "aware of deeply troubling reports that members of ISIS-K were plotting to assassinate U.S. Charge d'Affaires Ambassador Ross Wilson."
NASA Scientist Pleads Guilty to Lying In China Trade Secrets Probe.

Bloomberg (1/13, Dolmetsh, 3.57M) reports from New York, “A senior NASA scientist admitted to lying to authorities about his participation in a program the U.S. says is designed to siphon intellectual property to China.” Meyya Meyyappan, of Pacifica, California, “pleaded guilty on Wednesday in federal court in New York to one count of making false statements, Acting U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss in Manhattan said in a statement. Meyyappan, 66, has worked for NASA since 1996 and has been chief scientist for exploration technology at the Center for Nanotechnology at Ames Research Center in California since 2006, according to the statement.” Prosecutors “said Meyyappan participated in China’s Thousand Talents Program,” and “served as a professor at universities in China, South Korea and Japan,” but “when questioned by FBI agents, NASA’s inspector general and government attorneys in October, he denied that he took part in the program or held professorships at the schools.”

Federal Prosecutors Charge Three With Exporting US Goods To Iran.

MLive (MI) (1/13, Chapman, 828K) reports, “Federal prosecutors in Detroit have charged three men accused of ‘conspiring to export nine electrical discharge boards, one CPU board, two servo motors, and two railroad crankshafts from the United States to Iran in violation of economic sanctions under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) and the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations (ITSR).’” US Attorney Matthew Schneider said, “The deeply disturbing allegations in this case are that the defendants conspired to export highly sophisticated American manufacturing equipment and other American-made items into the arms of the Iranians.” The indictment also alleges the “defendants and their coconspirators planned and acted outside of the United States – in Iran and Canada, among other places – to purchase goods inside the United States to send to Iran.”

Families Of Assassinated Iran Nuclear Scientists Sue US For $100M.

Newsweek (1/13, Brennan, 2.67M) reports, “The families of slain Iranian nuclear scientists have reportedly launched a lawsuit against the U.S. demanding $100 million in compensation related to assassinations they believe are linked to America.” The November assassination of nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh spurred the campaign, which now has “15 lawyers and attorneys...working on the case.” Somayyeh Afzali Nikoo, who is leading the team, said, “Committing criminal acts against innocent people for any reason is a terrorist act and can be prosecuted.” They are bringing the case “against Israel, the U.S. government, and multiple U.S. presidents.” The US and Israel have previously “conducted more covert efforts against Iranian nuclear targets and the scientists involved in related research,” including assassinations “primarily conducted by the Mossad Israeli secret service with U.S. knowledge, allegedly with the help of opposition Iranian groups including the People’s Mujahedin Organization of Iran, or MEK.”

Krebs To Lead New Aspen Institute Commission Targeting Disinformation.

Business Insider (1/13, Elder, 2.74M) reports that former CISA Director Chris Krebs “will lead a new Aspen Institute commission he said will take a careful approach to an urgent problem.” The Commission on Information Disorder “will pull different segments of society together so that government, tech, and industry can come together to study, discuss, and collaborate” on addressing disinformation. Krebs said it is “upending our society and literally killing Americans.” The commission is “funded by a $3.25 million grant from Craigslist founder Craig Newmark.” It “intends to help connect the private and public sectors to help find solutions for these most complicated of policy issues.” The commission is the “latest initiative to grow out of the Aspen Cybersecurity Group, of which Krebs is a member.”

Trump Moves May Tie Biden’s Hands On Domestic And International Policies.

NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 7, 1:48, Holt, 5.73M) reported that while President Trump “promised an orderly transition,” he is “taking steps to tie President-elect Biden’s hands on key policies at home and abroad,” including a new EPA rule “making it tougher to control harmful
emissions that contribute to climate change,” and “new travel bans on green card applicants and temporary visa holders to further limit immigration.” In addition, Secretary of State Pompeo is laying “roadblocks for the President-elect to talk around the world,” including “removing restrictions on US relations with Taiwan that had been in place for decades,” declaring Cuba “a state sponsor of terror,” and accusing “Iran of ties to Al Qaeda, without citing any evidence.” While Biden “has vowed to freeze or undo any of these last minute orders that he can...unwinding the foreign policy decisions may be a lot harder. And there is no sign that President Trump is done yet.”

Opinion: US Military Must Recruit, Train Humans To Deploy AI.

Jeff Kline, director of the Naval Warfare Studies Institute, Scott Nestier, the academic director for the MS in Business Analytics program in the Mendoza College of Business, and Harrison Schramm, president-elect of the Analytics Society of INFORMS, write in an op-ed in C4ISR & Networks (1/13) that the “biggest risk” to the US “would be to neglect the recruitment, retention and training of elite human warfighters who will drive the successful deployment of AI.” The authors “have been closely following the work and recommendations of the NSCAI with a keen and specific eye as veterans.” They observe “the working analytical levels of government and strongly assert the importance that all sectors of society engage with the coming age of AI.” The writers recommend the military remains “educated and become[s] the masters of AI instead of training to be its servants.”


The AP (1/13, Chandler) reports the Air Force announced Wednesday that the US Space Command will be headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, “after the state was selected over five others competing for the project, including Colorado, where Space Command is provisionally located.” Space Command is tasked with conducting “operations such as enabling satellite-based navigation and troop communication and providing warning of missile launches.” Its role “is different from the Space Force, which is a distinct military service like the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.”

The Huntsville (AL) Times (1/13, Roop, 623K) reports that Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey said she “couldn’t be more pleased to learn that Alabama will be the new home to the United States Space Command.” She called it “outstanding news, not only for our state but also for the Air Force.” The decision “is a true testament to all that Alabama has to offer,” as Huntsville is home to a “skilled workforce, proximity to supporting space entities, cost-effectiveness, and quality of life, among other things,” Ivey said. Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle said, “We have the Army Aviation Command here, we have Space & Missile Command here, we have the Missile Defense Agency here.

The Denver Post (1/13, Nicholson, 660K) says Colorado leaders “blasted” the decision. Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers “said the move was based on ‘politics’” and that President Trump “chose Alabama to reward Sen. Tommy Tuberville, one of the eight Republican senators who challenged portions of the Electoral College certification in Congress last week.” Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) “sent a letter to President-elect Joe Biden on Wednesday urging him to reverse the decision.” Gov. Jared Polis (D) and Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera (D) released a statement Wednesday saying, “This misguided decision would cost American taxpayers potentially billions of dollars and would be fiscally irresponsible if it is allowed to stand. We pledge to work with our federal delegation to restore integrity to the process as it unfolds.” Colorado Sens. Michael Bennet (D) and John Hickenlooper (D) said in a joint statement, “We are concerned by rumors that the Trump White House influenced this decision for political reasons.” The Colorado Springs (CO) Gazette (1/13, Roeder, 172K) similarly reports.

Fox News (1/13, Singman, 23.99M) reports that last week, DNI Ratcliffe “announced that the Space Force will become the 18th member of the U.S. intelligence community.” He also “announced the designation of the U.S. Space Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Enterprise, which is the intelligence component of the Space Force.”

Also reporting are The Hill (1/13, Mitchell, 5.69M), the Wall Street Journal (1/13, Campo-Flores, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), and the Washington Examiner (1/13, Rogan, 888K).
Senate Intel Panel To Hold Hearing Friday For Biden’s DNI Nominee.

Axios (1/13, Treene, 1.26M) reports Senate Republicans have agreed “to hold a confirmation hearing Friday” for Avril Haines, “Joe Biden’s nominee for director of national intelligence.” Biden’s “transition team has argued swift confirmation hearings – especially for its national security nominees – are crucial following last week’s attack on the Capitol, threats of violence surrounding next week’s inauguration and global political tensions.” The Senate Intelligence Committee hearing “will take place at noon via WebEx. It will occur virtually, since senators are in recess until Jan. 19.”

Politico (1/13, Choi, 6.73M) reports that Biden said he hopes “Senate leadership will find a way to deal with their Constitutional responsibilities on impeachment while also working on the other urgent business of this nation.” On Wednesday he also pushed “for the Senate to handle Covid vaccine distribution and confirm his nominations for the secretaries of Homeland Security, State, Defense and Treasury.”

Reuters (1/13, Zengerle) reports that the Senate Intelligence Committee “said on Wednesday it had scheduled a confirmation hearing for President-elect Joe Biden’s nominee to be director of national intelligence.” The panel “set its hearing for former Deputy CIA Director Avril Haines, nominated to be the nation’s top spy, on Jan. 15, five days before Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are inaugurated.” Reuters adds it is “is typical for the Senate to hold such hearings before inauguration to help assure a smooth transition.”

Forbes (1/13, Sorensen, 10.33M) reports, “Lloyd Austin and Alejandro Mayorkas, Biden’s nominees for Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Homeland Security respectively, are set to have their hearings on Jan. 19, as is Janet Yellen, Biden’s pick for Treasury Secretary.” The outlet adds, “Compounding matters are the recent resignations” of Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf, Deputy National Security Adviser Matthew Pottinger and NSC Senior Director for European and Russian Affairs Ryan Tully, “leading to fears the federal government is critically understaffed at a time of heightened vulnerability.”

IC Establishes Council For Commercial Space Systems.

ExecutiveGov (1/13, Martin) reports that the IC has established the Commercial Space Council, a “new council to augment how commercial space systems deliver data for intelligence operations, Breaking Defense reported Tuesday.” The council “seeks to identify how to accelerate intelligence deliveries that rely on commercial satellites.” NGA, NSA, NRO, DIA, and CIA “stood up the council to be chaired by David Gauthier, NGA’s head for commercial space operations.” Gauthier “said the council will work to increase IC’s understanding of commercial technologies and advise on the community’s policy and strategy.”

Declassified Strategic Framework Stresses Challenging China, More.

The Washington Examiner (1/13, Dunleavy, 888K) reports that the National Security Council framework “stressed countering China’s influence in the region, counterbalancing by strengthening India, vowing to defend Taiwan, and more.” The newly declassified strategic framework “appeared to have been authored by now-former deputy national security adviser Matthew Pottinger, was approved by President Trump in February 2018, and was declassified by national security adviser Robert O’Brien earlier in January.” The document’s “public release upset the Chinese Communist Party.” In December, DNI Ratcliffe “told the Washington Examiner...that ‘China intends to dominate – economically, militarily, and technologically, they want to replace us as the world’s superpower.’”

Opinion: Biden’s Pick For CIA Director Well-Suited To Repair Damage From Trump Era.

Author Chris Whipple writes in an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M) that President-elect Biden’s nominee for CIA Director William Burns “will take over an agency with an unfocused mission, low morale and attacks on its integrity.” His “deep foreign policy experience as a former ambassador to Russia and Jordan and his familiarity with national security issues should help him repair the damage.” Burns will aim to assess “the catastrophic cyber breach by Russia,” stop
"China's intellectual property theft," and more.

**Continuing Coverage: Thousands Already Reviewing Newly Released "UFO" Documents.**

The *Daily Mail* (UK) (1/13, Sheets, 4.11M) reports, "A treasure trove of newly-unsealed CIA records has revealed chilling accounts of hundreds of UFO sightings across the globe dating back to the 1950s." Thousands have "already started poring through the collection of more than 700 individual documents, according to Black Vault's founder John Greenewald Jr." The documents were "released ahead of a June deadline for US intelligence agencies to reveal everything they know about UFOs to Congress under a clause slipped into the $2.3 trillion coronavirus relief bill signed into law by President Donald Trump in December."

**RCMP Intelligence Analyst Facing Information Security Charges.**

*Global News (CAN)* (1/14, Cooper, 119K) reports prosecutors in Canada have alleged that Cameron Ortis, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) intelligence analyst, "revealed secrets to unnamed recipients and was planning to give Canadian intelligence to an unnamed foreign entity or terrorist organization." The investigation that led to the Ortis case began after the DEA and the FBI partnered with the RCMP to target organizations and people that were suspected of money laundering. Ortis "faces eight information security charges, and a breach of trust charge."

**US Won't Bar Americans From Investing In Alibaba, Tencent and Baidu.**

The *Wall Street Journal* (1/13, Yang, Lim, Lubold, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Americans are expected to continue to be able to invest in the Chinese companies Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Tencent Holdings Ltd., and Baidu Inc. after US officials compare their alleged tie to the Chinese military to the possible economic impact from banning them. Citing people familiar with the matter, the Journal says the companies are among dozens being considered for inclusion on a Department of Defense list of companies believed to support China's military, intelligence and security services. While American investors will have until November to divest holdings in any company on the list, the people said the US does not plan to add those three firms.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**Judge Denies Bond For Alleged Whitmer Kidnapping Plot Leader.**

*MLive* (MI) (1/13, Tusnon, 828K) reports from Grand Rapids, Michigan, "A Delaware man described by prosecutors as 'probably the most committed violent extremist' of those accused in the Whitmer kidnapping plot has been denied bond." US District Judge Sally Berens on Wednesday "ruled that giving 45-year-old Barry Croft Jr. bond would be too much of a risk to the community, particularly given his anti-police statements and apparent ability to construct improvised explosives. After a lengthy delay because of coronavirus-related issues, Croft appeared in a Grand Rapids courtroom for his first Michigan hearing since being arrested Oct. 8." Croft "is one of six men facing federal charges in an alleged plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer over coronavirus lockdowns and other issues."

The *Detroit News* (1/13, Snell, 1.16M) reports that Croft "claimed he had permission from God to commit murder and was the national leader of a militia group that rioted at the U.S. Capitol last week, an FBI agent said Wednesday." The News adds, "The new details emerged as" Croft "pleaded not guilty and was denied bond during a hearing in federal court in Grand Rapids. The hearing marked Croft's first appearance in a Michigan courtroom since being charged alongside five others in October in a case that has focused national attention on violent extremism in Michigan." Croft "is the national leader of the 3 Percenters, a small militia that participated in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, FBI Special Agent Richard Trask said during the hearing, which featured undercover audio and video recorded by FBI informants. At one point Wednesday, Croft was asked to stand and display the 3 Percenters tattoo on his hand."

**Report: FBI Investigation Closes Investigation Into Ryan Adams Over Underage Sexts.**
Page Six (1/13, 2.04M) reports that, according to an FBI source, Ryan Adams "has been cleared of 'sexting' an underage fan following an FBI investigation." The source said, "Ultimately, the FBI found no evidence that would support charging Ryan with a crime, and closed its investigation, without charges, in the fall of 2019."

FBI Searching For Missing Texan Man.

KRBC-TV Abilene, TX (1/13, 125K) reports that the FBI "is asking for the public’s help in locating" Francisco Javier Villarreal, who "has been missing for a month and was last seen Dec. 11 at a local hotel in the Reforma area of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico."

KRGV-TV Harlingen, TX (1/13) reports that the individual "is described as a 5'4' man approximately 140 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair, but may have been bald when he went missing."

KAMC-TV Lubbock, TX (1/13) reports that FBI officials said, "It is believed he may still be in Mexico and may be the victim of a kidnapping."


The AP (1/13, Cote) reports: David Rivera Batiz, who was "being sought in the killing of three police officers," was "found shot to death with a cardboard sign on his chest declaring him guilty." Batiz’s body "was found near a sprawling public housing complex in the popular tourist district of Isla Verde that authorities had been combing since the three officers were killed Monday." Interim Police Commissioner Antonio López Figueroa denied police involvement, saying, "Police don’t have anything to do with the murder of this individual."

Former Boston Police Clerk Arrested For Overtime Fraud.

WWBZ-TV Springfield, MA (1/13, 453K) reports: former Boston Police Department’s (BPD) District A-1 Detectives Unit clerk Marilyn Golisano "was arrested and charged in connection with an investigation of overtime fraud at the Boston Police Department." She "was indicted on one count of embezzlement from an agency receiving federal funds, six counts of wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft."

WGXC-TV Boston (1/13, 361K) reports: U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling said that Golisano handled the overtime paperwork for the unit and used that position to submit ‘dozens of false and fraudulent overtime slips on which she had forged the signatures of at least three different BPD supervisors.’"

Nearly 50 People Indicted In Connection With Georgia Drug Investigation.

An online WGBA-TV Albany, GA (1/13, Miller) article says: 48 people "have been indicted in" connection with Operation Sandy Bottom, a "drug trafficking investigation that targeted violent gang members distributing methamphetamine and other drugs in" Georgia. The article quotes: "Chris Hacker, special agent in charge of FBI Atlanta," who stated, "Operation Sandy Bottom is another example of the FBI’s willingness to respond when our partners in law enforcement and their communities ask for help." Hacker added, "When we team our resources with the resources of our local, state and federal partners, gang members better beware."

Connecticut Man Sentenced To Three Years In Prison For Selling Drugs.

The Hartford (CT.) Patch (1/13, 1.44M) reports: Connecticut resident Jose Restrepo has been "sentenced to three years in prison for selling fentanyl and crack." The arrest in this case "was tied to an investigation" conducted by "the FBI’s Northern Connecticut Gang Task Force."

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WTTR-TV Washington (1/13, 168K) reports: Maryland State Police "have arrested [Mark Hilton]," who they "say solicited sex from a Trooper who was posing as a 14-year-old boy on a
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Richards “was charged Monday with a federal misdemeanor for allegedly receiving drugs mislabeled as an herbal extract from a Chinese manufacturer that wasn’t registered with the federal Food and Drug Administration.”

US Agencies Pushing COVID-19 Tests From China Despite Security Warnings. The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that Chinese genetics company BGI Group “approached at least 11 states” get its COVID-19 testing products into “government-run laboratories or set up entire labs,” according to unnamed sources. At least two federal agencies “worked to distribute” its COVID-19 tests, despite warnings from the IC and security officials. NCSC Director Bill Evanina said, “BGI has undoubtedly taken advantage of the Covid-19 pandemic to expand its reach around the world, including the United States.”

Indicted Ohio Councilman Claims FBI Made “Prejudicial Statements” During Press Conference.

WXIX-TV Cincinnati (1/13, Baker, Riva, 75K) reports that suspended Cincinnati City Councilman P.G Sittenfeld’s legal team “is continuing its vigorous legal challenge to his federal corruption charges,” and they have “accuse[d] federal authorities of misstating facts and the law in his indictment.” Their filing reads, “The motion argues that Mr. Sittenfeld has the right to present a complete defense. By cherry-picking excerpts from longer conversations, the government has misconstrued essential facts and limited access to evidence, which not only impacts the jury pool and potential defense witnesses but also compromises the integrity of our criminal justice system.”

WLWT-TV Cincinnati (1/13, Albritton, 315K) reports that the legal team “is now asking that the audio recordings be released without restriction.” The US Attorney’s Office “said they will respond with a court filing of their own.”

WXIX-FM Cincinnati (1/13, Swartsell, 4K) reports that the indictment “alleges [Sittenfeld] received $40,000 in bribes from undercover agents and an FBI informant in 2018 and 2019 in exchange for favorable public policy actions on a Downtown development deal involving sports betting at 435 Elm Street.”

Also reporting are Cincinnati (OH) Enquirer (1/13, 223K) and WCPO-TV Cincinnati (1/13, 185K).

Illinois Elects First Black House Speaker.

The Chicago Sun-Times (1/13, 970K) reports Illinois state Representative Emanuel Welch “was elected the new speaker of the Illinois House on Wednesday — succeeding Mike Madigan, the longest serving statehouse speaker in U.S. history.” Outgoing speaker Mike Madigan “was implicated in an alleged bribery scheme in which ComEd is accused of sending $1.3 million to Madigan’s associates for doing little or no work for the utility in order to curry favor with the powerful politician.”

Former Michigan Governor Charged With Neglect Related To Flint Water Crisis.

The AP (1/13, Eggert) reports former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) “was charged Wednesday with two counts of willful neglect of duty stemming from an investigation of the Flint water crisis.” The AP describes the indictment as “groundbreaking,” as “no governor or former governor in Michigan’s 184-year history had been charged with crimes related to their time in that office, according to the state archivist.”

The New York Times (1/13, Bosman, 20.6M) says the charges against Snyder “are misdemeanors punishable by imprisonment of up to one year or a maximum fine of $1,000.” The Times adds that Michigan prosecutors “will report their findings in a wide-ranging investigation into the water crisis on Thursday, officials said, a long-awaited announcement that is also expected to include charges against several other officials and top advisers to Mr. Snyder.”

The Detroit Free Press (1/13, Guillen, Egan, 2.16M) reports Snyder’s attorney, Brian Lennon, called the charges “rumored charges,” which were part of a “politically motivated smear campaign.”
Biden Elevates Homeland Security Adviser And Cybersecurity Roles.

The New York Times (1/13, Sanger, 20.6M) reports that Joe Biden, “facing the rise of domestic terrorism and a crippling cyberattack from Russia, is elevating two White House posts that all but disappeared in the Trump administration: a homeland security adviser to manage matters as varied as extremism, pandemics and natural disasters, and the first deputy national security adviser for cyber and emerging technology.” According to the Times, “The White House homeland security adviser will be Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall,” a “longtime aide to Mr. Biden who served under President Barack Obama as senior director for Europe and then deputy secretary of energy, where she oversaw the modernization of the nuclear arsenal.” The Times adds that “for the complex task of bolstering cyberoffense and defense, Mr. Biden has carved out a role for Anne Neuberger, a rising official at the National Security Agency” who “ran the Russia Small Group, which mounted a pre-emptive strike on the Kremlin’s cyberactors during the 2018 midterm elections.”

Cybersecurity Efforts Criticized Following SolarWinds Hack.

Bloomberg (1/13, Sebenius, 3.57M) reports, “Congress and federal agencies have been slow or unwilling to address warnings about cybersecurity.” They have shelved “recommendations that are considered high priority while investing in programs that have fallen short.” The SolarWinds hack, “disclosed in December, came after years of warnings from a watchdog group and cybersecurity experts.” For instance, in March, the Cyberspace Solarium Commission “presented a set of recommendations to Congress...that included additional safeguards to ensure more trusted supply chains.” Acting CISA Director Brandon Wales said in a statement, “Upon learning of this cyber campaign in mid-December, CISA immediately began working to understand the scope of the campaign, share information and detections and assist compromised entities with remediation.” He added, “We released an emergency cyber directive to help federal agencies identify whether their networks were exposed to this activity, and within 72 hours of release, 100% of the identified affected devices were taken offline.”

Meanwhile, BBC News (1/13, 876K) reports, Microsoft President Brad Smith “called the SolarWinds hack an ‘mass indiscriminate global assault’ that should be a wake-up call to cyber-defenders.” The Microsoft official “was making a keynote speech at the CES technology trade show.” President-elect Biden has “created a new post for a former National Security Agency official to help determine the US response to the attack.” Anne Neuberger “will now be responsible for trying to persuade US agencies and the country’s wider cyber-security sector to work together against such threats.” Neuberger told CBS News in August, “It was really great to see five different cyber-security entities using that to identify other Russian intelligence infrastructure and then take that down.”

Continuing Coverage: NCSC’s Evanina Calls For Public-Private Collaboration After SolarWinds Hack. NextGov (1/13, Baksh) reports NCSC Director William Evanina “said the vulnerability software presents to critical infrastructure will only grow and pushed for more government scrutiny of such products.” Evanina is quoted saying, “I think we have to be able to be in a position, and be willing to have a supply chain risk mitigation program that really is around zero trust.” He added there is a need for an “understanding of who provides your services, where they get them from and actually how they get them, and how does that fit in the ecosystem of the food chain for IT services.” Evanina spoke during a virtual Washington Post event this week “where he stressed the importance of public-private collaboration in response to the widespread hacking campaign he believes is Russian in origin.” Evanina also said, “We have to have in the government, the ability to utilize private-sector talent capability and know-how to protect our nation and our entire society.”

Experts Expect Cybercriminals To Strike Remote Workers In 2021.

Newsday (NY) (1/13, Herzlich, 776K) reports, “Cybersecurity threats will remain high this year...
with remote work still a key attack target along with other threats." Breaches involve "personal medical information that could mean hours of lost productivity for workers, according to Experian." In 2021, the threat continues "with much of the risk resulting from health care providers rushing to adopt digital and telehealth services and patients becoming more comfortable with leveraging technology for health services." The 350% increase in telehealth services "impacts employers because if a worker's medical/payments information is compromised it could take 40 to 50 hours to rectify, which affects overall productivity."

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**Montgomery Is First Woman Executed By Federal Government In Decades.**

The New York Times (1/13, Fuchs, 20.6M) reports that on Wednesday, the Department of Justice executed Lisa Montgomery, "the only woman on federal death row, whose death marked the first federal execution of a woman in nearly 70 years." The Times says Montgomery "was sentenced to death for murdering a pregnant woman in 2004 and abducting the unborn child, whom she claimed as her own." Reuters (1/13, Acharya) also covers the execution.

**Bill Would Require Capitol Police To Wear Body Cameras.**

The Washington Post (1/13, Jackman, 10.52M) reports a bill that has been introduced by Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ) "would mandate that the US Capitol Police wear" body cameras. The Post highlights that the US Department of Justice, which has "more than 43,000 sworn agents across the FBI, DEA, ATF and Marshals Service, does not use body-worn or in-car cameras."

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**Extremists Flock To Encrypted Apps.**

In the "Cybersecurity 202" blog for the Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M), Tonya Riley writes, "The recent shutdown of conservative-favored app Parler has sent throngs of President Trump's supporters to encrypted messaging apps - where some extremists are already organizing and calling for more violence to overturn the election results." Riley adds, "Far-right chat rooms in Telegram have gained thousands of members in the days since the assault on the Capitol, particularly since Parler was suspended, where some extremists are sharing instructions for making and hiding guns and bombs to use against government officials on Inauguration Day, Anna Schecter at NBC News reported. Other rallies are being planned on the platform and Signal, another encrypted app that's hard for government officials to monitor, Sheera Frankel at the New York Times reports," and "the FBI is scrambling to identify those involved in the Jan. 6 violence - a task that will surely be harder if they move their open plotting to encrypted chats."

**OTHER WASHINGTON NEWS**

**Trump Denounces US Capitol Violence As House Impeaches Him For Second Time.**

On Wednesday afternoon, with less than one week left in his term, President Trump became the first US president to be impeached twice by the House, with the sole article of impeachment passing 232-197, with all Democrats and 10 Republicans in favor, and four Republicans not voting. The AP (1/13) reports the President released a five-minute video "condemning the violent insurrection he fomented at the Capitol last week" shortly after the vote. Trump said in part, "I want to be very clear: I unequivocally condemn the violence that we saw last week. ... Like all of you I was shocked and deeply saddened by the calamity." The AP says Trump "made no reference" to the impeachment.

The New York Post (1/13, Bowden, 7.45M) says the message "was the exact statement that Trump's allies and critics alike both begged him to send as thousands of his supporters, angry with the outcome of the election, laid siege to Congress while lawmakers inside were voting to certify
Joe Biden's victory. The New York Times (1/13, Haberman, Schmidt, 20.6M) reports Trump released the video "under heavy pressure from his advisers." Trump "offered no note of humility, regret or self-reflection about his two months of false claims that the election was stolen from him. But it was also a broader condemnation of the violence than he has offered so far." The Daily Caller (1/13, 375K) reports Trump said he was briefed "on potential violent acts planned ahead" of next week's inauguration "and had directed federal agencies to utilize all possible resources to ensure a 'peaceful' transfer of power."

Earlier Wednesday, the New York Times (1/13, Benner, 20.6M) reports, Trump "issued a statement calling on Americans to 'ease tensions and calm tempers.'" The statement was "released by the White House and sent by text to Mr. Trump's supporters." The statement reads: "In light of reports of more demonstrations, I urge that there must be NO violence, NO lawbreaking and NO vandalism of any kind. That is not what I stand for, and it is not what America stands for." Fox News (1/13, Singman, 23.99M) reports on its website that the White House press office "later sent out the statement while attempting to post it to all of Trump's official social media accounts."

The Washington Post (1/13, Rucker, Dawsey, Parker, 10.52M) writes, "With less than seven days remaining in his presidency, Trump's inner circle is shrinking, offices in his White House are emptying, and the president is lashing out at some of those who remain. He is angry that his allies have not mounted a more forceful defense of his incitement of the mob that stormed the Capitol last week," according to "advisers and associates."

House Votes 232-197 To Impeach Trump. In opening ABC World News Tonight (1/13, lead story, 6:45, 6.95M), David Muir called it a "night of history made in America. For the first time ever, a president has been impeached twice — one week to the day after that deadly assault on the Capitol." House Speaker Pelosi "called the President a 'clear and present danger,' saying the House has a sacred obligation to stand for the truth against the lies of what she said is a desperate President who feels his power slipping away." House Minority Leader McCarthy said Trump "bears responsibility after the assault on the Capitol, but saying he did not support impeachment on this timeline." ABC's Mary Bruce: "One week to the day after a violent mob of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, Congress tonight impeached the man who sent them there, charging the President with incitement of insurrection."

Norah O'Donnell said on the CBS Evening News (1/13, lead story, 5:10, 4.24M) that Pelosi "says she will immediately send the article of impeachment to the Senate so the President can stand trial." But Senate Majority Leader McConnell "says that won't happen before [Joe] Biden is inaugurated next Wednesday." CBS' Nancy Cordes: "This historic bipartisan vote took place in the same chamber where one week ago today lawmakers were cowering and praying for their lives. ... Voting in a Capitol that has now become a fortress, House members impeached the 45th President for putting them in harm's way one week ago today." Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, lead story, 4:15, 5.73M), "Added to the list of grave, unimaginable, and simply stunning moments that keep rocking our country, for the second time in 13 months the House of Representatives has voted to impeach President Donald Trump. This time Democrats, backed by several Republicans, laying the mantle of blame for one of this country's ugliest and most dangerous moments squarely at the President's feet."

The AP (1/13, Mascaro, Jalonick, Lemire) reports, "With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House...moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president's calls for them to 'fight like hell' against the election results." USA Today (1/13, Fritze, Subramanian, 12.7M) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer, who will become majority leader later this month, said, "There will be an impeachment trial in the United States Senate; there will be a vote on convicting the President for high crimes and misdemeanors; and if the President is convicted, there will be a vote on barring him from running again."

The New York Times (1/13, Fandos, 20.6M) reports the 10 GOP defections "were a remarkable break from the head of the party by Republicans." The Washington Post (1/13, Blake, 10.52M) reports that it was "the most bipartisan [presidential impeachment] vote in history." Five Democrats voted to impeach Bill Clinton in 1998, and though Andrew Johnson "was
overwhelmingly impeached” in 1868, it was “on a party-line vote in the Republican-dominated House.” The New York Post (1/13, Nelson, Moore, Golding, 7.45M) reports, “No members of the GOP voted in 2019 to impeach Trump the first time.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Andrews, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports McCarthy and other Republicans who opposed impeachment said the effort was rushed, and unnecessary with Trump set to leave office anyway. The Detroit Free Press (1/13, Spangler, 2.16M) reports, “McCarthy and others argued throughout the day that while the armed mob delayed the work of Congress for several hours in finalizing the Electoral College count for Biden over Trump’s baseless claims that the election had been corrupt, impeaching the president so close to his leaving office would only continue division in the country.” The San Francisco Chronicle (1/13, Garofoli, 2.44M) says McCarthy, “who is so tight with Trump that the president refers to him as ‘my Kevin,’ barely defended the president during his House speech. ... And he did something that he hasn’t done over the past four years: He told Trump to accept his share of responsibility.” The Dallas Morning News (1/13, 772K) reports McCarthy “rejected impeachment in favor of censure – a step nearly as rare, if only symbolic.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M) writes, “The fast-moving scene of political tumult is an appropriate coda for a Trump career that has broken precedent, norms and laws at every turn. Even in the Senate, Republicans are beginning to envision what was unthinkable just days ago: that there might be enough votes to produce the two-thirds majority needed to convict Trump, although most likely not until he is out of office.” The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/13, Tamari) says Trump “now faces the possibility of becoming the only president ever convicted in a Senate trial. There is far more uncertainty than last year, when Senate Republicans firmly rejected impeachment charges centered on Trump’s attempt to pressure Ukrainian leaders to tar Biden.”

CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports on its website, “During the last impeachment effort, Trump allies in and out of the White House publicly defended him and sent out talking points throughout the impeachment proceeding.” On Wednesday, “it was the President who was left to fend for himself at the White House. ... There was no organized effort to send out talking points, unlike his first impeachment.” The Boston Globe (1/13, 1.04M) writes, “The House’s swift repudiation, coming one week after a violent mob breached the Capitol and led to five deaths, is all but certain to cleave [Trump’s] party and diminish his legacy, even if it is unlikely to force him from office.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/13, 1.45M) says the “unprecedented second impeachment of an American president came without hearings, witnesses or testimony.”

Peter Baker of the New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) writes, “Not since the dark days of the Civil War and its aftermath has Washington seen a day quite like Wednesday. In a Capitol bristling with heavily armed soldiers and newly installed metal detectors, with the physical wreckage of last week’s siege cleaned up but the emotional and political wreckage still on display, the president of the United States was impeached for trying to topple American democracy.” Baker says it “felt like the preordained coda of a presidency that repeatedly pressed all limits and frayed the bonds of the body politic. ... Faith in the system has eroded. Anger is the one common ground.”

The New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) editorializes, “It has come to this: Lawmakers are telling journalists that they were casting their impeachment votes in a climate of threats where they feared for their own and their families’ safety. ... A representative democracy cannot function under the threat from violent extremists determined to overturn the results of a presidential election that they lost. Americans – whether elected officials or regular citizens – should not live in fear that they could be attacked or killed for doing their jobs or supporting a particular candidate.” Republicans “who objected to the electoral vote results on the grounds of mythical election fraud should immediately and publicly apologize, repudiate their lies and admit that Joe Biden won the election fairly.”

The Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M) editorializes, “There is no doubt Mr. Trump deserved to be impeached.” But impeachment “does not obviate the need for further investigation. Large questions remain: How close did the mob come to harming members of Congress or the vice president? Was there a conspiracy? Were other GOP leaders involved? What was the source of the pipe bombs discovered on Jan. 6? Why was the Capitol so exposed and backup seemingly so unavailable? What measures must be taken to ensure this never happens again?” If McConnell
The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Subscription Publication, 8.11M) says in an editorial that while it has called on Trump to resign, the hasty impeachment one week before Trump will leave office was divisive and unnecessary, and raises the question of whether an impeachment trial of a president who is no longer in office is even constitutional. The New York Daily News (1/13, 2.51M) editorializes, “Huzza for the House of Representatives, including 10 Republicans who put country before party. ... After pressuring Georgia officials to change their certified, hand-recounted results, Trump's incendiary words on Jan. 6 tossed a lit match into a pile of dry kindling, inciting the siege on the Capitol. Such direct assaults on the democratic process should disqualify an American from serving as president. His appeals for calm are laughably late, inherently halfhearted.”

The San Francisco Chronicle (1/13, 2.44M) editorializes that Trump has become “the first twice-impeached president in the most bipartisan such vote in U.S. history Wednesday, an ignominious valedictory that was as fitting as it was unprecedented.” Impeachment “is the least Trump should expect for an act of lawlessness that warrants his immediate removal from office. But the boundless cowardice of those who enabled him to this point will likely spare him that fate.”

The Chicago Tribune (1/13, 2.03M) editorializes, “Trump is a failed leader not fit to serve. If he lasts his final days in office without causing more chaos, America will be lucky. ... Off the table, apparently, is a Senate trial that would remove the president from office in his final days if he is convicted. That’s OK. We’re still heartened the House took action. The threat of trial could be enough to keep Trump’s behavior in check.”

The Boston Globe (1/13, 1.04M) editorializes, “When a president calls for violence against fellow political leaders and revolt against the government and nation he is supposed to defend as commander in chief, Congress has little choice but to protect democracy through the constitutional measure of impeachment. And since Trump didn’t simply resign, getting him out swiftly is a matter of national security.” The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K) editorializes, “Trump has been impeached a second time – a fitting disgrace for a leader who has besmirched his office, betrayed his oath and fomented violent invasion of the U.S. Capitol. ... The Trump years have shown us an ugliness that must be rooted out, with a national recommitment to democratic values. That is what will keep America great.”

Ten Republicans Vote To Impeach Trump. The AP (1/13, Peoples) reports, “The unbreakable wall of Republican support that encouraged and enabled Donald Trump’s norm-shattering presidency cracked on Wednesday.” The New York Times (1/13, Eligon, 20.6M) reports “10 Republicans cast their votes in favor of impeachment, exactly one week after the Capitol was breached by an angry mob of Trump loyalists.” USA Today (1/13, Hayes, 12.7M) reports the 10 defectors were Reps. Liz Cheney (R-WY), Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), John Katko (R-NY), Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), Peter Meijer (R-MI), Dan Newhouse (R-WA), Tom Rice (R-SC), Fred Upton (R-MI), and David Valadao (R-CA).

The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (1/13, 94K) reports Cheney “defended her vote...on Wednesday, telling reporters that some votes ‘should never be partisan.’” The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/13, 1.22M) reports Gonzalez said in a statement, “The President of the United States helped organize and incite a mob that attacked the United States Congress in an attempt to prevent us from completing our solemn duties as prescribed by the Constitution. In doing so, five people have died - including a Capitol Police Officer - many more have been injured, and our democracy has been shaken.” The Clark County (WA) Columbian (1/13, 79K) reports Herrera Beutler voted to impeach “in a stunning final rebuke” of Trump, “calling on her colleagues to embrace the moral clarity that comes with accepting the truth.”

The Syracuse (NY) Post-Standard (1/13, 467K) reports Katko said in a Tuesday evening floor
speech that members “had a constitutional duty to respond and impeach Trump. ‘To allow the
president of the United States to incite this attack without consequence is a direct threat to the
future of our democracy,’ he said.” The Chicago Sun-Times (1/13, 970K) reports Kinzinger said in
an interview, “I think there’s going to be a lot of reckoning in this party about how did we get
here, how we were led here, what did we do wrong, what did we do right. ... And I think the next
few months will tell; does this party, you know...does it wake up Saturday morning from a Friday
night bender and look around and say, ‘What did we do?’” Mlive (MI) (1/13, 828K) reports Meijer
said before the vote, “I believe the article of impeachment to be accurate. The President betrayed
his oath of office by seeking to undermine our constitutional process, and he bears responsibility
for inciting the violent acts of insurrection last week.”

The Tri-City Herald (WA) (1/13, 84K) reports Newhouse said in a statement, “A vote against
this impeachment is a vote to validate the unacceptable violence we witnessed in our nation’s
capital.” Newhouse “also criticized Trump’s lack of action after rioters entered the Capitol building.
He did not strongly condemn the attack nor did he call in reinforcements when our officers were
overwhelmed,” he said. “Our country needed a leader, and President Trump failed to fulfill his oath
of office.” The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (1/13, Novelty, Fleming, 299K) reports Rice
“stunned the South Carolina political universe” with his vote, which is “destined to spark outrage in
his home district where support for Trump runs high and to the extreme. ... Rice said he spent the
last week reading how the president responded to the Jan. 6 protests. While he doesn’t think the
president exactly called for protesters to storm the Capitol, the way Trump responded to the
violence was unacceptable.”

The Detroit News (1/13, 1.16M) reports Upton said in an interview before the vote, “I’m
going to do the right thing. The Constitution has to come first, I’m sorry. The President’s failure to
take any blame for what happened last week is inexcusable. ... Calling these people ‘patriots’ as
they were looting the Capitol? They’re almost worse than the British when they burned it down.”
The Visalia (CA) Times-Delta (1/13, 14K) reports Valadao said in a statement, “Based on the facts
before me, I have to go with my gut and vote my conscience. I voted to impeach President
Trump. His inciting rhetoric was un-American, abhorrent, and absolutely an impeachable offense.
It’s time to put country over politics.”

Politico (1/13, Zanona, 6.73M) reports “conservative hard-liners are moving against” Cheney
over her vote. Members of the Freedom Caucus “began circulating a petition Wednesday to force a
special conference meeting so they could debate and vote on a resolution calling on Cheney to
resign” as House Republican Conference Chair, the third-ranking slot in the GOP leadership.

Breitbart (1/13, 1.26M) reports one unnamed House Republican predicted “that as many as half of
the House Republican conference might vote to oust” Cheney. The Hill (1/13, Bruinke, 5.69M)
reports McCarthy “would not comment when asked multiple times on his thoughts on the matter or
whether he would back the effort.” The Daily Caller (1/13, 375K) reports Cheney “rebuffed
resignation calls from her fellow GOP lawmakers.” She told a reporter, “I’m not going anywhere.”

McConnell Says He Has “Not Made a Final Decision” On Convicting, But Will Not
Permit Early Trial. The AP (1/13, Fram) reports McConnell “pointedly did not rule out
Wednesday that he might eventually vote to convict [Trump], but he also blocked a quick Senate
impeachment trial.” In a letter to his GOP colleagues, McConnell wrote, “I have not made a final
decision on how I will vote and I intend to listen to the legal arguments when they are presented
to the Senate.” The Washington Post (1/13, Kim, Kane, 10.52M) calls McConnell’s words “a
dramatic shift from his position during Trump’s first impeachment a year ago, when he publicly
stressed that he was ‘not an impartial juror’ and privately worked in concert with White House
officials to map out the president’s eventual acquittal in the Senate.”

The New York Times (1/13, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports, “Because the Senate is not
scheduled to hold a regular session until Jan. 19...an agreement between” McConnell and Schumer
would be needed to begin the trial before then. McConnell said he “would not agree to do so,
meaning that the article could not be taken up until the day before Mr. Biden is sworn in” at the
earliest. USA Today (1/13, Hayes, 12.7M) reports McConnell, "in a statement after the House
impeached Trump, said the Senate trial would not be rushed and concluded, 'There is simply no
chance that a fair or serious trial could conclude before President-elect Biden is sworn in next
Politico (1/13, Levine, Desiderio, Stein, 6.73M) reports Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) "is leading the charge" against convicting Trump in the Senate. Graham, "who just last week said he had had 'enough' of Trump's bid to overturn the election results after he incited a deadly riot at the Capitol, has been calling around to Republican senators urging them to oppose convicting the president in the Senate's expected impeachment trial."

NYT Times Analysis: "Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray." The New York Times (1/13, Shear, Crowley, 20.6M) reports under the headline "As His Predecessor Is Impeached, Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray" that while "his fellow Democrats are red hot with rage after the assault on the Capitol," Biden "has maintained a studied cool, staying largely removed from the searing debate" over impeachment and keeping his focus on battling a deadly pandemic, reviving a faltering economy and lowering the political temperature. Biden "has deferred to" Pelosi and other Capitol Hill Democrats, and "has spent the past week honing policy proposals and introducing new appointees while delivering a carefully calibrated, above-the-fray message."

YouTube Suspends Trump's Channel.
The AP (1/13, Sae) reports YouTube removed content that was uploaded on January 12 to President Trump’s channel and suspended it "for at least a week amid concerns over 'ongoing potential for violence.'” While the channel remains live, new videos and live streams cannot be uploaded during that period.

Facebook Took Action Against Trump Amid Fears Of Violence-Social Media Feedback Loop. The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Horwitz, Seetharaman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that as the US Capitol was attacked, Facebook saw user reports of violent content and false news surge. People familiar with the matter say that company leaders, fearing a feedback loop of the violence in Washington worked “already on-edge social-media users – potentially leading to more strife in real life” – implemented its most aggressive interventions against President Trump and his supporters. However, Facebooks’ struggle with balancing policing its platforms while allowing for political discussion are likely to continue into the new Administration.

Kushner, Scavino Halted Trump Move To New Social Media In Wake Of Twitter Ban. Bloomberg (1/13, Jacobs, 3.57M) reports that people familiar with the matter say Trump’s senior adviser Jared Kushner and Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications Dan Scavino “stopped an effort to sign up the president on fringe social media platforms such as Gab and Parler” in the wake of Twitter suspending his account. The two cited concerns that the alternative social media sites weren’t suitable due believing they are not “well managed” about to handle the traffic.

Parler CEO: Platform May Never Return. Reuters (1/13, Culliford) reports Parler CEO John Matze said that service, which went offline are major service providers cut ties with it, may never return. “Matze said that Parler was talking to more than one cloud computing service,” and the company is suing Amazon to regain service. However, “Amazon on Tuesday filed exhibits that showed it had warned Parler late last year about vile and threatening language on its site before cutting off the platform after the attack on the US. Capitol.”

The Washington Post (1/13, Lerman, 10.52M) reports that Amazon’s cutting ties with Parler – leading it to go offline – illustrates how “the companies that provide the technical infrastructure that powers websites and services where people express opinions have vast power” over what is expressed. However, “Amazon hasn’t often proactively policed the content of customers.” In Parler’s case, “Amazon said it received reports in mid-November that the social network was ‘hosting content threatening violence’” and contacted the platform about it.

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Needleman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that Parler was a hub for people who organized, participated in or celebrated the storming of the Capitol and for those posting about future violent actions around the coming inauguration.

Users Flocking To Encrypted Messaging Apps. The New York Times (1/13, Nicas, Isaac, Frenkel, 20.6M) reports that, “spurred by a series of events last week that stoked growing anxiety over some of the big tech companies and their communication apps,” over the last week tens of millions of people have downloaded the encrypted messaging apps Signal and Telegram.
The migration has been fueled by tech companies removing thousands of far-right accounts and "viral chain messages that falsely claimed that Facebook could read WhatsApp messages."

ADL Urges DOJ Probe Of Social Media Platform Gab. USA Today (1/13, Bomey, 12.7M) reports, "A national anti-hate group is calling for the Department of Justice and the FBI to investigate a conservative social media company and its CEO over allegations that they may have 'intentionally aided, conspired with or directed' rioters who attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6." The Anti-Defamation League "released an open letter Wednesday morning calling for authorities to probe Gab and its CEO, Andrew Torba, saying they 'may well bear a measure of criminal responsibility for the attack.'" According to NPR, "The move comes amid growing pressure on social media outlets that serve as a petri dish for hate and violence. In recent days, Apple, Google and Amazon have taken action to strip conservative social media outlet Parler of its distribution platforms amid accusations that rioters planned aspects of their attack on its platform."

Businesses, Donors Pressuring GOP To Break With Trump.
The New York Times (1/13, Goldmacher, Corasaniti, 20.6M) reports that with "a lengthening list of blue-chip giants of corporate America" vowing to no longer donate to Republicans who opposed certifying Joe Biden's election, Republican lawmakers "are facing intensifying pressure from some longtime allies and financiers over their continued ties with President Trump." Meanwhile, "a handful of Democratic and independent groups are pledging to spend aggressively on advertising against Republican lawmakers who opposed certifying the results." However, "some Washington Republicans remain dubious of the long-term impact" of these moves, as the 2022 elections are far off, political money increasingly comes from online donors, "and those small online contributors have proved durably loyal to Mr. Trump and his brand of grievance politics."

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Mullins, Day, Subscription Publication, 8.4IM) reports Americans for Prosperity, a nonprofit advocacy group and a political entity tied to conservative billionaire Charles Koch, "said they would evaluate future support of politicians based on their actions last week leading up to the assault on the Capitol." These moves are accelerating change in GOP fundraising, which has been moving towards online donors outside groups largely funded by a small group of billionaires.

NYC "Severing All Contracts" With Trump Organization. ABC World News Tonight (1/13, story 6, 0:15, Muir, 6.95M) reported New York City "canceled all of its contracts with the Trump Organization, including two skating rinks, the Central Park carousel, a golf course in the Bronx."

The AP (1/13, Matthews) reports that Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) said the Trump Organization "earns about $17 million a year in profits from its contracts." The AP says a Trump Organization spokesperson "said the city can't cancel the contracts." The City of New York "has no legal right to end our contracts and if they elect to proceed, they will owe The Trump Organization over $30 million dollars," the spokesperson said in an emailed statement.

The New York Times (1/13, Fitzsimmons, 20.6M) says, "For the last several years, the tumultuous arc of... Trump's relationship with New York City has been on a steep decline." According to the Times, "His name was stripped from private properties," and he "even changed his legal residency to Florida." The Times adds, "The decision by... de Blasio was another blow to Mr. Trump's prestige in New York, and hammered home the depths to which the president... has become a political and social pariah in his hometown." Additional coverage includes Reuters (1/13, Szekely), Bloomberg (1/13, Goldman, 3.57M), the Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M), and the New York Post (1/13, Hicks, 7.45M).

"Dark-Money Group" Tied To Organizations That Alleged Election Fraud. CNBC (1/13, Schwartz, 7.34M) reports on its website that "a dark-money group used by Republican donors funneled millions of dollars toward high-profile conservative organizations that pushed and in some cases investigated claims of election fraud either before or after Joe Biden defeated President Donald Trump in November." According to CNBC, "That funding group, the Donors Trust, is officially labeled as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, "which "allows financiers to give to the organization anonymously," CNBC says "that money is then channeled to other dark-money groups."

Report Spotlights Donations To Republicans Who Alleged Election Fraud. The AP...
(1/13, Slodysko) says that according to a report from Public Citizen, "corporations and industry groups have donated at least $170 million in recent years to Republicans who rejected" Joe Biden's victory. The AP adds that the report "examines corporate and trade association contributions made since the 2016 election cycle to the 147 members of Congress who, at Trump's behest, objected to last week's formal certification of November's election." According to the AP, "The top corporate and industry givers to the 147 Republicans detailed in the report include" the National Association of Realtors, the National Bankers Association and the National Beer Wholesalers Association.

**MLB, Charles Schwab Suspend Political Contributions.** The AP (1/13, Seiner) reports, "Joining a wave of major corporations rethinking their efforts to lobby Washington" following the attack on the US Capitol, Major League Baseball is suspending all political contributions. The National Football League is not suspending its donations but said it will reconsider them.

 Reuters (1/13) reports Charles Schwab Corp said on Wednesday it will discontinue its political action committee, no longer accept contributions from employees, or make financial contributions to lawmakers.

**More Companies Pause Contributions To Hawley.**

The AP (1/13) reports that, in wake of the attack on the US Capitol, "several more companies have suspended campaign contributions to" Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), "who was a leader of efforts to challenge the 2020 presidential election results." The companies include Cerner Corp., Ameren Corp., Edward Jones, and Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner. Additionally, the Lincoln Project, an anti-Trump GOP PAC, "is pressuring remaining Missouri donors to abandon" Hawley.

**Biden Drops Plan To Take Amtrak Train To Washington For Inauguration.**

The AP (1/13, Jaffe, Miller) reports Joe Biden has scrapped plans to take an Amtrak train to Washington for his inauguration "because of security concerns, a person briefed on the decision told The Associated Press on Wednesday." The decision "reflects growing worries over potential threats in the Capitol and across the U.S. in the lead-up to Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration."

The New York Times (1/13, Stevens, 20.6M) says while presidential inaugurations have become "a major cultural touchstone" featuring "a swirl of parades, parties and performances shedding light every four years on the nation's culture, the tastes of its leaders and the images they seek to project," with "the coronavirus pandemic entering a deadlier phase, and Washington on edge after the riot at the Capitol and warnings of yet more security threats," Biden's inauguration "will be different by necessity. It will join a long line of national events...that have been forced to scale down and adapt to a socially distant, remote world."

**Biden Accepts Invitation To Use Blair House On Eve Of Inauguration.**

The Washington Post (1/13, Viser, 10.52M) reports a spokesperson for the State Department says Biden has accepted an invitation from the Trump Administration to use Blair House, "the official residence for guests of the president, on the eve of his inauguration." The Post adds, "Biden's inauguration committee declined several requests for comment, making it unclear whether he has made firm plans to stay there or simply accepted the invitation to keep the option open."

**US Death Toll Again Surpasses 4,000 And Hits New Daily Record.**

ABC World News Tonight (1/13, story 5, 1:45, Muir, 6.95M) reported that Tuesday saw "the deadliest 24 hours yet in the US," with "4,327 lives reported lost in just the last 24 hours. That's about one life lost every 20 seconds." ABC's Stephanie Ramos added that the news comes as scientists in Ohio discovered "two new variants that developed right here in the US, and officials say one strain spreading in the city of Columbus could be more contagious, but need more data."

The CBS Evening News (1/13, story 6, 1:50, O'Donnell, 4.24M) reported, "The US has again hit a record high for COVID deaths. More than 4,300 new deaths were reported just on Tuesday. And while the pace of vaccinations is picking up with nearly a million shots given [Tuesday], a possible new coronavirus strain has turned up in Ohio." CBS' Carter Evans added, "This as the dangerous strain from the UK is now detected in 11 states."

The AP (1/13, Whitehurst, Tang, Breed) reports that US "recorded an all-time, one-day high
CNBC (1/13, Higgins-Dunn, 7.34M) reports on its website that "the new record is the second time in the last week that Covid-19 deaths have exceeded 4,000 in one day," and "also pushes the nation’s weekly average of deaths per day to 3,342 – a 26% increase compared with a week ago." CNBC adds, "So far, 34,804 people have died in January, on track to become the deadliest month of the pandemic in the United States." The Washington Post (1/13, Beachum, 10.52M) also covers the updates daily death toll in the US.

NIAID Director Fauci said on WPIX-TV New York (1/13, 29K), "Right now, if you time it, being in the middle or close to the middle of January, we very likely are seeing the full brunt of the travel, as well as the social gatherings that generally take place with family and friends over the holidays."

**Number Of Hospitalizations Plateaus Ahead Of Likely Decline.**

Bloomberg (1/13, Querolo, Levin, 3.57M) reports, "The number of hospitalized Covid-19 patients was roughly flat in the U.S. this week, and likely will begin declining for the first time since September," according to the COVID Tracking Project. Numbers fell "compared with a week earlier in both the Northeast and Midwest," while "in the West, they were up 0.8%, the least since Oct. 1 on a percentage basis." The South saw "the most alarming momentum, with an increase of 4.2% from seven days earlier." Bloomberg says that while the overall trend is "encouraging," it "reflects a slowdown from an extremely swift pace – and may not last" after "the holiday incubation period," the attack at the Capitol, "and massive crowds celebrating a football victory in Tuscaloosa, Alabama."

**States Encounter Difficulties Vaccinating Elderly Populations.**

The New York Times (1/13, Ives, 20.6M) reports that "more than 50 million people in the United States who are 65 or older – as well as younger people with underlying conditions – are now cleared to receive a coronavirus vaccine, after the federal government abruptly reversed course on its recommendations on priority groups." However, according to the Times, "That’s much easier said than done, and some experts are questioning whether making so many more people eligible will make the process of signing up and receiving a vaccine even more complicated." The Times says states have "struggled to set up phone and online sign-up systems, and many of the oldest Americans, who are most at risk of death from a coronavirus infection, have struggled to use them, encountering complicated registration sites, error messages and other roadblocks."

Bloomberg (1/13, LaVito, Tozzi, 3.57M) says "in recommending that states start immunizing all residents 65 and older, along with all those between 16 and 64 with medical conditions that make them more vulnerable to serious disease, U.S. health officials are clearing a path for about 128 million more Americans to be vaccinated," Bloomberg adds, "Expanding eligibility is intended to speed up vaccination by increasing demand and giving providers more flexibility, resulting in fewer wasted doses. Yet such a strategy with supplies still limited risks exacerbating the frustration and chaos already playing out in some states."

HHS Secretary Azar said on Fox Business’ Varney & Co. (1/13, 64K), "We’ve got 38 million doses of vaccine available, but…only 27 million have been distributed, because we don’t have orders for all the vaccine that we’ve got. We’ve got to get the states to accelerate their administration by opening up the aperture to more people. They’ve got to open up to age 65 and above, age 64 and below that have comorbidities and risks, because this is the way we protect our most vulnerable citizens. … This micromanagement and bureaucracy from the center has to stop."

NIAID Director Fauci said on WPIX-TV New York (1/13, 29K), "I believe, and I think everyone agrees now, that in an attempt to do it in an orderly fashion, with phasing it in… I think that has inadvertently and somewhat paradoxically caused a restriction in the freedom of just getting the doses out there. So what you’re going to be seeing in the next couple of weeks is a greater degree of flexibility in getting to people who are older than 65, or younger than 65 but also have underlying conditions."

California Expands Vaccinations To 65 And Older. On NBC Nightly News (1/13, story
Miguel Almaguer reported that California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) "promised one million more residents would be vaccinated by this weekend, now offering a dose to anyone over 65" after a slow ramp-up, with only 900,000 shots administered despite receiving "the most doses in the nation," according to the CDC. Newsom said, "The delay has been the challenges of each and every city, each and every county, each and every provider providing, being restricted in the protocols." Newsom continued, "That’s why we changed everything. We moved out of the tiers to these new mass distribution centers. We are going to be doing a lot more of those."

The Los Angeles Times (1/13, Gutierrez, Shelby, 3.37M) reports, "California officials on Wednesday announced a major expansion of vaccination eligibility guidelines, allowing all residents 65 and older to more quickly qualify for COVID-19 vaccinations in response to new guidance from the Trump administration aimed at speeding up vaccine rollouts across the country."

Newsom said, "There is no higher priority than efficiently and equitably distributing these vaccines as quickly as possible to those who face the gravest consequences." Officials in the state "have struggled thus far to distribute its allotment of vaccine doses," with only a third of 2.4 million doses administered as of Monday, in part due to "lower than expected demand from...healthcare and nursing home workers."

Vaccine Rollout Leads To Confusion On How To Get Immunized. On NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 9, 1:55, Holt, 5.73M), Vicky Nguyen reported, "Operation Warp Speed lived up to its name. Effective vaccines are here, but getting one is a project in persistence." Nguyen detailed steps on how to receive a vaccination, including ensuring "you are eligible," registering with local health departments and major pharmacy chains to receive alerts relating to vaccinations, and calling 211 or 311. Nguyen added, "Lyft will provide 60 million rides to and from vaccination sites for the at risk or uninsured. Uber is providing 10 million free rides." However, while the shot is also free, Nguyen said, "You may be charged a vaccine administration fee. Your insurance or a special government fund should cover that. But be sure to ask ahead so there are no surprise charges."

Vaccination Sites Struggle With Extra Doses. The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Winkler, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that vaccination centers are facing challenges in distributing extra doses of COVID vaccines as a result of roadblocks to moving vaccine across county or state lines, staffing shortages, and a deficit between the number of doses in a vial and the needles and syringes required to administer those doses. An HHS spokesperson said the Administration is planning to provide vaccine kits with an enhanced supply of essentials.

Slaoui Confirms Resignation From Operation Warp Speed.

Moncef Slaoui, chief scientific adviser to Operation Warp Speed, confirmed in an interview with CNBC's Squawk Box (1/13, 185k) that he "submitted my resignation letter [Tuesday] to the current Administration, thanking them for giving me the opportunity to help our country and our people, as well as the people of the world, and...[I am] very satisfied that significant progress has been made in discovering the vaccines, developing them, making them available."

Johnson & Johnson Hopes To Release Vaccine Study Data In As Little As Two Weeks.

The New York Times (1/13, Zimmer, LaFranier, Welland, 20.6M) reports that Johnson & Johnson "expects to release critical results from its Covid-19 vaccine trial in as little as two weeks – a potential boon in the effort to protect Americans from the coronavirus – but most likely won’t be able to provide as many doses this spring as it promised the federal government because of unanticipated manufacturing delays." Nevertheless, the Times says that "if the vaccine can strongly protect people against Covid-19, as some outside scientists expect, it would offer big advantages over the two vaccines authorized in the United States" because "unlike those products, which require two doses, Johnson & Johnson’s could need just one, greatly simplifying logistics for local health departments and clinics struggling to get shots in arms." The Times adds, "What’s more, its vaccine can stay stable in a refrigerator for months, whereas the others have to be frozen."

Bloomberg (1/13, Griffin, Tozzi, 3.57M) reports that J&J’s vaccine “may not be authorized for
use until March, weeks later than U.S. officials have suggested.” Operation Warp Speed officials "have said they believe that the shot could receive emergency clearance from U.S. regulators as soon as the middle of next month. But that timeline may be aggressive, based on the drugmaker’s expectations for when it will have reliable data in hand demonstrating the one-shot vaccine’s efficacy.” Bloomberg adds, “It’s still possible that J&J’s shot could gain emergency-use clearance by the end of February, if each part of the process -- from submission of an application to the convening of Food and Drug Administration advisers to evaluate trial data -- moves at a brisk pace, according to the company.”

Politico (1/13, Cancryn, Owermohle, 6.73M) reports J&J "has fallen behind on production of its Covid-19 vaccine, a delay that could put it as much as two months behind schedule.” Johnson & Johnson "had originally pledged to deliver 12 million doses by the end of February, with plans to reach 100 million over the next four months,” but "has since warned officials that it could take until the end of April to catch up to its original projections, the person briefed on the matter said.” A J&J spokesperson "declined to confirm the delay, but said the company remains "confident in our ability to meet our 2021 supply commitments.” An HHS spokesperson said, “Operation Warp Speed is working with Johnson & Johnson to scale up and maximize manufacturing of the Janssen vaccine. Making projections at this time is premature.”

Experts Say Infected Capitol Lawmakers Show Vaccine Protection Takes Time.
The Washington Post (1/13, Guarino, 10.52M) reports that “three members of Congress contracted the coronavirus...despite having been vaccinated” after sheltering with fellow lawmakers, some of whom were not wearing masks, during the Capitol Hill lockdown. While the “positive tests do not mean the vaccines were faulty, experts said,” the incidents indicate "that immune protection takes more than a week to kick in" following a single dose. Both Pfizer and Moderna’s vaccines "require two doses for full protection; a single dose is not as effective as both.” Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health epidemiologist Naor Bar-Zeev said those who have been vaccinated could still be infected and should continue to follow public health guidelines.

States Vary On When To Distribute Vaccines To People With Disabilities.
The Washington Post (1/13, Contrera, 10.52M) reports that “tens of thousands of Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities – who are two to three times as likely to die of covid-19 – are waiting for an answer” on when they will receive the COVID vaccine. While "disability advocates say guidance" on priority groups from the CDC “should be interpreted to include all people with disabilities who receive long-term care,” state distribution plans have "downgraded" those with disabilities "to lower priority status.” The District of Columbia, Maryland, Alabama, Indiana, Rhode Island, and several other states have pushed people with disabilities back, though “most states make no mention of disabilities in their vaccine plans, leaving people...panicking and confused about how long they and those for whom they care will have to wait.”

States Push For Schools To Reopen As Teachers Receive Vaccine.
The AP (1/13, Whitehurst, Tang, Breed) reports, “State leaders around the U.S. are increasingly pushing for schools to reopen this winter – pressuring them, even – as teachers begin to gain access to the vaccine against the raging pandemic.” Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine (R) “offered to give vaccinations to teachers at the start of February, provided their school systems agree to resume at least some in-person instruction by March 1,” while Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) “warned schools that he expects students back in the classroom despite objections from top education officials and the highest COVID-19 diagnosis rate in the nation over the past week.” Meanwhile, Utah Gov. Spencer Cox (R) “has said he wants to vaccinate all teachers by the end of February.”

CDC Finds In-Person Learning Is Not Contributing To Spread. Bloomberg (1/13, Cortez, 3.57M) reports, “The return to in-person classes in nearly two-thirds of the U.S. hasn’t led to a rash of community outbreaks, federal scientists said in a study of 2.87 million cases among those under age 24.” The report by the CDC found that disease rates are comparable between counties where in-person learning is available or classes are conducted entirely online, and "concludes schools should be the last to close, and the first to re-open.” However, "young adults
ages 18 to 24, who led the country in infections during the summer and fall, may have contributed more to community transmission, the agency said in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.” Bloomberg says, "The report offered no insight on the risks to school teachers and staff members, as there is no information gathering nationwide on their infection rates.”

**Restaurants Increasingly Defy Indoor Dining Bans.**

The AP (1/13, Flaccus) reports that health officials in states with bans on indoor dining “say they are necessary because people can’t wear masks when they eat, are in close proximity in smaller and often poorly ventilated spaces, and are prone to talk more loudly in a crowded dining room – all known contributors to viral spread.” However, “even as coronavirus deaths soar, a growing number of restaurants in states across the country are reopening in defiance of strict COVID-19 rules that have shut them down for indoor dining for weeks, or even months.” In Oregon, “an organized effort” to reopen indoor dining “has been championed by several mayors,” with "similar revolts" gaining traction in Michigan, Pennsylvania, California, and Washington. Restaurateurs argue that the industry “has been unfairly singled out while other businesses, like big box stores and airlines, continue operating.”

**Michigan Restaurants Excluded From Loosened COVID Restrictions.** The Detroit Free Press (1/13, Boucher, Kurlyandchik, Selasky, 2.16M) reports, "Michigan restaurants and bars are still not allowed to offer indoor dining,” but Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) and state health officials “said Wednesday indoor exercise classes and some non-contact sports will be allowed to resume soon.” The updated order, which goes into effect on Saturday, “has caused considerable outcry from many around the state,” though Whitmer "indicated if COVID-19 case rates, hospitalizations and death statistics improve over that time period, indoor dining may be allowed starting Feb. 1.”

**Florida Says Reports Of Medical Vaccine Tourism Are Overblown.**

The AP (1/13, Spencer, Lush, Calvan) reports, "Florida was one of the first states to throw open vaccine eligibility to members of the general public over 65, leading to rumors that tourists and day-trippers are swooping in solely for the jab.” Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) “said stories of people flying to Florida, getting vaccinated and returning home are overblown,” and "said the nonresidents who are getting shots are almost entirely ‘snowbirds,’ residents who live in the state for several months during the winter and who could infect others if they aren’t vaccinated.” DeSantis’ vaccination order "makes no mention of residency, but health officials say anyone getting vaccinated must attest they will remain in the state for at least three additional weeks to get their second required shot.”

**First Vaccines Administered To Staff At Guantánamo Bay.**

The New York Times (1/13, Rosenberg, 20.6M) reports, "The first 100 members of the prison staff at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, have received initial vaccines against the coronavirus, the U.S. military said on Tuesday evening, though it declined to say whether any of the 40 wartime prisoners at the detention center were offered or received vaccines.” A Navy spokesperson, Capt. Garrett Kasper, "said in a statement that a shipment of Moderna vaccines arrived at the base on Friday, and 100 people assigned to the detention operation that has 1,300 staff members were vaccinated the next day.” The first “doses were given exclusively to U.S. forces, including National Guard troops on temporary assignment as prison guards and Navy medics who care for the detainees in the cellblocks.” Additional vaccinations were scheduled for Wednesday morning, and a second shipment of vaccines is expected to be delivered this week.

**Experts Say SCOTUS Could Split On Potential Presidential Self-Pardon.**

Politico (1/13, Gerstein, 6.72M) reports, “An unprecedented move by President Donald Trump to grant himself a pardon during his remaining days in office could divide his handpicked Supreme Court majority.” The debate over the presidential power “has quickened in recent days amid reports that the president has discussed the idea of a self-pardon with aides” and “has gained fresh urgency now that Trump has stacked the court with three dyed-in-the-wool conservatives: Neil
Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.” Though “cleavages sometimes emerge
and...might do so again in a case over the validity of a Trump self-pardon” between the justices,
“a strictly literal, textualist interpretation of the Constitution might favor Trump, since advocates
for limiting his power could be accused of inventing words not actually in the text.”

Census Bureau Abandons Effort To Count Undocumented Immigrants.
The Washington Post (1/13, Bahrampour, 10.52M) reports that, according to a letter posted on the
Census Bureau website, it “has apparently abandoned its effort to compile tallies of undocumented
immigrants, effectively ending President Trump’s quest to exclude them from congressional
apportionment.” In the letter, Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham “denied setting a
deadline for the data,” and said he told officials those involved with such reviews “should ‘stand
down’ and discontinue their data reviews.” Inspector General Peggy E. Gustafson previously wrote
Dillingham, saying that “career employees at the bureau had told her they were under ‘significant
pressure’” to produce such a report by Friday, despite the data not being ready. A senior bureau
employee said the request was “statistically indefensible,” according to the letter.

The AP (1/13) reports that on Wednesday, “a coalition of civil rights groups on...called for the
resignation of” Dillingham over the watchdog “reported that bureau statisticians were being
pressured to figure out who is in the U.S. illegally in the waning days of the Trump administration.”
The AP says Dillingham is accused of “undermining the statistical agency’s standards for data
quality in order to comply with an order from” President Trump. According to the AP, “The
resignation demand came a day after the Office of Inspector General reported that two Trump
appointees in top positions at the Census Bureau, Nathaniel Cogley and Benjamin Overholt, were
driving the efforts to figure out the citizenship status of every U.S. resident as part of the 2020
census.”

The New York Times (1/13, Wines, 20.6M) reports that the President has “demanded since
summer that the Census Bureau produce a state-by-state tally” of migrants – “numbers long
sought by Republicans who want to base political maps on population figures that do not include
undocumented immigrants.” The Times adds, “Republican legislators in some states, including
Texas and Missouri, are pressing for citizen-only population counts for redistricting. All states
currently draw maps using total population counts, or something very close to them, and the
legality of relying on citizen-only population totals is unclear.”

WSJournal Praises Cipollone’s Decision To Stay On.
In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (1/13, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) lauds White House
Counsel Pat Cipollone for continuing to serve in his role through January 20 despite resignations by
other officials. The Journal says that officials like Cipollone are guiding positive decisions within the
White House, such as the President’s statement urging protesters to remain peaceful.

Trump Jr., Guilfoyle Said To Plan Move From NYC To Florida.
The New York Post (1/13, Gould Keill, 7.45M) reports, “Donald Trump’s children are exiting New
York just as the city and other businesses cancel contracts with the Trump Organization following
the riot at the Capitol.” Donald Trump Jr. and Kimberly Guilfoyle, “following in the footsteps” of
Ivanka Trump, are reportedly seeking homes in Florida. A source said, “They are looking at a very
secure, guarded, protected community with like-minded conservatives. There’s no way they will
ever feel welcome in New York.”

Smithsonian Revises $2B Expansion Plan.
The New York Times (1/13, Bahr, 20.6M) reports that the Smithsonian announced Wednesday that
it has revised its $2 billion expansion plan “to focus on restorations to the interior and exterior” of
its 19th-century red administration building, the Castle, “and interior and underground
improvements to the Arts and Industries Building, which has been largely closed since 2004 for
renovations.” The Times says “the Smithsonian’s finances have taken a hit during the pandemic.
Since the revised plan for the Castle and the Arts and Industries Building focuses on essential
upgrades like electrical and plumbing systems and a new roof and windows, it will be funded
**WPost: Biden, Congress Should Examine Taking Nuclear Weapons Off Launch-Ready Alert.**

In an editorial, the *Washington Post* (1/13, 10.52M) urges Congress and Joe Biden to examine "long overdue reforms that would reduce...dangers by taking nuclear weapons off launch-ready alert. Congress and President-elect Joe Biden ought to examine them." The Post says Russia and the US "could take nuclear missiles off launch-ready alert." Both nations, The Post adds, "would benefit from backing away from the precipice." In addition, amid "signs, still tentative, that China is inching toward higher alert levels for some of its nuclear forces," it "would be smart for all three nations to retreat from the Cold War madness of hair-trigger alert."

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**WHO Warns Second Year Of COVID "Could Be Even Tougher."**

Reuters (1/13) reports, "The second year of the COVID-19 pandemic may be tougher than the first given how the new coronavirus is spreading, especially in the northern hemisphere as more infectious variants circulate, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday." WHO's top emergencies official Mike Ryan said 2021 "could even be tougher given the transmission dynamics and some of the issues that we are seeing." The WHO "said after two weeks of fewer cases being reported, some five million new cases were reported last week, the likely result of a letdown of defences during the holiday season in which people - and the virus - came together." WHO's COVID technical lead Maria Van Kerkhove said, "After the holidays, in some countries the situation will get a lot worse before it gets better."

**More Than 22M In Beijing Region Ordered To Stay In Their Homes.**

The *New York Times* (1/13, Myers, 20.6M) reports that "when a handful of new coronavirus cases materialized this month in a province surrounding Beijing - apparently spread at a village wedding party - the Chinese authorities bolted into action," and "locked down two cities with more than 17 million people, Shijiazhuang and Xingtai." In addition, "They ordered a crash testing regime of nearly every resident there, which was completed in a matter of days." The Times adds that by this week, "more than 22 million people in all have been ordered to remain inside their homes - double the number affected last January when China's central government locked down Wuhan, the central city where the virus was first reported, in a move that was then seen as extraordinary."

**Pompeo: It's Unknown Whether COVID-19 Began In Chinese Lab.** The *Washington Examiner* (1/13, Dunleavy, 886K) reports, "Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that he did not know for sure if the coronavirus pandemic began through an accidental leak from a lab in Wuhan." However, Pompeo "defended the theory as plausible and argued that all of the available evidence indicated COVID-19 originated in China." He "said that we 'still don't know the answer' about where specifically in Wuhan the coronavirus outbreak started during a Tuesday radio interview with conservative host Hugh Hewitt." Pompeo said, "It is not impossible that that is what happened, and the world must continue to demand that we understand what took place here ... to make sure that something like this never happens again."

**Efficacy Downgrade For CoronaVac Presents Setback For Poorer Countries.**

The *New York Times* (1/13, Wee, Londoño, 20.6M) reports that Brazil's Butantan Institute researchers "have downgraded the efficacy of" Beijing-based Sinovac's CoronaVac "that they hailed as a major triumph last week, diminishing hopes for a shot that could be quickly produced and easily distributed to help the developing world." Butantan officials said the vaccine showed an efficacy rate just above 50%, "slightly above the benchmark that the World Health Organization has said would make a vaccine effective for general use," but "far below the 78 percent level announced last week." The Times says, "The implications could be significant for a vaccine that is...
Iran Begins Work On Uranium-Based Reactor Fuel.

Reuters (1/13, Murphy) reports that the International Atomic Energy Agency said Wednesday that Iran has “started work on uranium metal-based fuel for a research reactor...in the latest breach of its nuclear deal with six major powers as the country presses for a lifting of U.S. sanctions.” Reuters says “the moves raise pressure” on Joe Biden, who “has pledged to return the United States to the deal if Iran first resumes full compliance,” but Iran “wants Washington to lift sanctions first.” According to Reuters, “Iran has been accelerating its breaches of the deal in the past two months,” and “some of those steps were required by a law passed in response to the killing of its top nuclear scientist in November, which Tehran has blamed on its arch-foe Israel.” The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says Biden’s desire to revive the nuclear agreement could face strong opposition if Iran is engaging in work related to nuclear weapons.

Pompeo: Leaving JCPOA Reduced Iran’s Capacity To Foment Terrorism.

Asked about the benefits of leaving the JCPOA on Bloomberg TV (1/13, 3.57M), Secretary of State Pompeo said, “When President Trump came into office, the Iranians were growing their economy at 5, 6, 10% a year, and they were doing so with American wealth that was funneled through European companies that were doing business there. ... All of this was creating wealth and capacity for the kleptocrats and the theocrats in charge of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and it was threatening the United States of America and our people. Their capacity to foment terrorism around the world was expanding. That’s not the case today. Simply not.”

Israeli Airstrike Reportedly Targeted Iranian Missiles In Syria.

Citing “Syria’s state-run news agency,” the Washington Post (1/13, Dadouch, 10.52M) reports that on Wednesday, “Israeli warplanes struck eastern Syria...hitting targets that a local monitoring group said included Iranian military and associated militia positions and forces loyal to Syria President Bashar al-Assad.” According to the Post, “A monitoring group called Deir al-Zour 24 that has an extensive network in the eastern Syrian province said the raids targeted at least four positions of Iran’s elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a designated terrorist organization by the United States.” Omar Abu Layla, head of Deir al-Zour 24, “said the attack killed no more than 40 members of local and foreign forces loyal to Assad,” and added that “Iranian-backed militias had brought a shipment of missiles into Syria to be stored at the warehouses in the past three weeks.” The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Schwartz, Osseiran, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provides similar coverage.

Canada Grants Asylum To 14 Hong Kong Pro-Democracy Activists.

The Globe and Mail (CAN) (1/13, Chase, 1.09M) reports, “Canada has granted asylum to 14 Hong Kong pro-democracy activists fleeing Beijing’s crackdown” in the special administrative region, according to the New Hong Kong Cultural Club. The group “of Canadian supporters of democracy in Hong Kong” has “assisted 30 Hong Kongers in applying for asylum in Canada, and of these, all have been recognized as claimants.” Fourteen of those have been “accepted as political refugees.” Immigration Minister Marco Mendicino’s press secretary, Alexander Cohen, said, “The ties that bind Canada and Hong Kong run deep, [and] with many young Hong Kongers casting their eyes abroad, we want them to choose Canada.”

Navalny Vows To Return To Russia This Weekend.

The New York Times (1/13, Troianovski, 20.6M) reports that Aleksei Navalny, “the Russian opposition leader who has been in Germany for months recovering from a nerve-agent attack that Western officials say was carried out by the Russian state, said on Wednesday that he would return to Russia this weekend despite the threat of being jailed upon arrival.” Navalny’s
announcement "came just two days after Russia’s prison authority petitioned a court to imprison Mr. Navalny for what it said was violating the terms of an earlier suspended prison sentence." The Times says Navalny was "poisoned by a military-grade nerve agent in Siberia in August in what he and Western officials say was an assassination attempt by the Russian government."

The Washington Post (1/13, Khurshudyan, 10.52M) reports that Navalny alleged in an Instagram post that Russian President Vladimir Putin "gave the order to kill me," and "is screaming in his bunker and tells his servants to do everything to prevent me from returning."

According to the Post, the Russian government "has denied any role in Navalny’s poisoning and has ignored Western leaders’ calls to open an investigation into what happened." However, "the investigative website Bellingcat reported recently that it used telecom and travel data to discover that eight Russian state security agents were in the vicinity when Navalny was poisoned."

NBC News (1/13, Bodner, 4.91M) reports, "Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov at the time said that Navalny, as a Russian citizen, has every right to return. However, Peskov and other officials have also claimed that Navalny is a CIA asset. The opposition leader’s return "sets the stage for a potentially dramatic showdown between Putin’s regime and its most prominent critic."

The CBS Evening News (1/13, story 7, 0:15, O’Donnell, 4.24M) provided similar coverage.

Ghani Facing Calls To Step Down.

The Washington Post (1/13, Constable, 10.52M) reports that there have been calls for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to step down amid "growing uncertainty over peace talks with the Taliban, a drumbeat of targeted killings and the looming withdrawal of U.S. troops" that "have raised tension here to a fever pitch." While backers of the idea "say it would offer a better chance of settling the 20-year war in Afghanistan and ending the relentless bloodshed, given that the Taliban refuse to recognize Ghani’s government as legitimate," opponents say it is "a dangerous, irresponsible gambit that would benefit an assortment of opportunistic politicians eager to grab a share in power." Ghani has "insisted that he will remain in office for his full five-year term and see the peace talks to fruition," but "a new round of negotiations, which have made almost no headway since they started in September, stalled this week."

WPost Analysis: Late Trump Moves Complicate US Policy On China And Taiwan.

The Washington Post (1/13, Kuo, 10.52M) says that "with days left in office, the Trump administration has cast aside long-standing policies toward China and Taiwan, both raising expectations and setting new constraints, for...the Biden administration." The Post says that on Saturday, Secretary of State Pompeo "abruptly lifted U.S. government rules prohibiting interactions between American and Taiwanese diplomats, a move that amounted to a symbolic but significant upgrade in the U.S. relationship with Taiwan that "incensed[ed] Beijing."

Then, on Tuesday, National Security Adviser O’Brien "released the full text – with a few sections redacted – of the U.S. Asia strategy, a secret ten-page document that highlighted the expansion of China’s illiberal spheres of influence as the No. 1 challenge." The Post adds that "critics say the moves, timed shortly before the handover, were designed to nudge Beijing one last time and force the Biden administration to make difficult, and potentially politically costly, decisions."

Navarro: China Will Push Biden Administration "Very Hard." On WJLA-TV

Washington (1/13, 11K), Director of Trade and Manufacturing Policy Navarro said, "I'm very concerned about the next six months. I think this is going to be one of the most difficult times in the US-China relationship. Communist China, President Xi Jinping, has already talked about throwing shots across America's bow." Navarro added, "I think they're going to push this next Administration very hard, and my concern is, looking at the people who are part of that, it's basically...the third term of Barack Obama essentially, and those people were not up to the job in the first two to standing up to China."

Pompeo Says Hong Kong Will Become "Another Communist-Run City."" Pompeo said on Bloomberg TV (1/13, 3.57M), "Everything that we have seen over the past year has indicated that Hong Kong is going to become nothing more than another Communist-run city. That’s most unfortunate. It had a special status. The Chinese Communist Party committed to that status for 50
Kim Doubles Down On Nuclear Arms Buildup During Party Congress.

The New York Times (1/13, Choe, 20.6M) reports during a Workers’ Party congress over the past eight days, North Korean Leader Kim Jong-un “doubled down on his nuclear arms buildup, offering an unusually detailed list of weapons that the North was developing,” including “ultramodern tactical nuclear weapons, ‘hypersonic gliding-flight warheads,’ ‘multi-warhead’ missiles, military reconnaissance satellites, a nuclear-powered submarine, and land- and submarine-launched intercontinental ballistic missiles that use solid fuel.” While Kim “admitted his economic plans had failed,” he “said he did not see his nuclear weapons program as an obstacle toward rebuilding the economy.” Instead, “he saw it as the best tool he had to ensure the continuity of his dynasty and extract economic and other concessions from the United States, which he called ‘our foremost principal enemy.’”

Reuters (1/13) says Kim wrapped up the “rare congress at a mass indoor art performance on Wednesday, state media said, but made no mention of a reported military parade.” News agency KCNA reported that Kim and other officials “packed into an indoor stadium in Pyongyang to watch performances from military and civilian art troupes and youth groups, mostly on themes of glorifying Kim’s leadership and reinforcing messaging from the congress.” Reuters adds that it was “the latest in a series of large gatherings this week where Kim and the other attendees did not appear to wear masks or use other social distancing measures, according to images released by state media.”

After Capitol Violence, European Populists Distance Themselves From Trump.

The New York Times (1/13, Erlanger, 20.6M) reports that President Trump’s “refusal to accept defeat and the violence that followed appears to have damaged the prospects” European populists. The “rioting, violence and death as Mr. Trump’s supporters stormed the Capitol has presented a clear warning to countries such as France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Poland about underestimating the force of populist anger and the prevalence of conspiracy theories aimed at democratic governments.” The Post adds that Europe’s populists have “distanced themselves from the rioting or fell silent.” Marine Le Pen, head of France’s far-right National Rally, “was firm in supporting Mr. Trump,” but after the violence, she “pulled back, condemning ‘any violent act that aims to disrupt the democratic process.’” Matteo Salvini, “populist leader of the Italian anti-immigrant League party,” said, “Violence is never the solution,” and in the Netherlands, Geert Wilders, “a prominent right-wing party leader, criticized the attack on the American legislature.”

The Washington Post (1/13, Nakamura, 10.52M) reports Brookings Institution analyst Thomas Wright said European leaders “will be extremely relieved to see the back end of the Trump administration. ... It’s a combination of how they felt all along, but crucially, the events of the last week really did shock Europe and the world. They don’t see why they ought to pretend everything is fine.”

Italy’s Government Plunges Into “Political Chaos.”

The Washington Post (1/13, Harlan, 10.52M) reports that a “rickety truce” in Italy’s ruling coalition “broke apart Wednesday when former prime minister Matteo Renzi withdrew his small party’s support for the government, plunging the country into political chaos.” Analysts believe Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, “will cobble together a new coalition majority and stay on the job.” But, if he “fails to assemble a new majority, far more significant political changes could upend a country contending not only with the virus but also with its deepest recession on record. Italy could wind up with an unelected unity government— or new elections that bring the far right to power.”

The New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) says the country “finds itself in a familiar period of political uncertainty, but one that is much more dangerous given the pandemic.” The crisis comes as Italy “is embarking on a vaccination program upon which the nation’s hopes rest. Italian voters...are concerned that the breakdown might hamper Italy’s virus response and delay the return to a semblance of normalcy.”
Estonia’s Prime Minister Resigns.
The New York Times (1/13, Higgins, 20.6M) reports Estonia’s Prime Minister, Juri Ratas, “resigned on Wednesday, his coalition government of centrists and far-right populists engulfed by a corruption scandal over misuse of state loans intended for coronavirus pandemic relief.” Ratas’ departure “signaled an unusual bout of political turbulence in a country that joined the European Union and also NATO in 2004, establishing itself as a bastion of pro-Western stability on Russia’s western border.” However, that “is highly unlikely to change as Mr. Ratas’s most likely successor, the leader of the opposition center-right Reform Party, Kaja Kallas, is a firm supporter of the American-led military alliance.”

At Least 80 Killed In Massacre In Ethiopia.
The New York Times (1/13, Walsh, 20.6M) reports “unidentified gunmen stormed through a village in western Ethiopia” Tuesday, killing at least 80 people “in the latest of a series of ethnically driven massacres in the area, the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission and witnesses said on Wednesday.” The “massacre in Benishangul-Gumuz region...is the latest challenge to the regime of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. The attacks further threaten Ethiopia’s stability...at a time when Mr. Abiy is already embroiled in an escalating conflict in the northern Tigray region, where he launched a major military operation on Nov. 4 that he said was intended to capture defiant local leaders.”

Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
President Trump Impeached By The House For Second Time
Trump Impeachment Deepens GOP Divide
Intel Ousts CEO Bob Swan
Iran Is Assembling Gear Able To Produce Key Nuclear-Weapons Material
China’s Economy Powers Ahead While The Rest Of The World Reels

New York Times:
Trump Impeached For Inciting Insurrection
A Preordained Coda To A Presidency
FBI Urges Police Chiefs Across US To Be On High Alert For Threats
As His Predecessor Is Impeached, Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray

Washington Post:
One Year Later, A Very Different Nation Seethes
Democrats Seek Probe Of Possible GOP ’Accomplices’
Seeds Of Siege In QAnon’s Radicalization Of The Right
House Hands Trump A Second Impeachment, This Time With GOP Support
An Isolated President Has Few Willing To Defend Him
DC Security Footprint Swells Ahead Of Inauguration

Financial Times:
New York City Is Latest To Cut Ties With Trump Businesses
Erdogan’s Great Game: The Turkish Problem On The EU’s Doorstep
Italy’s Government In Crisis As Renzi Ministers Resign

Washington Times:
‘Nobody’s Happy’: Isolated And Impeached, Trump Ends Presidency On Sour Note
House Impeaches Trump For Second Time
Proxy Voting Opens Potential Legal Loophole For Trump
"Exile-In-Chief? Trump A 'Flight Risk' If Criminal Charges Are Filed, Experts Say
"Progressive Purge': Conservatives Decry Blacklisting Of Non-Woke Speech, Figures
"I Don't Like Censorship": Foreign Leaders Rip Twitter, Others For Banning Trump

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: Impeachment; Trump-Video; Capitol Siege Arrests; Inauguration Security; COVID; Trump-Contracts Canceled; Weather Report; DC-National Guard.
CBS: Impeachment; Trump-Video; Inauguration Security; Capitol Siege Arrests; Impeachment-Senate; COVID; Alexei Navalny; FDA-Pet Food Recall; DC-National Guard.
NBC: Impeachment; Impeachment-Senate; Impeachment-GOP; Inauguration Security; Capitol Siege Arrests; Capitol Siege-Police Investigations; Trump-Policy Decisions; COVID; Vaccines; DC-National Guard.

Network TV At A Glance:
Impeachment – 19 minutes, 30 seconds
Capitol Siege Arrests – 6 minutes, 45 seconds
Inauguration Security – 6 minutes, 35 seconds
COVID – 5 minutes, 55 seconds
DC-National Guard – 3 minutes, 15 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning’s Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Impeachment; Trump-Video; Capitol Siege-Investigations; COVID.
CBS: Impeachment; Impeachment-Senate; Trump-Video; Capitol Siege Arrests; Inauguration Security; COVID.
FOX: Impeachment; Trump-Video; Twitter-Trump Ban; Biden-Inauguration.
NPR: Impeachment; Trump-Video; Airbnb-Reservations in DC Canceled; Alabama-Space Command Headquarters.

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 — Participates in a briefing on Inauguration security.

US Senate:
- Senate on recess from 7 Jan - 19 Jan

US House:
- House of Representatives on recess from 8 Jan - 18 Jan

Cabinet Officers:
- No public schedules released.

Visitors:
- No visitors scheduled.

This Town:
- DoL advisory committee meeting (virtual) – Department of Labor Advisory Committee on Veterans’ Employment, Training and Employer Outreach * Taking place virtually; 9:00 AM
- USAID launch new ‘Economic Growth Policy’ at CSIS virtual discussion – USAID launch new ‘Economic Growth Policy’ at Center for Strategic and International Studies Project on Prosperity and Development virtual event. The paper advances the commitment of USAID and the broader U.S. govt to promoting inclusive, sustained, and resilient economic growth in developing countries. Speakers include USAID Acting Deputy Administrator John Barsa,
Assistant Administrator for Development, Democracy and Innovation Michelle Bekkering, and Economic Growth Policy Technical Lead William Butterfield; and Cadasta CEOs Amy Betancourt and Tassie San Martin; 9:00 AM

- **Declaration for American Democracy urges Congress to pass the For the People Act** - Declaration for American Democracy coalition makes its way from the U.S. Capitol to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, via other Washington, DC, landmarks including the Washington Monument, to unveil a banner reading 'We Demand Democracy. Pass the For the People Act.' Held as part of the first-ever Democracy Week
  
  **Location:** Washington, DC; 10:00 AM

- **Heritage Foundation hosts discussion on 'State-Sponsored Human Trafficking' (virtual)** - 'State-Sponsored Human Trafficking and How to Fight It' Heritage Foundation webinar, part one of 'The Fight Against Human Trafficking' series, featuring opening remarks from State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons Ambassador-at-Large John Richmond, and discussion with Uyghur Advocate and Daughter of Gulshan Abbas Aiba Murat; The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea Executive Director Greg Scarlatoiu; and Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation Senior Research Fellow in China Studies Adrian Zenz; 10:00 AM

- **POLITICO Live discussion on 'Fast and Fair? The COVID Vaccine Rollout' (virtual)** - 'Fast and Fair? The COVID Vaccine Rollout' POLITICO Live virtual discussion, on how the outgoing Trump administration has prioritized lower income, rural and communities of color in vaccine distribution plans and what the Biden administration can do to compensate for any lack of planning in these areas. Speakers include Consejosano founder and CEO Abner Mason, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services Bureau for Public Health Commissioner and State Health Officer Aye Amjad, and Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity Director Lisa Cooper; 1:00 PM

- **President-elect Joe Biden releases coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine rollout plan and economic relief package**

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Amid Riot Chaos, Some National Security Leaders Are Absent From View

The Trump administration’s response to the attack, incited by the president, has lacked broad reassurances to a country on edge.

By Katie Benjamin, Zolan Kanne-Youngs and Adam Goldman

WASHINGTON — Amid the sea of troubling facts, arrests and iconic images that have emerged in the days since the assault on the Capitol, one element remains largely absent: reassurances from some of the nation’s top national security officials.

Neither the acting attorney general, Jeffrey A. Rosen, nor the F.B.I. director, Christopher A. Wray, has appeared at the type of high-profile news conference that typically marks a major criminal investigation, instead issuing news releases. Mr. Rosen also called for calm and vowed to fully investigate the violence, but the
comments came in a video posted by the Justice Department on YouTube around midnight.

Chad F. Wolf, the departing acting secretary of homeland security, was in the Middle East during the siege and did not return until later in the week. He also issued a news release that week calling the riot "tragic and sickening."

For the most part, officials have not addressed that President Trump himself incited the attack by his supporters on Congress's certification of the Electoral College results. Mr. Trump's refusal to concede the election or to acknowledge his role in goading his supporters has forced administration officials to choose between remaining relatively silent or speaking out in a public setting where they could be pushed to directly contradict him, according to two current government officials and two former national security officials.

Mr. Wolf, who has stepped down but remains in the department, told CNN on Wednesday that he was "disappointed that the president didn’t speak out sooner." In an interview with The New York Times, Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II, the acting deputy homeland security secretary, concurred.

"I think that's fair," Mr. Cuccinelli said, adding that Mr. Trump's comments last Thursday condemning the violence after the deadly siege were "thorough and spot on."

"But we really could have used that" on the day of the attack, Mr. Cuccinelli said. "There's a lot of talk of unity right now, and I hope we can find some unity of prosecution."

Mr. Rosen and Mr. Wray face job security risks at a time when their ousters could prompt further chaos. In the weeks leading up to the riot, Mr. Trump pressured Mr. Rosen to find more evidence of election fraud, according to three people with knowledge of the discussions, doubling down on his baseless claims. He fears that being fired now would destabilize the Justice Department at a critical moment for national security, according to one of those people.

The president had long left Mr. Wray's status uncertain, previously telling other cabinet officials that he planned to fire the F.B.I. director before finally informing Mr. Wray after Election Day that he would allow him to remain, according to administration officials with knowledge of the conversation.

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**DEBATABLE**: The sharpest arguments on the most pressing issues of the week

Former national security officials say that it is standard for the president or a top cabinet official to address the nation soon after a major attack. Without any top administration officials willing to reassure the public or provide a cohesive message about the response to the attack or preventing future violence, misinformation has instead flourished.

Some called the lack of a forcefully communicated public response especially galling in the face of a violent attempt to overthrow the government.

“When the national security of the United States is threatened, it’s vital that the nation’s leaders reassure the public that the government is functioning and that anarchy will not be tolerated,” said John B. Bellinger III, a top national security adviser to President George W. Bush after the Sept. 11 attacks and a former Justice Department official.

A spokesman for the F.B.I. declined to comment. But defenders of Mr. Wray and Mr. Rosen said that they were low-key leaders and that Mr. Wray had been reluctant to become the public face of the inquiry because former Attorney General William P. Barr made clear that he was subordinate to Justice Department leaders.

Mr. Cuccinelli sought on Wednesday to reassure the public.

“We will remain on what you might characterize as a more alert status,” Mr. Cuccinelli said. “The inauguration will be safe. I guarantee it.”

Given that Mr. Trump has cowed and even fired national security officials for perceived disloyalty, Mr. Bellinger said it was a good thing that the acting heads of the Justice Department, the F.B.I. and the military “have been willing to act independently from the White House,” even if they have not taken a public posture.
Mr. Rosen and Mr. Wray have also preferred to communicate behind the scenes with others about the investigation. A Justice Department spokesman pointed out that Mr. Rosen spoke with congressional leaders during and after the attack, that he asked lower-level officials overseeing law enforcement investigations to brief reporters and that his video message was a forceful statement condemning the riots.

Mr. Wray personally gave the leaders a security briefing on Monday, according to government officials. On Wednesday, Mr. Wray and Mr. Cuccinelli led a call with more than 5,000 local law enforcement officials to help them address threats leading up to the inauguration.

The public messaging vacuum by department leaders underscores Mr. Trump’s politicization of federal law enforcement, former officials said, pointing to a lack of any broad effort by the administration to issue warnings about right-wing violence during Mr. Trump’s presidency, in contrast with its promotion of suspicions about leftist extremists.

“I believe the reason so few stepped up to follow normal protocol is also directly related to fear of reprisal from the president,” said Elizabeth Neumann, who served as the assistant secretary of counterterrorism and threat prevention at the Homeland Security Department under Mr. Trump.

Mr. Trump has also undermined his administration’s own threat assessments on the extremist groups that make up part of his base. The problem was especially acute at the Department of Homeland Security, which was created after the Sept. 11 attacks to improve coordination among national security agencies.

The department was also enduring an absence of leadership even before Mr. Wolf stepped down days after the siege in part, he said, because of court rulings that claimed he was unlawfully appointed to his position. Customs and Border Protection is led by an acting official and the Government Accountability Office has also issued a report saying Mr. Cuccinelli was illegally appointed to the Homeland Security Department. On Wednesday, the acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Jonathan Fahey, resigned after less than a month on the job, according to Jenny Burke, a spokeswoman for ICE.

Representative Bennie Thompson, the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, called the timing of Mr. Wolf’s departure “questionable” given the department’s responsibility to help secure the inauguration.

“He has chosen to resign during a time of national crisis and when domestic terrorists may be planning additional attacks on our government,” said Mr. Thompson, Democrat of Mississippi.
Mr. Wolf was replaced by Peter T. Gaynor, the well-respected former administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Secret Service is leading security planning for the inauguration.

The Justice Department's senior ranks were similarly hollowed out in the days leading up to the attack on the Capitol. Under Mr. Barr, the Senate-confirmed heads of the civil and criminal divisions left amid complaints that Mr. Barr regularly cut top officials, including Mr. Rosen, out of key decisions and relied instead on a small circle of counselors in his office and a handful of favored U.S. attorneys, according to five current and former officials.

As Mr. Trump castigated Mr. Barr for not helping to try to overturn the election, he stepped down last month, leaving the department in the hands of Mr. Rosen, a white-collar lawyer who had never before worked in the department and had no experience as a prosecutor.

And while Mr. Wray was confirmed to run the F.B.I. in 2017, he has been hamstrung by Mr. Trump's dim view of the bureau. Mr. Trump's decision to allow him to stay on was influenced by advisers who said the president could be more at legal risk with an F.B.I. director appointed by Mr. Biden than if Mr. Wray continued on, administration officials said.

"Particularly now with the cabinet departures, the Titanic has not only hit the iceberg but it's underwater and people are going for the lifeboats," said Michael Chertoff, a homeland security secretary under Mr. Bush.

The face of the law enforcement response has been a pair of career officials: the U.S. attorney in Washington, Michael R. Sherwin, and the assistant director of the F.B.I.'s Washington field office, Steven D'Antuono. Both appeared at a televised news conference on the investigation on Tuesday.

And Mr. Chertoff noted that Mr. Wolf's departure allowed a veteran emergency manager in Mr. Gaynor and Secret Service officials to take the lead on securing the inauguration.

"What this demonstrates is the resilience of the operators, the people who actually do the work," Mr. Chertoff said. "What Trump always describes as the 'deep state,' but they're actually the backbone of our security."
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Federal Judge Considers Ordering Some Portland, Oregon Police To Wear Body Cameras

The AP reports from Portland, Oregon, "A federal judge said Wednesday he’s contemplating ordering Portland police officers to wear body cameras, receive training every six months and explain why they pulled the trigger every time in reports made public. U.S. District Judge Marco A. Hernandez said he also wants the city to find ways to rotate Rapid Response Team officers for protests so the Police Bureau doesn’t have an operator of a less-lethal weapon on the street ‘night after night after night.’ Those ideas, the judge said, are among remedies he’s considering as potential court sanctions after finding the Portland police in contempt of his June 26 order that restricted the use of less-lethal munitions during protests in the city."

Northern Virginia Police Departments Agree, With Three Exceptions, To Probe Each Other’s Officer Shootings

The Washington Post reports, "A group of 11 Northern Virginia police departments said Tuesday it has launched a Critical Incident Response Team to handle investigations of police shootings, in-custody deaths and officer suicides in one another’s departments, allowing a group of detectives unrelated to the involved department to take an independent look at each case.” But “three of the largest law enforcement departments in Northern Virginia — the Fairfax County police, the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office and the Alexandria police — declined to join the response team. Fairfax said it had confidence in its detectives’ ability to be fair and transparent, and Loudoun and Alexandria said they work with the Virginia State Police when a deputy or officer is involved in a serious use-of-force incident.”

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Bath, England Considering Counter-Terrorism Measures

BBC News reports, “Measures backed by counter-terrorism police could see road access limited in a historic city centre to prevent vehicles being used as weapons.” BBC News adds, “Proposals for the centre of Bath also include removing parking and introducing moving bollards. Some 200 people have responded to a public consultation, with one residents’ association saying vulnerable people could be ‘trapped’. The council and police say the measures are proportionate to the threat.” According to BBC News, “Concrete barriers in Bath are already in place but could be replaced with static and moving bollards intended to fit with its Georgian character. Insp Martin Rowland, from counter-terrorism police south west, said: ‘We know there is a national threat to the United Kingdom from terrorism and we know from past attacks that crowded places have been targeted. We always balance the message around terrorism which is for people to be alert but not alarmed.’

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Wray, Rosen Haven’t Appeared In Public Since Attack On US Capitol. The AP (1/13, Tucker, Balsamo) reports that in the wake of the attack on the US Capitol, “neither FBI Director Chris Wray nor acting Attorney General Jeff Rosen has appeared in public or joined lower-level officials at news conferences or on calls updating the public on the case.” Neither official appearing on TV to answer questions or try to reassure the public during a national crisis is “striking given the gravity of an attack.” Officials with direct supervision of an investigation “are often joined by higher-level department officials, particularly in matters of great public interest and especially for an event in Washington.” However, “the public faces of the Justice Department have largely been Michael Sherwin, the acting U.S. attorney in Washington, and Steven D’Antuono, the head of the FBI’s Washington field office.”

The New York Times (1/13, Benner, Kanno-Youngs, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that both Rosen and Wray “face job security risks at a time when their ousters could prompt further chaos,” and two current government officials and two former national security officials say that President Trump’s refusal “to acknowledge his role in goading his supporters has forced administration officials to choose between remaining relatively silent or speaking out in a public setting where they could be pushed to directly contradict him.” Meanwhile, departing Acting Secretary Of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf told CNN on Wednesday that he was “disappointed that the president didn’t speak out sooner,” and acting Deputy Homeland Security Secretary Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II “concurred” in an interview with the Times.

Officials Arrest Dozens As Capitol Hill Investigation Continues. ABC World News Tonight’s (1/13, story 3, 3:05, Muir, 6.95M) Martha Raddatz reported, “Scores of arrests have been made in connection to the Capitol insurrection,” with prosecutors “submitting chilling new evidence.” Authorities have seized “multiple firearms, a crossbow, and a cooler containing ‘particularly lethal’ homemade Molotov cocktails” from Lonnie Coffman’s truck, “saying Coffman had a handwritten note of potential targets.” Coffman has plead “not guilty to numerous weapons charges.” Officials also arrested Robert Keith Packer, “the rioter wearing a hoodie with the words camp Auschwitz on it,” and the FBI interviewed “Retired Reserve Navy SEAL Adam Newbold of Ohio...after saying online he wanted lawmakers to be left ‘shaking in their shoes.’” Maddatz added, “There are additional names, many shocking,” with “US Olympic gold medalist Klete Keller charged today.”

On the CBS Evening News (1/13, story 4, 2:30, O’Donnell, 4.24M), Jeff Pegues reported, “An FBI bulletin obtained by CBS News says large caches of weapons...have been recovered from suspect’s home and that police should consider use of SWAT techniques when arresting protestors who were photographed in body armor.” Pegues said, “Prosecutors released evidence against protester Lonnie Coffman,” as “the FBI arrested Robert Packer” and “Idaho man Josiah Colt,” the protestor who hung “from the Senate chamber balcony.” As arrests continue, “the FBI is investigating coordination among attackers’ as video footage shows “people acting together to breach the Capitol and attack police.” Rep. Mike Sherrill (D-NJ) “accused some of his congressional colleagues of working with the demonstrators.” Sherrill said, “There’s members of Congress who had groups coming through the Capitol that I saw on January 5th. A reconnaissance for the next day. I am going to see that they are held accountable.”

NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 5, 1:10, Holt, 5.73M) Tom Costello reported, “The FBI as has identified 200 suspects and is looking for hundreds more.” Acting AG Jeff Rosen said, “To the American public, I ask that if you are aware of any criminal activity or violent acts being planned, please share what you know with law enforcement or the FBI.” Costello added that some visitors to the Capitol “were allegedly getting tours despite the pandemic” on January 5, and “lawmakers say that these people on the tour seemed to be gathering intel on the layout of the building, and then allegedly some of them showed up at the attack the next day.”

The AP (1/13, Dazio, Balsamo) reports that federal “investigators are combing through a mountain of online posts, street surveillance and other intelligence, including information that suggests mobs could try to storm the Capitol again and threats to kill some members of Congress” to determine legitimate threats as “security is being tightened from coast to coast.” While “the FBI and other federal authorities use their substantial resources to prepare,” local police “lack the staff to hunt down every tip” and “rely heavily on state and federal assessments to inform their work, and that information sometimes slips through the cracks – which apparently happened last week.” The FBI “sent an intelligence bulletin warning of potential violence to other agencies, including the Capitol Police” on January 5, “but officials either did not receive it or ignored it – and instead prepared for a free-speech protest, not a riot.”
The New York Times (1/13, Fazio, 20.6M) reports, “More than 70 people have been charged and at least 170 cases have been opened, Michael Sherwin, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, said at a news conference on Tuesday.” The FBI has also “received more than 100,000 tips, including photos and videos, and that number does not include tips that people have submitted by phone, Steven D’Antuono, the head of the F.B.I.’s Washington Field Office, said at the news conference.” Sherwin “said he expected the number of arrests to ‘geometrically increase,’ and ‘noted that some defendants had been charged with misdemeanor crimes so they could be quickly arrested, but those people could be indicted on more significant charges, including sedition and conspiracy.”

NPR (1/13, Westervelt, 3.69M) reports, “Members of the insurrectionist mob that attacked the Capitol last week face what the federal prosecutor in charge calls a ‘mind-blowing’ range of potential charges from destruction of federal property, trespass, and mail theft to possession of destructive devices and felony murder.” NPR adds, “For some of the most serious charges,” Sherwin said, “his office has set up a ‘strike force’ to press federal charges that come with fines and up to 20 years in prison. ‘We’re looking at significant felony cases tied to sedition and conspiracy,’ says Sherwin, who’s overseeing the sprawling investigation that he predicts will grow into ‘hundreds’ of cases in coming weeks. ‘Their only marching orders from me are to build sedition and conspiracy charges related to the most heinous acts that occurred in the Capitol.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Viswanatha, Gurman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that law enforcement officials said on Wednesday that lawyers for several members of the mob have disclosed their clients’ involvement in the attack on the Capitol in order to negotiate for less serious criminal charges. Prosecutors have filed dozens of cases since January 6 against rioters whose participation was widely known due to social media exposure, including a Virginia man wearing a Camp Auschwitz sweatshirt and an Idaho man who hung from the Senate balcony.

CNN (1/13, Perez, 89.21M) reports on its website that “evidence uncovered so far, including weapons and tactics seen on surveillance video, suggests a level of planning that has led investigators to believe the attack on the U.S. Capitol was not just a protest that spiraled out of control, a federal law enforcement official says.” The official indicated that FBI investigators are looking at evidence that attendees of the President’s rally on January 6 left early, possibly “to retrieve items to be used in the assault,” as well as “the command and control aspect of the attack, looking at travel and communications records to determine if they can build a case that is similar to a counterterrorism investigation.” The official said the FBI has also received tips that show members of Congress with rioters prior to the attack, though the bureau is “checking the veracity of the claims.”

Capitol Siege Investigators Sort Through Thousands Of Tips. The AP (1/13, Dazio, Balsamo) reports, “Potential threats and leads are pouring in to law enforcement agencies nationwide after the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol,” and “the challenge is now figuring out what’s real and what’s just noise.” The AP adds, “Investigators are combing through a mountain of online posts, street surveillance and other intelligence, including information that suggests mobs could try to storm the Capitol again and threats to kill some members of Congress.” According to the AP, “The FBI and other federal authorities use their substantial resources to prepare,” but “smaller local police departments lack the staff to hunt down every tip” and “must rely heavily on state and federal assessments to inform their work, and that information sometimes slips through the cracks – which apparently happened last week.”

“Stop The Steal” Organizer Says Three GOP Representatives Helped Plan Last Week’s Events. The Washington Post (1/13, Armus, 10.52M) reports that “weeks before a mob of President Trump’s supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol, right-wing activist Ali Alexander told his followers he was planning something big” for January 6. Alexander, “who organized the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement, said he hatched the plan” with Reps. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Mo Brooks (R-AL), and Paul Gosar (R-AZ), “all hard-line Trump supporters.” The Post notes that, he said, was to ‘change the hearts and the minds of Republicans who were in that body, hearing our loud roar from outside.” The Arizona Republic (1/13, 1.05M) reports Biggs “denied any role in cheering for the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement and said allegations he helped organize the Capitol protest were ‘whoppers.’” CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports on its website that Gosar “associated himself with Alexander’s group in recent months. A spokesman for Biggs told CNN that he hasn’t ever met or worked with Alexander.”

Sherrill Says Colleagues Led “Reconnaissance” Tours On Day Before Riot. The Washington Post (1/13, Saldedo, 10.52M) reports that Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) alleges that on January 5, “she saw colleagues leading groups on ‘reconnaissance’ tours of the building,” and “accused Republicans of inciting the pro-Trump mob that vandalized the Capitol and attacked police officers.” The Post adds that Sherrill “did not specifically identify which lawmakers she saw leading groups through the Capitol.” BuzzFeed News (1/13) reports Capitol Police officers “say they wouldn’t even be surprised if some lawmakers helped organize the attack.”

Rioter In “Camp Auschwitz” Sweater Arrested Among Those Arrested. USA Today (1/13, Lavoie, 12.7M) reports that “a man who was photographed wearing a ‘Camp Auschwitz’ sweatshirt during the U.S. Capitol riot last week was arrested Wednesday in Virginia, authorities said.” Robert Keith Packer “was arrested in Newport News, where he lives” and “charged with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, and knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without
lawful authority." A law enforcement official identified Packer as “the man who is seen in a photo inside the Capitol wearing a sweatshirt with the name of the Nazi concentration camp” and “the phrase, ‘Work brings freedom,’ a translation of ‘Arbeit macht frei,’ the German phrase that appeared on the camp’s entrance.” The New York Times (1/13, Bogel-Burroughs, Goldman, Benner, 20.6M) reports that “news outlets had previously identified Mr. Packer based on the accounts of people who knew him.” Packer was among more than 70 people tied to the mayhem who have been charged, according to the top federal prosecutor in Washington, Michael Sherwin, who said that he expected that ‘hundreds’ would eventually be charged. The Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M) reports, “Packer is set to appear in federal court in Norfolk at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday on charges of ‘unlawful entry and disorderly conduct on restricted Capitol grounds, two misdemeanors punishable by as much as a year in prison.’

The AP (1/13, Finley, Lavole) reports from Norfolk, Virginia, "The photograph of Packer in the sweatshirt caused an uproar on social media, and the images ultimately helped authorities track him down. The complaint said an FBI agent confirmed Packer’s identity by comparing rally photos to his driver’s license and security footage of him wearing the shirt at a store near where he lives."

Rioter Who Posted Photos Outside Pelosi’s Office Arrested. The Chicago Tribune (1/13, Meisner, Sweeney, Crepeau, 2.03M) reports, “A Chicago man was arrested Wednesday on federal charges alleging he participated in last week’s mob attack on the U.S. Capitol, posting a photo of the plaque outside House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s ransacked office.” Kevin Lyons “was charged in a criminal complaint in Washington with misdemeanor counts of knowingly entering a restricted building without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” Lyons “appeared via a telephone link from jail before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Fuentes, who ordered him released on a $10,000 recognizance bond,” on conditions that he “have no contact with anyone involved in the Jan. 6 riot or anyone planning ‘any act that would impede or disturb the normal course of business of Congress or any other federal agency.”

The AP (1/13) reports, Lyons, 40, “an HVAC technician, was arrested at his home and appeared via a telephone link from jail before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gabriel Fuentes. The judge ordered him released on a $10,000 recognizance bond.”

Olympic Gold Medalist Charged In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/13, Newberry) reports five-time Olympic swimming medalist Klete Keller was charged with participating in a the deadly riot at the Capitol last week. An FBI affidavit “cited screenshots that shows the person identified as Keller wearing a U.S. Olympic team jacket” among those storming the building. “It wasn’t clear if he had been taken into custody.”

USA Today (1/13, Schad, 12.7M) reports that in a statement, United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland said in a statement that the organization would, after law enforcement confirmed the identity of the individual in the video, “evaluate any appropriate actions of our own.”

CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports, “FBI Special Agent Matthew R. Barofsky wrote in court documents that he confirmed Keller’s identity by comparing photos he was in to his Colorado driver’s license. The photos from the Capitol also show Keller is wearing a US Olympic Team jacket and ‘appears to be one of the tallest individuals,’ Barofsky writes in his statement of facts. Keller is 6 feet, 6 inches tall.”

The Washington Post (1/12, Maese, 10.52M) reports, “Standing 6-foot-6 and wearing a familiar Olympic jacket, Keller was easy to identify for many swimmers, coaches and officials who had competed with and against him over the years, two of whom told The Washington Post they recognized the maskless Keller in the footage. In the video, he can be seen in the Rotunda, at one point amid a mob of Trump supporters and law enforcement officers pushing against each other. The criminal charges are consistent with those faced by other Trump supporters arrested since last week, though Keller faces the added charge of impeding an officer.” Additional coverage includes the Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M).

US Charges Arizona Man Who Wore Furry Hat In Capital Riot. The AP (1/13) reports from Phoenix, Arizona, “Additional criminal charges have been filed against an Arizona man who authorities say took part in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol while sporting face paint, no shirt and a furry hat with horns.” The AP adds, “An indictment unsealed Tuesday in federal court in Norfolk at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday on charges of ‘unlawful entry and disorderly conduct on restricted Capitol grounds, two misdemeanors punishable by as much as a year in prison.’

The AP (1/13, Finley, Lavole) reports from Norfolk, Virginia, “The photograph of Packer in the sweatshirt caused an uproar on social media, and the images ultimately helped authorities track him down. The complaint said an FBI agent confirmed Packer’s identity by comparing rally photos to his driver’s license and security footage of him wearing the shirt at a store near where he lives.”

Man Charged With Threatening Pelosi Also Texted About Shooting Washington, DC Mayor. The New York Times (1/13, Fuchs, 20.6M) reports, “A man who traveled to Washington with an assault-style rifle last week and threatened to shoot Speaker Nancy Pelosi had also mused about shooting Mayor Muriel E. Bowser of Washington, federal prosecutors said in a court filing on Wednesday.” Cleveland Grover Meredith Jr., “was among those charged in federal court after the riot at the U.S.
Capitol last week. The government, including images of Mr. Meredith's weaponry, said he drove to Washington with an assault-style rifle, a Glock firearm with high-capacity magazines and over 2,500 rounds of ammunition. On Thursday, the day after the riot, he sent a text reading, 'I may wander over to the Mayor's office and put a 5.56 in her skull.'

The New York Post (1/13, Fitz-Gibbon, 7.45M) reports, "Meredith, whose arsenal included a red, white, and blue handgun, also texted that 'I predict that within the next 12 days, many in our country will die.' We're gonna surround DC and slowly constrict,' he wrote in one message." Meredith "also included messages to federal agents in texts, apparently believing the authorities were intercepting his rants. 'I hope you're reading this Mr. FBI agent FK U,' he wrote in one text. 'You get that one Mr. Marxist FBI Agent?' he said in another. 'Go FK yourself.'"

Politico (1/13, McCaskill, 6.73M) reports, "The QAnon believer reached his destination late Wednesday ready for battle. After learning that Vice President Mike Pence wasn't going to stop the certification of Biden's Electoral College victory, Meredith texted, 'War time,' while en route to D.C. In later messages, he warned that he was '3.5 hours from target practice,' 'Ready to remove several craniums from shoulders,' and 'so ready to FK SOME TRAITORS UP.' 'Ain't goin to jail,' he wrote at one point. 'If the morgue maybe, not jail.'"

Fox News (1/13, Conklin, 23.99M) reports, "Soon after arriving in the city, he assaulted a male and fled in his truck, the U.S. government alleges." Meredith "was arrested Jan. 7 and charged in federal court with making interstate threats, according to the government. He is also charged with possession of an unregistered firearm and ammunition in District of Columbia Superior Court, charges which each carry the possibility of a year in prison. U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Harvey on Wednesday rescheduled a detention hearing for Meredith for Thursday at 2:45 p.m. ET."

Two Texas Women Charged In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/13, Stengle) reports, "A West Texas flower shop owner who posted a video on Facebook bragging about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office being broken into during the U.S. Capitol riot last week was arrested Wednesday, federal officials said. The FBI arrested Jenny Cudd and Elie Cudd and Rosa "appeared Wednesday afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald Griffin in Midland. Each is charged with entering a restricted building and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors. The court set personal recognizance bonds for them."

Newsweek (1/13, 2.67M) reports, "Twitter users urged the FBI to take action against Cudd in numerous posts shared to the social platform throughout the past week. Most referenced the Trump supporter's unnerving sense of pride as she recounted events that took place at the Capitol in a video that rapidly went viral online. "I'm proud of everything that I was part of today and I'll be proud of everything that I'll be a part of at the next one, and we'll see what happens at that," she said of the riot."

FBI Arrests New Jersey Man In Siege Video. NJ News (1/13, Sherman, 1.47M) reports, "Thomas Baranyi, a 28-year-old New Jersey man who was standing next to the woman who died in last week's storming of the Capitol, was arrested by the FBI Tuesday evening and charged with disorderly or disruptive conduct." NJ News, "In a brief video hearing before U.S. District Judge Cathy Waldor in Newark on Tuesday, the former Peace Corps member was charged with relatively minor offenses, but more serious charges may be pending. Bail was set at $100,000 and the matter moved to Washington, D.C., where all the cases involving the Capitol rampage are being handled. He was released on an unsecured bond. In a criminal affidavit, an FBI special agent cited the widely circulated news interview that Baranyi gave in the wake of the attack, acknowledging his presence in the building."

The AP (1/13) reports from Trenton, New Jersey that Baranyi "was arrested Tuesday night by the FBI and charged with disorderly or disruptive conduct. He made his initial court appearance later that night via video conference, where bail was set at $100,000, but he was later released on an unsecured bond." Baranyi "gained attention on the day of the riots when he told a TV reporter that he was standing next to Ashli Babbitt when she was fatally shot inside the building, and held up his right hand to show blood that was still there." The AP adds, "In a criminal affidavit, FBI Special Agent Cassidy Vreeland wrote that Baranyi's identity and actions inside the Capitol were confirmed through the interview he gave to a local TV station and through online videos and photos."

FBI Arrests Florida Firefighter Who Wore Trump Hat During Siege. The New York Post (1/13, Rhett Miller, 7.45M) reports, "A Florida firefighter who was photographed inside the US Capitol during last week's deadly riot has been arrested by the FBI, officials said." According to the Post, "Sanford firefighter and paramedic Andrew Williams was arrested by federal authorities on charges of unlawful entry of a restricted building and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds for his role in the Jan. 6 siege. Fire Chief Craig Radzak confirmed Tuesday. Williams – employed by the department since 2016 – has been placed on administrative leave without pay as the federal criminal investigation and a separate internal probe proceeds, Radzak said."

Williams, "who was taken into custody Tuesday, was arrested days after he was identified in a photo sent anonymously to Florida TV news station WKMG. The image shows the firefighter wearing a Trump 2020 hat while pointing to a sign for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the station reported."
**New York Man Who Threatened Warnock Charged.** The New York Times (1/13, Shanahan, Hong, 20.6M) reports that Eduard Florea of New York was charged with a weapons offense “after messages he posted on social media around the time of the Capitol riot raised alarms,” including a threat to incoming Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA). Florea “told federal agents he wanted to join the far-right Proud Boys group” and prosecutors say over 1,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, two dozen shotgun rounds, 75 military-style combat knives, two hatchets, and two swords were found in his home.

Fox News (1/13, Wallace, 23.99M) reports that Florea “was arrested at his home in Middle Village, Queens, and is expected to appear virtually in federal court in Brooklyn at 2 p.m. Wednesday, a law enforcement source confirmed to Fox News.”

**Idaho Man Charged For Role in Capitol Riot.** The Idaho Statesman (1/13, Scholl, 299K) reports, “An Idaho man seen jumping onto the floor of the U.S. Senate during a riot in Washington, D.C. last week made his initial federal court appearance Wednesday in Boise, a day after turning himself in to FBI officials at the Ada County Sheriff’s Office.” Josiah Colt, 34, “was in custody Tuesday afternoon on a federal hold, according to Patrick Orr, spokesperson for the Ada County Sheriff’s Office. On Wednesday, an FBI spokesperson told the Statesman that Colt turned himself in to the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force.” Colt “appeared via video call for his initial hearing in federal court Wednesday, along with Boise attorney Chuck Peterson, who was assigned to be his counsel by Judge Ronald Bush.”

The Idaho County (ID) Free Press (1/13) reports that Colt “is charged federally with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. FBI Special Agent Matthew J. Garo wrote in an affidavit that photos of Colt taken inside the Capitol Building and his own statements on social media prove he participated in the attempted insurrection, which was aimed at stopping lawmakers from certifying Joe Biden as the next president of the United States.”

**FBI Probing Several Individuals in Western Pennsylvania.** WPXI-TV Pittsburgh (1/13, 149K) reports from Pittsburgh, “There’s no shortage of disturbing videos showing violence inside the capitol last week,” and “now we know some of the people involved in the riot may be from western Pennsylvania. ‘We are conducting investigations here. We have a number of leads. That’s been our focus all along with identifying any potential threats,’ said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent In-Charge Michael Christman. Christman wouldn’t confirm how many people are being investigated, but said his office is working closely with investigators in Washington to find those responsible, and “that involves investigating potential threats between now and the inauguration, including one that specifically mentioned Pittsburgh. ‘We’ve run those leads down. At this time, we would report there are no threats that we’re aware of in the Western District of Pennsylvania that are related to the inauguration,’ Christman said.”

KYW-TV Philadelphia (1/13) reports, “FBI agents swarmed a house in Chester County on Tuesday. They carried out boxes and boxes of items. It all unfolded on the 100 block of Applegate Drive in West Goshen Township. At this hour, there are still more questions than answers as to why FBI agents raided this home Tuesday morning and what they were looking to find.” KYW-TV adds, “Neighbors in this normally quiet community in West Goshen Township were jarred by the sight of numerous FBI agents raiding a home on the 100 block of Applegate drive on Tuesday morning. The FBI has not specified exactly what sparked this activity. Officials confirm it’s related to an on-going matter, without any further comment.”

Rep. Cawthorn Under Scrutiny After Claiming He Was Armed During Capitol Attack. The Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times (1/13, Moon, 192K) reports Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) is under scrutiny after he claimed he was armed during the attack on the US Capitol. It is unclear whether Cawthorn had permission to carry a loaded gun in the Capitol, and also whether he carried it on the House floor or in parts of the Capitol where rules for lawmakers carrying firearms are more permissible. While there are clear laws banning the general public from carrying guns on Capitol grounds rules for lawmakers on where guns are permitted are murky.”

National Guard Troops Securing Capitol As Inauguration Nears. The CBS Evening News (1/13, story 3, 2:20, O’Donnell, 4.24M) reported, “Much of the Nation’s Capital is locked down with a huge security presence, with authorities very concerned about new threats of violence.” CBS’ Kris Van Cleave: “Two thousand National Guard troops are securing the Capitol, inside the grand halls and outside along the perimeter, some armed and authorized to defend themselves. Up to 20,000 could be deployed to protect Washington DC a week ahead of Joe Biden’s inauguration – nearly four times as many troops as are
Authorities are monitoring up to 10 organized events by demonstrators coming back to Washington. Some are calling it "a week of siege." They're warning one group is promising the largest armed protest on American soil. Another event is planned to "capture and detain" Democratic politicians and set up a new government.

Tom Costello said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 4, 1:50, Holt, 5.73M), "It may be the biggest security presence in Washington since the Civil War: nine-foot-high perimeter fencing; buildings boarded up; streets closed; tens of thousands of local, state, and federal law enforcement officers -- and today, news that an additional 5,000 National Guard troops are coming to DC, most of them armed." Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, story 10, 1:55, 5.73M) that "hundreds of National Guard troops in uniforms, rifles by their sides," slept "shoulder to shoulder on the marble floor of the Capitol Visitors Center." Norah O'Donnell similarly said on the CBS Evening News (1/13, story 9, 1:15, 4.24M), "Today, young men and women of the National Guard slept with their rifles in the same place where Union troops were quartered during the Civil War. A difficult time then, and now."

USA Today (1/13, Hayes, Wu, Miller, 12.7M) reports, "A tall metal fence surrounded the building as dozens of National Guardsmen stood at the perimeter cradling their rifles. Police officers and large dump trucks obstructed intersections for blocks surrounding the building, a stark contrast to security in the area last week when a mob of Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol." The New York Times (1/13, Eligon, Robles, Karino-Youngs, Cooper, 20.6M) reports "state of readiness remain[s] high" in Washington, with District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department Chief Robert Contee "saying on Wednesday that he expected more than 20,000 members of the National Guard in the Washington region on Inauguration Day. It remains unclear how many of the Guard members will carry weapons."

The Washington Post (1/13, Horton, 10.52M) reports, "Officials say 10,000 will be in place by the weekend. National Guard forces in and around the Capitol will be armed, while others are expected to be unarmed. Defense Department officials are scrambling to establish an adequate plan for providing National Guard aid for the inauguration and avoid a repeat of last week's attempted insurrection." Politico (1/13, Bertrand, Seligman, 6.73M) reports Guard units "are being told to prepare for the possibility that improvised explosive devices will be used by individuals plotting to attack the Capitol in the days surrounding the inauguration."

The Hill (1/13, Chaifant, 5.68M) reports, "Biden's team expects to receive daily briefings on security and preparations for the inauguration, which will take place one week from Wednesday at the U.S. Capitol." The Hill adds, "The Biden transition team on Wednesday also emphasized the need for the Senate to swiftly confirm the president-elect's nominees for top national security positions in order to ensure a 'smooth handoff in power that will ensure continuous command and control across the homeland security and law enforcement components of the U.S. government.' The transition welcomed the decision by leaders on the Senate Homeland Security Committee to schedule a confirmation hearing for Alejandro Mayorkas, Biden's nominee to serve as secretary of homeland security, on Jan 19, the day that the Senate reconvenes."

TIME (1/13, Dozier, 18.1M) reports that the January 6 Capitol siege "has prompted U.S. security officials to think the unthinkable as they scramble to secure Washington ahead of next week's inauguration: that the enemy is already inside the house." TIME adds, "More than a dozen law enforcement officers and current and former military officials are reported to have taken part in the violent Jan. 6 insurrection. One Navy and two Air Force veterans are among those being investigated by law enforcement for the attack, as is a junior Army officer by her superiors, while several U.S. Capitol Police officers have been suspended after video showed them appearing to assist some of the rioters who were spurred to action by Trump's refusal to accept defeat," and "now the FBI is warning of planned armed protests at the Jan. 20 inauguration in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals, current senior U.S. officials tell TIME."

Reuters (1/13, Bride, Timmons) reports, "The website of Patriot Action for America, which was recently taken down, called for supporters to encircle the White House, Congress and Supreme Court days before to 'at all costs, prevent Joseph Biden, or any other democrat from being inaugurated.' An image posted to the pro-Trump website The Donald called for protesters to 'stand up for liberty' with armed marches on Jan. 17 at the U.S. Capitol and in state capitals, according to SITE Intelligence Group, a Maryland-based organization that tracks extremists," but "users on some other far-right forums cautioned people not to attend the events, which they warned might be part of a plot to ensnare them."

The Los Angeles Times (1/13, Conoceras, 3.37M) reports, "The FBI said extremists may not view their attack on the Capitol as a failed mission. Rather, the bureau warned, they may believe the siege helped 'advance' their goals."

USA Today (1/13, 12.7M) reports, "A suburban Chicago man, Louis Capridda, was arrested Tuesday on a federal criminal charge on suspicion of threatening violence at the inauguration."

Reuters: Facebook Tracking Rise Of Violent Rhetoric Linked To Inauguration. Reuters (1/13, Paul) reports, "Facebook Inc has seen an increase in signals indicating potential future acts of violence associated with efforts to contest the result of the U.S. presidential election since the Capitol siege last week, a company spokeswoman told Reuters."
spokeswoman said late Tuesday the storming of the U.S. Capitol by armed pro-Trump demonstrators appeared to be a galvanizing event, spawning efforts to organize gatherings across the country for multiple dates around President-elect Joe Biden’s Jan. 20 inauguration. Signals Facebook track included digital flyers promoting the events, some of them featuring calls to arms or the insignia of militias or hate groups, she said. “The FBI has warned of armed protests being planned for Washington and all 50 U.S. state capitals in the run-up to the inauguration.”

Airbnb To Cancel All DC-Area Reservations For Next Week. The New York Times (1/13, Gold, 20.6M) reports Airbnb will cancel all reservations made in the Washington area next week and block new rentals, the company announced in a statement on Wednesday. The decision came after the police and elected officials warned Americans not to travel to Washington for the inauguration.

Joint Intelligence Bulletin Warns Capitol Breach May Encourage Extremists. The New York Times (1/13, Kanno-Youngs, 20.6M) reports that last week’s breach of the Capitol will be a “significant driver of violence” for extremists who are targeting the inauguration, according to a joint intelligence bulletin issued jointly on Wednesday by the National Counterterrorism Center, the DOJ and DHS. The “boogaloo” movement “may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States.” The officials wrote that extremist groups have viewed the breach of the Capitol as a success and have been galvanized by the death of Ashli Babbitt, a QAnon follower who was shot by the police as she tried to enter the heavily protected Speaker’s Lobby, just outside the House chamber.

Yahoo! News (1/13, Knowles, 10.67M) reports briefly that the bulletin, “obtained by Yahoo News on Wednesday stated that last week’s breach of the Capitol will be a “significant driver of violence” for extremists who are targeting the inauguration, according to a joint intelligence bulletin issued jointly on Wednesday by the National Counterterrorism Center, the DOJ and DHS. The “boogaloo” movement “may exploit the aftermath of the Capitol breach by conducting attacks to destabilize and force a climactic conflict in the United States.” The officials wrote that extremist groups have viewed the breach of the Capitol as a success and have been galvanized by the death of Ashli Babbitt, a QAnon follower who was shot by the police as she tried to enter the heavily protected Speaker’s Lobby, just outside the House chamber.”

USA Today Analysis: Capitol Police Failures Stemmed From Decisions Made Prior To Attack. In in-depth analysis of the events of January 6, USA Today (1/13, Kelly, Duret, Padilla, Mansfeld, J. Beard, Fraser, 12.7M) reports that “decisions made long before the chaos cast the die for law enforcement’s failures, which played out in several critical moments captured in social media videos and news coverage.” Law enforcement experts “say a reckoning may be painful for the forces that allowed the halls of Congress to be breached for the first time since 1814.” City University of New York criminology professor Christopher Chapman said, “They’ll have to admit one of two things: Either they’ll have to say that they can’t protect the Capitol, or they’ll have to admit that they gave certain people preferential treatment because they didn’t view them as threats.”

Governors Prepare For Continued Violence Against State Capitals. The Washington Post (1/13, Bailey, Craig, 10.52M) reports from Minneapolis, Minnesota, “The nation’s governors, facing increasing threats to their capitols and little support or information from the federal government, said Wednesday that they are bracing for long-term danger from extremist groups who already have breached government buildings, damaged property and been linked to threats against state leaders and their families. ‘It’s going to take quite a while to turn back what’s been started here,’ said Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D), who has participated in joint calls in recent days with other Midwestern governors about the possibility of fresh violence in the aftermath of last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol and an FBI warning about armed far-right extremists gathering across the country this weekend.”

State Lawmakers Attended January 6 Rally. Politico (1/13, Siders, 6.73M) reports, “Lawmakers from more than a dozen states attended the Jan. 6 rally, while scores more cheered on the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement from afar. And in the days since the insurrection, these Republicans continued to push the election while giving air to debunked claims that Antifa or leftist agitators – not pro-Trump rioters – were primarily responsible for the destruction that followed. ‘I wouldn’t trust a word that comes out of the FBI’s mouth at this point,’ Mark Finchem, a Republican state representative from Arizona, said when asked about an FBI briefing of House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy that suggested no reason to believe Antifa was involved.”

Some Push Back Against Calls For Expanded Security Structure After Capitol Assault. The Daily Beast (1/13, Ackerman, 933K) reports, “Oklahoma City showed that there is a long history of impunity for Radical White Terror,” and without “that impunity, the storming of the Capitol would have been impossible.” However, “arduous and necessary political, social, and prosecutorial work will be short-circuited if the U.S. treats January 6 as another September 11, according to former security officials, law enforcement experts and prominent left-wing politicians.” Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) said, “The answer is not a broader security structure, or a deeper police state.” The tools created in the PATRIOT Act “allowed the Pentagon to spy on America’s Muslim communities without suspicion of wrongdoing.”

Experts Urge Authorities To Enforce Laws Banning Unauthorized “Militias.” USA Today (1/13, Cariess, 12.7M) reports that “some legal experts are calling on authorities to enforce longstanding laws outlawing organized groups that act as citizen-run, unauthorized militias.” Various federal and state laws “outlaw groups that engage in activities reserved for state agencies, including acting as law enforcement, training and drilling together, engaging in crowd control and making shows of
Experts Say Threat Of Violence From Extremist Groups Unlikely To Fade. The AP (1/13, Boone, Flacco, Kunzelman) reports, "As rioters laid siege to the U.S. Capitol, the seat of American democracy became a melting pot of extremist groups: militia members, white supremacists, paramilitary organizations, anti-maskers and fanatical supporters of President Donald Trump, standing shoulder to shoulder in rage." Experts "say it was the culmination of years of increasing radicalization and partisanship, combined with a growing fascination with paramilitary groups and a global pandemic," and "warn that the armed insurrection that left five people dead and shook the country could be just the beginning." As the FBI issues warnings about plans for armed protests across the country, "those who monitor online chatter say the threat of more violence by far-right fringe groups hasn't abated."

WPost Analysis: QAnon Radicalized Americans, Poses Challenges For Biden. The Washington Post (1/13, Harwell, Stanley-Becker, Nakhlawi, Timberg, 10.52M) reports that attack on the US Capitol is "a grim milestone in how the paranoid conspiracy theory QAnon has radicalized Americans, reshaped the Republican Party and gained a forceful grip on right-wing belief." QAnon's prominence at the Capitol riots, as its devotees joined extremist group members and white supremacists, "shows how powerful the conspiracy theory has become, and how quickly it has established a life of its own." Its "grip on the conservative psyche is growing," and online "believers are offering increasingly outlandish theories," as well as sharing ideas on overturning the election - "with violence, if necessary." QAnon "presents long-term challenges" for Joe Biden by "fomenting resistance" both to democratic governance and to measures to address the coronavirus pandemic, such as mass vaccination.

FAA Steps Up Enforcement Against Unruly Passengers. The AP (1/13) reports that, citing "a disturbing increase in incidents where airline passengers have disrupted flights with threatening or violent behavior" both from a refusal to wear masks and the Capital riots, the Federal Aviation Administration has increased enforcement against unruly airline passengers. Through March 30, instead of issuing warnings to unruly passengers, the FAA will launch legal enforcement actions. Reuters (1/13, Shepardson) reports FAA Administrator Dickson said, "We will no longer adjudicate certain of these unruly passenger cases with counseling or warnings. We're going to go straight to enforcement."

Capitol Rioters May Be Placed On No-Fly List. The Washington Post (1/13, Aratani, 10.52M) reports that "using the no-fly list to block people from returning to Washington in the days leading to the inauguration" is being considered, and "that issue probably will be raised by law enforcement officials during a Thursday briefing for members of the House Homeland Security Committee." Steven D'Antuono, head of the FBI's Washington Field Office, previously said the agency was considering that measure, and "Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, also called for rioters to be banned from flying."

Minnesota Approves Weekend Events By “Storm The Capitol” Organizer. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, Montemayor, 855K) reports Minnesota's Department of Administration approved for a so-called "Church Service" for Sunday and a Saturday "Freedom Fest" at the at Minnesota State Capitol, both led by Becky Strohmeier, "the Bloomington conservative activist behind last week's 'Storm the Capitol' rally," which is under investigation by state law enforcement.

Minnesota Man Pleads Guilty To Serving As An ISIS Recruit. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K) reports Abdelhamid Al-Madioum "pleaded guilty Wednesday to abandoning his family while vacationing in Morocco and joining an ISIS battalion trained to unleash suicide terror attacks in Europe." Federal guidelines "call for Al-Madioum to be sentenced to the maximum of 20 years in prison followed by anywhere from five years to life under supervised release."

The AP (1/13) reports that, according to his plea deal, he "left his family while they were visiting extended relatives in Morocco in 2015 and went to Istanbul, Turkey, where members of the Islamic State group helped him cross into Syria." He also "admitted in his guilty plea that he was assigned to a battalion that was responsible for training and preparing foreign fighters to carry out suicide attacks in Europe."

NASA Scientist Pleads Guilty to Lying In China Trade Secrets Probe. Bloomberg (1/13, Dolmatsch, 3.57M) reports from New York, "A senior NASA scientist admitted to lying to authorities about his participation in a program the U.S. says is designed to siphon intellectual property to China." Meyya Meyyapian, of Pacifica, California, "pleaded guilty on Wednesday in federal court in New York to one count of making false statements, Acting U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss in
Manhattan said in a statement. Meyyappan, 66, has worked for NASA since 1996 and has been chief scientist for exploration technology at the Center for Nanotechnology at Ames Research Center in California since 2006, according to the statement. Prosecutors said Meyyappan participated in China’s Thousand Talents Program and served as a professor at universities in China, South Korea and Japan, but when questioned by FBI agents, NASA’s inspector general and government attorneys in October, he denied that he took part in the program or held professorships at the schools.

**Federal Prosecutors Charge Three With Exporting US Goods To Iran.** Mlive (Mi) (1/13, Chapman, 828K) reports, “Federal prosecutors in Detroit have charged three men accused of ‘conspiring to export nine electrical discharge boards, one CPU board, two servo motors, and two railroad crankshafts from the United States to Iran in violation of economic sanctions under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) and the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations (TSR).” US Attorney Matthew Schneider said, “The deeply disturbing allegations in this case are that the defendants conspired to export highly sophisticated American manufacturing equipment and other American-made items into the arms of the Iranians.” The indictment also alleges the “defendants and their coconspirators planned and acted outside of the United States — in Iran and Canada, among other places — to purchase goods inside the United States to send to Iran.”

**Judge Denies Bond For Alleged Whitmer Kidnapping Plot Leader.** Mlive (Mi) (1/13, Tunison, 828K) reports from Grand Rapids, Michigan, “A Delaware man described by prosecutors as ‘probably the most committed violent extremist’ of those accused in the Whitmer kidnapping plot has been denied bond.” US District Judge Sally Berens on Wednesday ‘ruled that giving 45-year-old Barry Croft Jr. bond would be too much of a risk to the community, particularly given his anti-police statements and apparent ability to construct improvised explosives. After a lengthy delay because of coronavirus-related issues, Croft appeared in a Grand Rapids courtroom for his first Michigan hearing since being arrested Oct. 8.” Croft “is one of six men facing federal charges in an alleged plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer over coronavirus lockdowns and other issues.”

**Indicted Ohio Councilman Claims FBI Made “Prejudicial Statements” During Press Conference.** WXIX-TV Cincinnati (1/13, Baker, Riva, 75K) reports that suspended Cincinnati City Councilman P.G Sittenfeld’s legal team “is continuing its vigorous legal challenge to his federal corruption charges,” and they have “accuse[d] federal authorities of mistating facts and the law in his indictment.” Their filing reads, “The motion argues that Mr. Sittenfeld has the right to present a complete defense. By cherry-picking excerpts from longer conversations, the government has misconstrued essential facts and limited access to evidence, which not only impacts the jury pool and potential defense witnesses but also compromises the integrity of our criminal justice system.”

**Cybersecurity Efforts Criticized Following SolarWinds Hack.** Bloomberg (1/13, Sebenius, 3.57M) reports, “Congress and federal agencies have been slow or unwilling to address warnings about cybersecurity.” They have shelved “recommendations that are considered high priority while investing in programs that have fallen short.” The SolarWinds hack, “disclosed in December, came after years of warnings from a watchdog group and cybersecurity experts.” For instance, in March, the Cyberspace Solarium Commission “presented a set of recommendations to Congress...that included additional safeguards to ensure more trusted supply chains.” Acting CISA Director Brandon Wales said in a statement, “Upon learning of this cyber campaign in mid-December, CISA immediately began working to understand the scope of the campaign, share information and detections and assist compromised entities with remediation.” He added, “We released an emergency cyber...
directive to help federal agencies identify whether their networks were exposed to this activity, and within 72 hours of release, 100% of the identified affected devices were taken offline."

Meanwhile, BBC News (1/13, 876K) reports, Microsoft President Brad Smith "called the SolarWinds hack an 'mass indiscriminate global assault' that should be a wake-up call to cyber-defenders." The Microsoft official "was making a keynote speech at the CES technology trade show." President-elect Biden has "created a new post for a former National Security Agency official to help determine the US response to the attack." Anne Neuberger "will now be responsible for trying to persuade US agencies and the country's wider cyber-security sector to work together against such threats." Neuberger told CBS News in August, "It was really great to see five different cyber-security entities using that to identify other Russian intelligence infrastructure and then take that down."

Trump Denounces US Capitol Violence As House Impeaches Him For Second Time. On Wednesday afternoon, with less than one week left in his term, President Trump became the first US president to be impeached twice by the House, with the sole article of impeachment passing 232-197, with all Democrats and 10 Republicans in favor, and four Republicans not voting. The AP (1/13) reports the President released a five-minute video "condemning the violent insurrection he fomented at the Capitol last week" shortly after the vote. Trump said in part, "I want to be very clear: I unequivocally condemn the violence that we saw last week. Like all of you I was shocked and deeply saddened by the calamity." The AP says Trump "made no reference" to the impeachment.

Earlier Wednesday, the New York Times (1/13, Benner, 20.5M) reports, Trump "issued a statement calling on Americans to 'ease tensions and calm tempers.'" The statement was "released by the White House and sent by text to Mr. Trump's supporters." The statement reads: "In light of reports of more demonstrations, I urge that there must be NO violence, NO lawbreaking and NO vandalism of any kind. That is not what I stand for, and it is not what America stands for." Fox News (1/13, Singhman, 23.9M) reports on its website that the White House press office "later sent out the statement while attempting to post it to all of Trump's official social media accounts."

The Washington Post (1/13, Bowden, 7.45M) says the message "was the exact statement that Trump's allies and critics alike both begged him to send as thousands of his supporters, angry with the outcome of the election, laid siege to Congress while lawmakers inside were voting to certify Joe Biden's victory." The New York Times (1/13, Haberman, Schmidt, 20.6M) reports Trump released the video "under heavy pressure from his advisers." Trump "offered no note of humility, regret or self-reflection about his two months of false claims that the election was stolen from him. But it was also a broader condemnation of the violence than he has offered so far." The Daily Caller (1/13, 375K) reports Trump said he was briefed "on potential violent acts planned ahead" of next week's inauguration "and had directed federal agencies to utilize all possible resources to ensure a 'peaceful transfer of power.'"

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Norah O'Donnell said on the CBS Evening News (1/13, lead story, 5:10, 4.24M) that Pelosi "says she will immediately send the article of impeachment to the Senate so the President can stand trial." But Senate Majority Leader McConnell "says that won't happen before [Joe] Biden is inaugurated next Wednesday." CBS' Nancy Cordes: "This historic bipartisan vote took place in the same chamber where one week ago today lawmakers were cowering and praying for their lives. ... Voting in a Capitol that has now become a fortress, House members impeached the 45th President for putting them in harm's way one week ago today." Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (1/13, lead story, 4:15, 5.73M), "Added to the list of grave, unimaginable, and simply stunning moments that keep rocking our country, for the second time in 13 months the House of Representatives has voted to impeach President Donald Trump. This time Democrats, backed by several Republicans, laying the mantle of blame for one of this country's ugliest and most dangerous moments squarely at the President's feet."
The AP (1/13, Mascaro, Jalonick, Lemire) reports, “With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House...moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol, egged on by the president’s calls for them to ‘fight like hell’ against the election results.” USA Today (1/13, Fritz, Subramanian, 12.7M) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer, who will become majority leader later this month, said, “There will be an impeachment trial in the United States Senate; there will be a vote on convicting the President for high crimes and misdemeanors; and if the President is convicted, there will be a vote on barring him from running again.”

The New York Times (1/13, Fandos, 20.8M) reports the 10 GOP defections “were a remarkable break from the head of the party by Republicans.” The Washington Post (1/13, Blake, 10.52M) reports that it was “the most bipartisan [presidential impeachment] vote in history.” Five Democrats voted to impeach Bill Clinton in 1998, and although Andrew Johnson “was overwhelmingly impeached” in 1868, it was “on a party-line vote in the Republican-dominated House.” The New York Post (1/13, Nelson, Moore, Golding, 7.46M) reports, “No members of the GOP voted in 2019 to impeach Trump the first time.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Andrews, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports McCarthy and other Republicans who opposed impeachment said the effort was rushed, and unnecessary with Trump set to leave office anyway. The Detroit Free Press (1/13, Spangler, 2.16M) reports, “McCarthy and others argued throughout the day that while the armed mob delayed the work of Congress for several hours in finalizing the Electoral College count for Biden over Trump’s baseless claims that the election had been corrupt, impeaching the president so close to his leaving office would only continue division in the country.” The San Francisco Chronicle (1/13, Garofoli, 2.44M) says McCarthy, “who is so tight with Trump that the president refers to him as ‘my Kevin,’ barely defended the president during his House speech. ... And he did something that he hasn’t done over the past four years: He told Trump to ‘accept his share of responsibility.’” The Dallas Morning News (1/13, 772K) reports McCarthy ‘rejected impeachment in favor of censure — a step nearly as rare, if only symbolic.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/13, 3.37M) writes, “The fast-moving scene of political tumult is an appropriate coda for a Trump career that has broken precedent, norms and laws at every turn. Even in the Senate, Republicans are beginning to envision what was unthinkable just days ago: that there might be enough votes to produce the two-thirds majority needed to convict Trump, although most likely not until he is out of office.” The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/13, Tamar, 1.04M) says Trump “now faces the possibility of becoming the only president ever convicted in a Senate trial. There is far more uncertainty than last year, when Senate Republicans firmly rejected impeachment charges centered on Trump’s attempt to pressure Ukrainian leaders to tar Biden.”

CNN (1/13, 89.21M) reports on its website, “During the last impeachment effort, Trump allies in and out of the White House publicly defended him and sent out talking points throughout the impeachment proceeding.” On Wednesday, “it was the President who was left to fend for himself at the White House. ... There was no organized effort to send out talking points, unlike his first impeachment.” The Boston Globe (1/13, 1.04M) writes, “The House’s swift repudiation, coming one week after a violent mob breached the Capitol and led to five deaths, is all but certain to cleave [Trump’s] party and diminish his legacy, even if it is unlikely to force him from office.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/13, 1.46M) says the “unprecedented second impeachment of an American president came without hearings, witnesses or testimony.”

Peter Baker of the New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) writes, “Not since the dark days of the Civil War and its aftermath has Washington seen a day quite like Wednesday. In a Capitol bristling with heavily armed soldiers and newly installed metal detectors, with the physical wreckage of last week’s siege cleaned up but the emotional and political wreckage still on display, the president of the United States was impeached for trying to topple American democracy.” Baker says it “felt like the preordained coda of a presidency that repeatedly pressed all limits and frayed the bonds of the body politic. ... Faith in the system has eroded. Anger is the one common ground.”

The New York Times (1/13, 20.6M) editorializes, “It has come to this: Lawmakers are telling journalists that they were casting their impeachment votes in a climate of threats where they feared for their own and their families’ safety. ... A representative democracy cannot function under the threat from violent extremists determined to overturn the results of a presidential election that they lost. Americans — whether elected officials or regular citizens — should not live in fear that they could be attacked or killed for doing their jobs or supporting a particular candidate.” Republicans “who objected to the electoral vote results on the grounds of mythical election fraud should immediately and publicly apologize, repudiate their lies and admit that Joe Biden won the election fairly.”

The Washington Post (1/13, 10.52M) editorializes, “There is no doubt Mr. Trump deserved to be impeached.” But impeachment “does not obviate the need for further investigation. Large questions remain: How close did the mob come to harming members of Congress or the vice president? Was there a conspiracy? Were other GOP leaders involved? What was the source of the pipe bombs discovered on Jan. 6? Why was the Capitol so exposed and backup seemingly so unavailable? What measures must be taken to ensure this never happens again?” If McConnell “refuses to convene the Senate this week, senators must move with dispatch once they have convened. ... The nation would be better served by a prompt trial ending in the guilty verdict Mr. Trump deserves.”
The Wall Street Journal (1/13, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says in an editorial that while it has called on Trump to resign, the hasty impeachment one week before Trump will leave office was divisive and unnecessary, and raises the question of whether an impeachment trial of a president who is no longer in office is even constitutional. The New York Daily News (1/13, 2.51M) editorializes, “Huzza for the House of Representatives, including 10 Republicans who put country before party. ... After pressuring Georgia officials to change their certified, hand-recounted results, Trump’s incendiary words on Jan. 6 tossed a lit match into a pile of dry kindling, inciting the siege on the Capitol. Such direct assaults on the democratic process should disqualify an American from serving as president. His appeals for calm are laughably late, inherently halfhearted.”

The San Francisco Chronicle (1/13, 2.44M) editorializes that Trump has become “the first twice-impeached president in the most bipartisan such vote in U.S. history Wednesday, an ignominious act of vainglory that was as fitting as it was unprecedented.” Impeachment “is the least Trump should expect for an act of lawlessness that warrants his immediate removal from office. But the boundless cowardice of those who enabled him to this point will likely spare him that fate.” The Chicago Tribune (1/13, 2.03M) editorializes, “Trump is a failed leader not fit to serve. If he lasts his final days in office without causing more chaos, America will be lucky. ... Off the table, apparently, is a Senate trial that would remove the president from office in his final days if he is convicted. That's OK. We're still heartened the House took action. The threat of trial could be enough to keep Trump's behavior in check.”

The Boston Globe (1/13, 1.04M) editorializes, “When a president calls for violence against fellow political leaders and revolt against the government and nation he is supposed to defend as commander in chief, Congress has little choice but to protect democracy through the constitutional measure of impeachment. And since Trump didn't simply resign, getting him out swiftly is a matter of national security.” The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/13, 855K) editorializes, “Trump has been impeached a second time — a fitting disgrace for a leader who has besmirched his office, betrayed his oath and fomented violent invasion of the U.S. Capitol. ... The Trump years have shown us an ugliness that must be rooted out, with a national recommitment to democratic values. That is what will keep America great.”

Ten Republicans Vote To Impeach Trump. The AP (1/13, Peoples) reports, “The unbreakable wall of Republican support that encouraged and enabled Donald Trump's norm-shattering presidency cracked on Wednesday.” The New York Times (1/13, Eligon, 20.6M) reports “10 Republicans cast their votes in favor of impeachment; exactly one week after the Capitol was breached by an angry mob of Trump loyalists.” USA Today (1/13, Hayes, 12.7M) reports the 10 defectors were Reps. Liz Cheney (R-WY), Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), John Katko (R-NY), Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), Peter Meijer (R-MI), Dan Newhouse (R-WA), Tom Rice (R-SC), Fred Upton (R-MI), and David Valadao (R-CA).

The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (1/13, 94K) reports Cheney “defended her vote... on Wednesday, telling reporters that some votes 'should never be partisan.'” The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/13, 1.22M) reports Gonzalez said in a statement, “The President of the United States helped organize and incite a mob that attacked the United States Congress in an attempt to prevent us from completing our solemn duties as prescribed by the Constitution. In doing so, five people have died — including a Capitol Police Officer — many more have been injured, and our democracy has been shaken.” The Clark County (WA) Columbian (1/13, 79K) reports Herrera Beutler voted to impeach “in a stunning final rebuke” of Trump, “calling on her colleagues to embrace the moral clarity that comes with accepting the truth.”

The Syracuse (NY) Post-Standard (1/13, 467K) reports Katko said in a Tuesday evening floor speech that members “had[a] constitutional duty to respond and impeach Trump. ‘To allow the president of the United States to incite this attack without consequence is a direct threat to the future of our democracy,’ he said.” The Chicago Sun-Times (1/13, 970K) reports Kinzinger said in an interview, “I think there's going to be a lot of reckoning in this party about how did we get here, how were we led here, what did we do wrong, what did we do right. ... And I think the next few months will tell; does this party, you know... does it wake up Saturday morning from a Friday night bender and look around and say, ‘What did we do?’” Milive (MI) (1/13, 828K) reports Meijer said before the vote, “I believe the article of impeachment to be accurate. The President betrayed his oath of office by seeking to undermine our constitutional process, and he bears responsibility for inciting the violent acts of insurrection last week.”

The Tri-City Herald (WA) (1/13, 84K) reports Newhouse said in a statement, “A vote against this impeachment is a vote to validate the unacceptable violence we witnessed in our nation’s capital.” Newhouse “also criticized Trump's lack of action after rioters entered the Capitol building. ‘He did not strongly condemn the attack nor did he call in reinforcements when our officers were overwhelmed,’ he said. ‘Our country needed a leader, and President Trump failed to fulfill his oath of office.’” The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (1/13, Novelty, Fleming, 299K) reports Rice “stunned the South Carolina political establishment with his vote, which is ‘destined to spark outrage in his home district where support for Trump runs high and to the extreme.”
Rice said he spent the last week reading how the president responded to the Jan. 6 protests. While he doesn't think the president exactly called for protesters to storm the Capitol, the way Trump responded to the violence was unacceptable.

The *Detroit News* (1/13, 1.16M) reports Upton said in an interview before the vote, "I'm going to do the right thing. The Constitution has to come first, I'm sorry. The President's failure to take any blame for what happened last week is inexcusable. Calling these people 'patriots' as they were looting the Capitol? They're almost worse than the British when they burned it down."

The *Valdosta Times-Valdosta* (1/13, 14K) reports Valadao said in a statement, "Based on the facts before me, I have to go with my gut and vote my conscience. I voted to impeach President Trump. His inciting rhetoric was un-American, abhorrent, and absolutely an impeachable offense. It's time to put country over politics."

Politico (1/13, Zanona, 6.73M) reports "conservative hard-liners are moving against" Cheney over her vote. Members of the Freedom Caucus "began circulating a petition Wednesday to force a special conference meeting so they could debate and vote on a resolution calling on Cheney to resign" as House Republican Conference Chair, the third-ranking slot in the GOP leadership. Breitbart (1/13, 1.26M) reports one unnamed House Republican predicted "that as many as half of the House Republican conference might vote to oust" Cheney. The Hill (1/13, Brufke, 5.69M) reports McCarthy "would not comment when asked multiple times on his thoughts on the matter or whether he would back the effort." The *Daily Caller* (1/13, 375K) reports Cheney "rebuked resignation calls from her fellow GOP lawmakers." She told a reporter, "I'm not going anywhere."

*McConnell Says He Has "Not Made a Final Decision" On Convicting, But Will Not Permit Early Trial.* The AP (1/13, Fram) reports McConnell "pointedly did not rule out Wednesday that he might eventually vote to convict [Trump], but he also blocked a quick Senate impeachment trial." In a letter to his GOP colleagues, McConnell wrote, "I have not made a final decision on how I will vote and I intend to listen to the legal arguments when they are presented to the Senate." The *Washington Post* (1/13, Kim, Kan, 10.52M) calls McConnell's words "a dramatic shift from his position during Trump's first impeachment a year ago, when he publicly stressed that he was not an impartial juror and privately worked in concert with White House officials to map out the president's eventual acquittal in the Senate."

The *New York Times* (1/13, Edmondson, 20.6M) reports, "Because the Senate is not scheduled to hold a regular session until Jan. 19...an agreement between McConnell and Schumer would be needed to begin the trial before then. McConnell said he "would not agree to do so, meaning that the article could not be taken up until the day before Mr. Biden is sworn in" at the earliest. USA Today (1/13, Hayes, 12.7M) reports McConnell, "in a statement after the House impeached Trump, said the Senate trial would not be rushed and concluded, 'There is simply no chance that a fair or serious trial could conclude before President-elect Biden is sworn in next week.")

Politico (1/13, Levine, Desiderio, Stein, 6.73M) reports Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) "is leading the charge" against convicting Trump in the Senate. Graham, "who just last week said he had had 'enough' of Trump's bid to overturn the election results after he incited a deadly riot at the Capitol, has been calling around to Republican senators urging them to oppose convicting the president in the Senate's expected impeachment trial."

NYTimes Analysis: "Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray." The *New York Times* (1/13, Shear, Crowley, 20.6M) reports under the headline "As His Predecessor Is Impeached, Biden Tries To Stay Above The Fray" that while "his fellow Democrats are red hot with rage after the assault on the Capitol," Biden "has maintained a studied cool, staying largely removed from the searing debate" over impeachment "and keeping his focus on battling a deadly pandemic, reviving a faltering economy and lowering the political temperature." Biden "has deferred" to Pelosi and other Capitol Hill Democrats, and "has spent the past week honing policy proposals and introducing new appointees while delivering a carefully calibrated, above-the-fray message."

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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center Update: Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity January 2021

1700-13 JANUARY 2021

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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) Executive Summary

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(U) ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION AND INAUGURATION 2021

(U) INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

• (U/FOUO) On 6 January, the FBI activated a digital media tip line URL (https://fbis.gov/USCapitol) which opened to the public. As of 0900 on 15 January, the FBI has received more than 118,000 UMTs.

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(U) National Threat Picture Through Inauguration 2021

(U) CURRENT FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSES

(U) Potential of criminal offenses or violence related to the 6 January 2021 Electoral College certification of the 2020 Presidential Election results for situational awareness - past ongoing (within last 12-24 hours) and planned (next 12-24 hours)

(U) Past Ongoing in the last 12 - 24 Hours

- [Top Secret]

(U) Planned in the next 12 - 24 Hours

- Nothing Significant to Report

(U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE

(U) Potential Flashpoints by Geographic Location

- [Top Secret]
Multiple reports indicate various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the presidential inauguration. Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.
As of 6 January, the FBI issued a request for information leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the placement of the suspected pipe bombs on 6 January in Washington, D.C. The FBI is offering a reward of up to $50,000 for information.
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Greg

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privileged. If you received this in error, please delete, do not disseminate further, and notify SIOC immediately.

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From: Matthew J. DeSarno
Subject: Fwd: 
To: Sanborn, Jill (CTO) (FBI)
Sent: January 14, 2021 9:14 AM (UTC-05:00)

Matthew J. DeSarno
Special Agent in Charge
FBI Dallas

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From: Matthew J. DeSarno
Date: January 14, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Sanborn, Jill (CTO) (FBI)

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FBI Dallas

Twitter: @FBI_Dallas

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On Jan 14, 2021 6:42 AM | wrote: This is behind a pay wall for me. I can't see it.

On Jan 14, 2021 6:40 AM | wrote: FBI(21cv558)-5098
Take a look at this article. Let's do a quick call this am to talk about how to best handle.
From: b7E -5
Subject: January 14, 2021
To: 
Sent: January 14, 2021 9:30 AM (UTC-05:00)

All information and inquiries should be directed to b7E -1,3,5

FBI(2icv558)-5100
From: The Wall Street Journal
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [MARKETING] Dad Calvin, Here's Your Daily Discover
To: Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI)
Sent: January 14, 2021 9:33 AM (UTC-05:00)

To view this email as a web page, click here.
Membership ID: [Masked]
Thank you for participating in our Daily Discover newsletter test. We would like to hear how you have been enjoying this new member benefit. Please share your feedback in this short survey to help make this the best possible daily resource it can be for you.

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SPAC Mania Gives Early Investors Steady Returns

Sudden excitement about the flurry of startups going public through blank-check companies is enriching some of the biggest players in finance, particularly hedge funds.
China Tech Giants Seen Avoiding Blacklist

Alibaba, Baidu, and Tencent were among a dozen companies being examined for inclusion in a Defense Department list of firms deemed to support China’s military, intelligence and security services.
S&P 500 Finishes With Modest Gain

U.S. stocks wobbled, swinging between small gains and losses for most of the session, as investors monitored the impeachment proceedings against President Trump in Washington.

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The House voted to impeach President Trump for an unprecedented second time, alleging he encouraged a mob to storm the U.S. Capitol as part of an effort to overturn Democrat Joe Biden's election win. Mitch McConnell doesn't plan to bring the Senate back before Jan. 19, meaning a trial would occur during Mr. Biden's term.

Read Now
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Lisa Montgomery is the first female inmate to be put to death by federal authorities in nearly 70 years.

Read Now
Click the thumbs down and follow the prompt to opt out of Daily Discover. Click thumbs up if you think it's great.
This mailing was sent because you are subscribed to receive The Wall Street Journal New Features/Product Highlights.
Hey,

I have not confirmed this for sure.

Take Care,

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Terrorism Task Force,
Desk
Cell

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FYSA.

From
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2020 7:10 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: FW:
Attachments

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Good morning,

Passing this along for your info. This information has been pushed to WFO, IA. Also, see below comment from WFO SSA (highlighted in yellow).

Good morning,

Have you heard anything about

Thanks.

V/T

IA

This information has been pushed to WFO, IA.

Desks:

Cells:

ONED:

From
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 4:41 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE:
Importance: High
Attachments

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All,

I spoke with the CS today. The CS clarified that

FBI(2020-572)-4644
Thank you everyone for the coordination and passage of the information. CSI reporting which indicated... this it will deter to BS to where she would like it stored.

Thank you again.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 09:23 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: [Redacted]

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Thank you for sharing this. I will defer to [Redacted] as to where she would like it stored.

Thank you,
Our CHS just provided.

We have no further intel at this time.

The CHS

Please pass along as appropriate and as soon as we get more details we will provide them. Thanks!

V/R

SA
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 10:48 AM
To: [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW UNCLASSIFIED/FOIA

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOIA

All,

On January 5, 2021, agents spoke with and admonished FD-302 is in... FD-302 is in... FD-302 is in...

On January 05, 2021, agents spoke with Commonwealth of Virginia Probation and Parole Officer regarding... Is the Probation and Parole Officer assigned to... Is the Probation and Parole Officer assigned to... Is the Probation and Parole Officer assigned to...

Advised... advised she would admonish... advised she would admonish...

Sending back to... for further review.

Thanks

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2021 5:21 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: UNCLASSIFIED/FOIA

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOIA

[Redacted]

We transferred this... back to... reviewed this... Please keep them informed.

Further, please see the corresponding lead below. Apparently... may be able to assist in further review.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

The following lead has been forwarded to you:

Case

Lead
Details: (U//FOUO) For situational awareness. Corroborating information related to

Please advise if needs

Thank you. Have a great day!

V/R,

SA
WFO
Campus Liaison Agent
Cell

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From: 
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 4:37 PM 
To: {}
Subject: FW FYSA --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO 

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Including Intel.

From: 
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 4:32 PM 
To: {}
CC: 
Subject: FYSA --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO 

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Passing this as an FYI.
Closed as Info Only.

{U//FOUO) On 1/4/2021, a Confidential Human Source (CHS) reported...

Thank you. Have a great day!
V/R,

SA
WFO
Campus Liaison Agent

V/R,

SA
WFO
Campus Liaison Agent

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Hey

Per our conversation, please see the below reporting of a subject: Tram having WF make a BOLO that will be distributed to the Federal, State, and Local partners. Thanks!

Take Care,

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Terrorism Task Force,

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From: 
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 3:30 PM 
To: 
Subject: RE: BOLO information --- UNCLASSIFIED 

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED 

Summary:

On 3 January 2021, FBI received information
Subject: FW: - UNCLASSIFIED//FOGO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOGO

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 6:30 PM
To: JENSEN, STEVEN J [CID] (FBI)
Cc: 
Subject: FW: + UNCLASSIFIED//FOGO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOGO

Recipients:

FSAS and any action deemed appropriate. Subject named below is the current subject.

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 6:30 PM
To: JENSEN, STEVEN J [CID] (FBI)
Cc: 
Subject: FW: + UNCLASSIFIED//FOGO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOGO

Sir

Wanted to give you a heads up on a subject is reported. A check of systems revealed

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 5:56 PM
To: 
Subject: FW: + UNCLASSIFIED//FOGO

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOGO

FBI(21-cv-572)-4663
Hello [Team],

Below is a summary of a Domestic Terrorism investigation recently opened by FBI.

In addition to the investigative plan outlined below, FBI interviewed:

As part of our investigation we learned that [redacted] is possible for us to determine whether or not [redacted].

Identifiers are:

[Redacted]

Supervisory Special Agent

From

Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 5:46 PM

To

Cc

Subject: FW: TRANSITORY RECORD

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

Hello [WFO],

I apologize for the lengthy email below, but I wanted to ensure [redacted] and FBI Washington Field Office are aware of the below.

Background:

On 3 January 2020, FB...
On 4 February 2020, FBI FOIs re-contacted the subject.

Both FBI and police department attempted to contact him at his known address, however were advised that his mobile device, however, did not answer.

On 4 January 2020, Washington Field Office received a call from the subject.

Investigative Strategy:

Please advise if any further information is needed or if anyone has questions.

Supervisory Special Agent
Division
Desk
Cell

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Hello all,

WFC has opened an investigation into the pipe bomb incidents in the City. The Case number is below, and if you have any reporting pertaining to the incidents please put it to this file. Thank you.

Take Care,

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Terrorism Task Force,
Desk Cell

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Hey guys,

Happy Saturday. There is a new case opening. The summary and case number are as follows:

On 12/12/20, an FBI Confidential Human Source provided...
Do outs for Pipe Bomb Case

Thanks

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Terrorism Task Force
Desk
Cell

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Based on the below, are you interested in pursuing this?

Thank you.

From:
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2021 9:01 AM
To: BIE -1,2,3,4,5
Cc: BIE -1,2,3,4,5
Subject: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

All,

On January 5, 2021, agents spoke with and admonished the probation officer regarding the status of the probation and parole officer assigned to the case. Subsequently, the probation and parole officer advised they would admonish.

Sending back for further review.

Thanks,

From:
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 5:21 PM
To: BIE -1,2,3,4,5
Cc: BIE -1,2,3,4,5
Subject: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

We transferred this back to reviewed this. Please keep them informed.

Further, please see the corresponding lead below. Apparently, I may be able to assist in further review.

Please let us know if you have any questions.
Hey

Per our conversation, please see the below reporting of a subject. This is the subject.

Also distributed to the Federal, State, and local partners. Thanks!

Take Care,

Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: [Redacted] Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 3:51 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: BOLO information --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Summary:

On 3 January 2021, FBI received information
Good afternoon,

If possible, could you forward me a copy of the BLO? Thank you sir!

Ok. will do.

Thanks,

Hey,

We are putting a BLO out to our local partners and we will also be if you get any reporting about his whereabouts please let us know! Thank you

Take Care,

Summary:

On 3 January 2021, FBI received information
On 4 January 2021, FBI re-contacted [redacted] at his known address, however were advised that [redacted] was unavailable on his mobile device. FBI and Police Department attempted to call [redacted] on multiple occasions.

On 5 January 2021, FBI interviewed [redacted] who provided the following information:

Vfr,

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 2:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: BOLO information — UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello,

Thanks for reaching out! Yes we do. I am not very familiar with you case or subject but if you could forward me the below information, we can put it in a BOLO to send out to local LE.

Take Care,

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 2:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: BOLO information — UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSITORY RECORD
Good afternoon SA

I am the case agent working on the identifiers for a BOLO in your AOR? If so please let me know and I can assist.

Thank you,

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Thanks again for the case run down over Lync. Let us know if there is anything you need as you move forward.

Touch base with [name] on your [date] when you get back in the office to coordinate cases and support. Check availability to get on your [date]. We is hanging on to the case for now, but case could possibly be transferred.

Thanks all!

[Special Agent]

[Field Office]

[Designation]

[Number]
Happy Monday! I just wanted to pass this over, WFO has new case opening

an FBI Confidential Human Source provided

After interviewing a few people, WFO identified the individual as

It was determined that

If you are free, I would like to do a lync call with WFO to discuss the Case and

and how to move forward. Thanks guys!

Case number:

Take Care,

Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Terrorism Task Force

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The following document has been forwarded to you:

Title: (U)

Synopsis: (U) [Was interviewed at his home address and provided the following information:]

Link to Document: 

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
Would you like me to share this with: 

The following document has been forwarded to you:

Title: (U) 

Synopsis: (U) CHS reporting from: 

Link to Document:

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From: 
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 9:12 AM 
To: 
Subject: Sentinel Serial: [U] -- UNCLASSIFIED//FOO

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FYSA

The following document has been forwarded to you:

Title: [U]

Synopsis: [U] CHS reporting from

Link to Document

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FYI:

---------- Forwarded message ----------

From: [Redacted]
Date: Jan 6, 2021 8:33 PM

Subject: From SA Task Force Officer FBI/ITTF

See below from SA Task Force Officer FBI/ITTF. Send requests for anything like that through me and I'll get you what you need.

[Redacted]

FYI. Any and all of your squads and/offices that maintain investigative needs for this data can coordinate through you all to me. Also coordinating that can also be coordinated through you all to me.

Working alongside Special Agent [Redacted]
From: be -1 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 2:10 PM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Fwd: Re: INFO ALERT: Suspicious Package near US Capitol

----------- Forwarded message -----------
From: b6 -1,5 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 14:25 
Subject: Re: INFO ALERT: Suspicious Package near US Capitol 
To: 
Cc: 

Suspicious Package DISRUPTION. The USCP is preparing to disrupt a Suspicious Package in the 300 Block of First Street SE.

A loud bang may be heard in the area. There is no cause for alarm, and no action needs to be taken by Congressional Staff.

SA
Task Force Officer
FBI/JTTF

Subject: Re: INFO ALERT: Suspicious Package near US Capitol 

Suspicious Package DISRUPTION. The USCP is preparing to disrupt a Suspicious Package in the 400 Block of Canal Street SE.

A loud bang may be heard in the area. There is no cause for alarm, and no action needs to be taken by Congressional Staff.

SA
Task Force Officer
FBI/JTTF
Forwarded message

From: [Redacted]  
Date: Jan 6, 2021 14:10  
Subject: Re: INFO ALERT: Suspicious Package near US Capitol  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: [Redacted]

Suspicious Package DISRUPTION. The USCP is preparing to disrupt a Suspicious Package in the 400 Block of Canal Street SE.

A loud bang may be heard in the area. There is no cause for alarm, and no action needs to be taken by Congressional Staff.

Task Force Officer
FBI/JTTF

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 1:17 PM  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: INFO ALERT: Suspicious Package near US Capitol

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 1:09 PM  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: INFO ALERT: Suspicious Package near US Capitol

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 1:04 PM  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: Suspicious Package near US Capitol
For awareness

SSA
FBI Washington Field

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 2:15 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] -
To: 
Cc: 

Respectfully,

FBI(21-cv-572)-4717
From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 2:24 PM 
To: 
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Breach of Scaffolding

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 1:57 PM 
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Breach of Scaffolding 
To: 
Cc: 

Respectfully,

Det. Sgt. 
TFQ

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 1:55 PM 
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Breach of Scaffolding 
To: 
Cc: 

Respectfully,
You rock, thank you!

FBI Washington Field Office

On Jan 6, 2021 6:29 PM, wrote:

SA

Task Force Officer
FBI | WFO | JFTF

Subject enters alley behind RNC at 2013 hrs last night, 1/5/2021 and exits at 2017 hrs. Per SA Description it is the same subject from the DNC package.

SA

Task Force Officer
FBI | WFO | JFTF
On Jan 6, 2021 6:26 PM prot: Yes its

From | Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 6:26 PM
To:  
Subject: RE: Case

Just making sure this is good. Its the case number I got from Washington Field Office

--------- Forwarded message ---------
From:  
Date: Jan 6, 2021 6:24 PM
Subject: Case  
To:  
Cc:  

For anyone working today

Special Agent
FBI Washington
Respectfully

Joint Terrorism Task Force

Washington DC

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:48 PM
To: [Redacted]
Attachments: 20210106_185757.jpg; 20210106_185802.jpg; 20210106_185842.jpg
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged
USCP review of footage from DNC and RNC buildings revealed the following:

11/5/2020 at approx 1948: UM in face mask and gray hoodie observed placing device near bench at DNC.

11/5/2020 at approx 2015: UM in face mask and gray hoodie, believed to be UM from DNC, observed entering alley behind RNC where IED was later found. NFI on identity.

USCP has performed its own sweep of nearby cameras in an attempt to further identify UM; NFI on whether they’ve found additional footage.
WFO has sent you an urgent voice message. If you do not receive this voice message on your home telephone or Samsung, please call

[ ] Thank you. (IMPORTANT! Do not change anything below this line in this email.)

To respond to this notification, reply with YES in the top of this email.
Team SSA (cc'd) from has the helm. We're waiting to hear back on any resolution on that, and my folks will get with the team. Good luck going forward. --
(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.

(U//FOUO) As of 1445 hours, the DC Mayor is implementing a curfew beginning at 1800 hours.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

PENDING TARGETS OR SUBJECTS OF INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST:

PLANNED EVENTS:
Videos

Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 6:29 PM
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Video

Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 6:38:40 PM
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Video

--- Forwarded message ---

From: Task Force Officer
FBI | WFO | JTF

Subject enters alley behind RNC at 2013 hrs last night, 1/5/2021 and exits at 2017 hrs.

Per SA description it is the same subject from the DNC package.
On Jan 6, 2021 6:38 PM, [EXTERNAL EMAIL] wrote:

Videos

From: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 6:29 PM To: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Video

Task Force Officer
FBI | WFO | JTF

Subject enters alley behind RNC at 2013 hrs last night, 1/5/2021 and exits at 2017 hrs. Per [EXTERNAL EMAIL] description it is the same subject from the DNC package.
From: b6 -1,5
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2071 10:45 PM
To: b7E -3,5,13
Attachments: 20210106_183244.jpg; 20210106_183510.jpg; 20210106_183432.jpg; 20210106_183533.jpg

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Respectfully

Officer

Joint Terrorism Task Force

Mobile

Desk
Respectfully

Office

Joint Terrorism Task Force

Mobile

Desk
From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 5:12:09 PM  
To: WFO FOUQ  
Cc:  
Subject: BOLO Request  
Attachments:  

Hello,  

Per our conversation, WFO is requesting that a BOLO be sent out to our local, state, and federal partners in WFO AOR. I have attached all his biodata, as well as, an Officer Safety Statement.

Please let me know if you questions or concerns about the BOLO. Thank you!

**Officer Safety Statement:**

If the subject is encountered, please contact the FBI WFO.

**Subject biodata:**

A photo is attached to this email.

- Vehicle info -
Summary:

Take Care,

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Terrorism Task Force,

Desk
Cell
I don't think [redacted] sent me this photo from yesterday. The guy bending over in the backpack was throwing flashbangs.
From: blank
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 5:24 PM
To: blank
Subject: blank
Attachments: blank

From: blank
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 6:27 PM
To: blank
Subject: FW:
Attachments: blank

Special Agent TIF
Des: JTTF
Cell: blank
From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 4:53 PM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: FW: Photos 
Attachments: 20210106_182754.jpg; 20210106_182802.jpg; 20210106_182804.jpg; 20210106_182810.jpg

Truck Molotovs

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 8:09 PM 
To: 
Subject: Photos 

Respectfully 

Office: 

Desk: 

Mobile: 

FBI(21-cv-572)-4842
From: | 7 1.
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 8:33 PM eon 1
To: | b7E -3,5
Subject: FW: 
Attachments: IMG_4476.jpg

From: | 7 1.
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 7:08 PM eon 1
To: | b7E -3,5
Subject: Fw

From: | 7 1.
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 5:17 PM eon 1
To: | b7E -3,5
Cc: | b7E -2,3,5
Subject: I'm getting information sparsely. No detailed. I've attached.
Respectfully, SA

I'm getting information sparsely. No details.
The CHS

I've attached

Respectfully,
SA
On Dec 12, 2020 16:13 wrote:
Copy. Do we have any details?

I will passing to local police for awareness.

On Dec 12, 2020 5:07 PM wrote:

I'm not sure if you've seen FBINET emails related to this, but we have a CHS...

Our CHS is reporting to SA...

SA will continue to update this chain as things progress. Add anyone you feel needs to know.
Indicates that the red truck pulled into its parking space in the 300 block of First St SE at approximately 0915 this morning. A safety search of the vehicle by USCP revealed a cooler filled with 11 Mason jars filled with an unknown liquid; a pistol, rifle, M4, machetes, crossbow, and various types of ammunition; and rags. USCP bomb techs on the scene believed the Mason jars and rags were components for Molotov cocktails.

Truck was found to be registered to Hobbersen interviewed by the FBI.
USCP review of footage from DNC and RNC buildings revealed the following:

11/5/2020 at approx 1948: UM in face mask and gray hoodie observed placing device near bench at DNC.

11/5/2020 at approx 2015: UM in face mask and gray hoodie, believed to be identical to UM from DNC, observed entering alley behind RNC where IED was later found. NFI on identity.

USCP has performed its own sweep of nearby cameras in an attempt to further identify UM; NFI on whether they've found additional footage.
For the latest information on the District Government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.
Hey

I hope all is well with you both. I am attaching several photos.
Take Care,

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Terrorism Task Force
Desk
Cell
Respectfully

Office:

Joint Terrorism Task Force

Washington DC

Mobile:

Desk:

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2027 6:03:54 PM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Photos 
Attachments: 20210106_182754.jpg, 20210106_182802.jpg, 20210106_182804.jpg, 20210106_182810.jpg

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FBI(21-cv-572)-4858
Hey

Thank you for sending that I had not seen it yet.

I am going on leave starting tomorrow, but I will reach out when I get back from leave.

Happy Holidays

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From: [Name]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 4:48 PM
To: [Name]
Subject: This article has a lot of pictures from the past few nights up unrest in D.C.
From: | b6 -1
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:10 PM
To: | b7E -1,3,5,8
Subject: | RE

Thank you.

From: | b6 -1,5
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 8:38 PM
To: | b7E -1,3,5,8
Subject: Fw

Good evening everyone, please see the information below. Let me know what you need from me. Thank you.

SA | b6 -1,5
Task Force Officer
FBI WFO JTTF

Any and all of your squads and/or offices that maintain investigative needs for this data can coordinate through you all to me.

Also coordinating That can also be coordinated through you all to me.

Working alongside

Special Agent

Office
Primary
Alternate
I will ask the CHS handler

Happy wet Monday! Just as a follow up, I have reached out to the CHS handler in the case. He indicated was being debriefed, and the reporting would go to our file today but that the CHS good reporting. The CHS also reported that the CHS also reported that he was out today, but I suggested doing a Lync call later this week to discuss further.

Also, heard from ! If we need more than that, they are willing to assist.

Take Care,
A day late and a dollar short... but see attached.

Thanks

From

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 7:15 AM

To:

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]
For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit repogov.dg.gov.
For the latest information on the District Government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.
Please see attached

Thank you!

FBI Washington Field Office

Please pull

Thank you.
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Per our conversation, please see below:
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Thanks,
From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 4:30:44 AM  
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd

Respectfully,

FBI(21-cv-572)-4952
For the latest information on the District Government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.
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From
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 5:16:02 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE

From: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 2:06 PM
To: | |
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd
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so sorry I was super busy last night. Please see below:

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ITTF - see below sitrep for Nashville.

Thanks

SSA
FBI Washington Field

JTTF - see below sitrep for Nashville.

Can you push this out to our TFOs and partners?

*Sent from Samsung Email*

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

Please see below regarding the attached SITREP. This will be the last SITREP for this incident. I am having connectivity issues between my phone and email, so I apologize if you have already received this or receive it again. Let me know if you need anything else!

V/R,

Intelligence Analyst | FBI | Washington Field Office
Good morning,

Please find attached the 29 December 2020 SITREP regarding the Nashville, TN explosion. This will serve as the final SITREP related to this incident. Please note that this document is marked Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES) and should be shared accordingly with your law enforcement, intelligence, and homeland security partners.

Thank you.

Unit Chief
FBI
Other
Cell
Thanks for sending this out and please feel free to make this sound better if it's missing something....

The following information is being provided for Officer safety and awareness and is not an effort to infringe upon the First Amendment rights of a non-predicated USPER group.
Hi! WTOP reported that the burning of a BLM sign was being investigated by MPD as a hate crime.

Thank you,

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From: [Name]
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:29 AM
To: [Name]
Subject: Re: DC church condemns attack that saw Black Lives Matter sign burned during pro-Trump rally | WTOP

Good morning!

Hope you had a good weekend and was able to relax after:

Kind regards,

[Name]

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From: [Name]
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 8:03 PM
To: [Name]
Cc: [Name]
Subject: DC church condemns attack that saw Black Lives Matter sign burned during pro-Trump rally | WTOP


Hi all. Just a FYI the burning of a BLM sign is being investigated as possible hate crimes.

Thank you
Hey you guys – does this map from DCHSEMA and MPD mean that everything in purple will be closed? Or just subject to restrictions?
Hey,

Do you know if there is something that you can send to me?

If there isn't anything, they want an update. So if you can let me know when you get in the office tomorrow (if you plan on going to the office), I'd appreciate it.

If you need to reach me, I'm working from home tomorrow, so feel free to call my cell.

Thanks for your help,
Subject: Vehicle

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:38:08 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

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Detective

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From: b6 -1
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 2:41 PM
To: b7E -3,5,8
Cc: 
Subject: (no subject)

On Jan 6, 2021 2:41 PM wrote:

-
"Once more into the breach dear friends! Once more."

Leadership principals dictate that I not criticize the mission.

Mission: your guess is as good as mine....

As always our, our internal mission will be to protect each other at all costs. WE are all that matters when it comes to such missions. WE have to be the bright star under which this drunken pirate ship, with sails made of dirty diapers, traverses the waters of the constitutional sea.

On a high note, the CDC has determined that you cannot contract covid while executing bad FBI EM decisions.

Accept or decline.
Sent from a mobile device. Please excuse any typos.
Subject: Standby Team for Jan 5.

Location: 

Start: 

End: 

Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Received

Organizer: 

Required Attendees: 

Resources: 

be -1 
b7C -1 
b7E -5,8 

FBI(21-cv-572)-5074
F MY LIFE!

To recap,

See you tomorrow???

On Jan 5, 2021 9:19 PM, wrote:

Gents,

Thanks,

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Thanks for the quick responses.
Hopefully this ends tomorrow.
On Jan 5, 2021 7:58 PM wrote:

Hashtag winners:
All,

As of right now

This may change.
WFO has sent you an urgent voice message. If you do not receive this voice message on your home telephone or Samsung, please call [__________.] Thank you [[[ IMPORTANT! Do not change anything below this line in this email. ]]]

To respond to this notification, reply with YES in the top of this email.
From: 

To: 

Cc: ONEILL, CHRISTINE E. (WF) (FB), MOY, STACEY R (WF) (Fan), DAWSON, a ... JENNIFER L (WF) (FBI DANTUONO, STEVEN M. (WF) 

Subject: LICLASSICE Due to emergency 

Attachments: 

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WFO Leadership,

If you are not familiar with stress, I want to provide you information on how to handle it. It can be intimidating to an officer to mitigate any stress. Please review the following and if you take a shift at some point, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Finally, please feel free to pass this along to others.

Thanks

FBI(21-cv-572)-5083
All,

ASC forwarded their

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Cc: [Redacted]
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To: [Redacted]
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TRANSITORY RECORD

Hi all,

Please find the Forward along to your folks as needed.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Thanks!

[Redacted]

National Counterintelligence Center

FBI(21-cv-572)-5127
Hi all,

Please forward along to your folks as needed.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!
We need to set the hyperlink for the below meeting attendees and have it available for all:

- Can you confirm this and work with ___ to disseminate accordingly?

Thanks
Any questions from
Any questions from

Thanks much—
--Matt

Matthew R. Aloise
FBI, Special Agent

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From: [___] bIE -5
Sent: January 6, 2021 3:29:42 PM
To: WFO_CRITICAL_INCIDENT
Cc: 
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SIOC NOTIFICATION

SYNOPSIS: The following message is being sent on behalf of the FBI Police.
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: FBI Police

Strategic Information & Operations Center | FBIHQ, Room 5712
Emergency Action Specialist: Watch Commander: SSA

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From: SIOC
Subject: NC3 DAILY SITREP 01/14/2021
To: SIOC_CRITICAL_INCIDENT_HQ
Cc: SIOC
Sent: January 14, 2021 11:03 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: OPE_SITREP_FINAL_Jan 14.pdf

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
STRATEGIC INFORMATION & OPERATIONS CENTER

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.

As a reminder, if you respond to this message, please do not “Reply All.”

National Crisis Coordination Center | FBIHQ, SIOC, Room 5590

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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center Update: Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity January 2021

17th 14 JANUARY 2021

(U) This update was compiled by the Joint Inter-Agency National Crisis Coordination Center in the FBI Strategic Information Operations Center. Information is accurate as of 1100 EST on 14 January 2021. The following agencies contributed to the development of this SHREP: AHE, DEA, DOD, DoJ, DoS, US Park Police, and USM. Responses provided after the cut-off time will be included in the next SHREP.

1. The information contained in this document is the property of the FBI and may be distributed within the federal government and its contractors. U.S. intelligence, law enforcement, public safety, protection officials, and individuals with a need to know. Distribution beyond the confines without FBI authorization is prohibited. Procedures should be followed to ensure that information is obtained and disseminated in a manner that precludes unauthorized access. Information sharing is critical, but it is limited to the scope of the originating agency. Requests for information should be directed to the FBI or other law enforcement.

2. Under FBI policy and federal law, no investigative activity may be based solely on First Amendment activity. The FBI does not investigate activity to obtain information on U.S. persons solely for the purpose of monitoring, surveillance, or investigating private activities protected by the First Amendment. Additionally, the FBI will maintain no record describing how an individual engaged in First Amendment activity, or by the individual directly when the record is maintained under FISA, within the scope of an investigation of law enforcement activity. (First Amendment, section 18 U.S.C. 2518)

3. (U) While in the public interest, information regarding First Amendment protected activity, the FBI may collect and store information relating to the exercise of First Amendment rights if the collection is legally related to an authorized investigative purpose. If the collection does not involve individuals with the ability of an individual to engage in a group or engage in the exercise of constitutionally protected activity, and to the scope of the First Amendment, the information collected is maintained, based upon the considerations of the investigative context.

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5. (U) This update is intended to provide the latest information regarding First Amendment protected activity. The FBI may collect and store information relating to the exercise of First Amendment rights if the collection is legally related to an authorized investigative purpose. If the collection does not involve individuals with the ability of an individual to engage in a group or engage in the exercise of constitutionally protected activity, and to the scope of the First Amendment, the information collected is maintained, based upon the considerations of the investigative context.
(U) National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) Executive Summary

(U//FOUO) THE FBI IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH ITS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS CONTINUES TO MONITOR AND RESPOND TO EVENTS RELATED TO THE VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH LAWFUL PROTESTS.

(U//FOUO) With the recent threats and civil disturbance at the United States Capitol targeting members of Congress, state, local, and tribal law enforcement jurisdictions are requested to maintain operational awareness of their respective Congressional Representative’s district offices and residences for any types of threats or potential criminal activity.

(U) ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION AND INAUGURATION 2021

- (U//FOUO) There are currently 51 identified demonstrations in the National Capitol Region scheduled on or before 20 January, three of which are expected to involve civil disobedience, arrests, and violence, according to the US Capitol Police.

- (U//FOUO) As of 14 January, United States Secret Service (USSS) has developed a plan regarding permitted protest activities during the Presidential Inauguration. Plan A would consist of closing the mall and allowing no protest activity. Plan B would consist of limiting protest actions to a small designated area between 12th and 14th streets. The gathering would allow only 25-30 participants to comply with COVID restrictions and would be segregated with resources for first responders. Open source currently reports the mall will be closed.

- (U//FOUO) As of 19 January, the National Guard Bureau advised of assets being deployed for local incident response at DC, GA, IL, MA, NJ, NY, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, and WI in Washington, DC, there will be nearly 7,000 Guardsmen, and the number will expand above 19,000 by 19 January. Mega anti-strike fencing has been installed around the US Capitol Complex and other areas on Capitol Hill in advance of the Presidential Inauguration.
(U) INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

- (U/FOUO) On 6 January, the FBI activated a digital media tip line URL (https://fbi.gov/USCapitol) which opened to the public. As of 14 January, the FBI has received more than 137,000 digital media tips.
(U) National Threat Picture Through Inauguration 2021

(U) CURRENT FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSES

(U) Potential of criminal offenses or violence related to the 6 January 2021 Electoral College certification of the 2020 Presidential Election results for situational awareness -- past/ongoing (within last 12-24 hours) and planned (next 12-24 hours)

(U) Past Ongoing in the last 12 - 24 Hours

- (U/FOUO) On 13 January the House of Representatives impeached President Trump

(U) Planned in the next 12 - 24 Hours

- (U) Nothing Significant to Report

(U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSES

(U) Potential Flashpoints by Geographic Location

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Multiple reports indicate various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the presidential inauguration. Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.

(U/LES) Multiple reports indicate various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the presidential inauguration. Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.
As of 6 January, the FBI issued a request for information leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the placement of the suspected pipe bombs on 6 January in Washington, D.C. The FBI is offering a reward of up to $50,000 for information.
Sirs:

Don't hesitate to call upon IMD again if that type of assistance becomes a need or you need volunteers to assist in any effort.

A

V/R

Arlene A. Gaylord
#IMDetermined
Assistant Director
FBI
Information Management Division

From: Gaylord, Arlene A. (IMD) (FBI)

Subject: RE: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ACTIVATION OF [ ] ON 01/05/2021.

To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Jones, Darrin E. (STB) (FBI)

Cc: Parry, Shannon V. (IMD) (FBI)

Sent: January 6, 2021 8:53 AM (UTC-05:00)
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: RE: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ACTIVATION OF ——__ PN01/05/2021.
To: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)
Sent: January 6, 2021 9:16 AM (UTC-05:00)

Will do.

From: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:44 AM (UTC-05:00)
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: Re: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ACTIVATION OF ——__ PN01/05/2021.

Thanks Steve. Be careful if you go out amongst those folks today. With the Georgia losses last night, they might be extra fired up today......Mike

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 4:58 PM (UTC-05:00)
To: b7E -1,2,3,5,8
Cc: 
Subject: FW: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ACTIVATION OF

Forwarding the below for your situational awareness regarding upcoming events scheduled in the WDC area.

Be safe
Steve

From: SIOC
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 9:19 PM (UTC-05:00)
To: SIOC CRITICAL INCIDENT | WFO CRITICAL INCIDENT | WFO CRITICAL_INCIDENT
Subject: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ACTIVATION OF ——__ PN01/05/2021.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
STRATEGIC INFORMATION & OPERATIONS CENTER

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Deputy Director David Bowdich

CURRENT SITUATION:
Please contact Section Chief Jeff Downey, or ASC with any questions.

Thank you.

**COORDINATION:** SIOC will coordinate with appropriate FBIHQ entities and provide updates as they are received.

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On Jan 6, 2021 6:52 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
Indeed, You guys good?

On Jan 6, 2021 6:51 PM, "Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)" wrote:
This will make for some great stories haha
Remember the time when.....

On Jan 6, 2021 5:23 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
And arrival of others
Things seem a bit calmer now under control.

On Jan 6, 2021 6:53 PM, "Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)" wrote:

Indeed. You guys good?

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FYI:

On Jan 7, 2021 11:02 AM, "Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:

DAD Pepper and AD McDermott are doing opening welcome remarks for new SOS basic training course today (virtually)

Travis

Travis D. Carlisle | Deputy Assistant Director | Directorate of Intelligence
Desk | Mobile:
On Jan 7, 2021 11:05 AM, "Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)" wrote:
What is the suggested bid?

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)
Subject: RE

Apparently Pelosi's podium was listed on eBay.

On Jan 7, 2021 11:01 AM, "Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)" wrote:

Jeff D.
Please replace ______ does not need to be called on.
Thanks,
TW

On Jan 7, 2021 10:38 AM, "Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)" wrote:

EAD's
Heads up ______ is being moved up to 2 p.m. today. SIOC will send out a notice shortly.

Agenda:
Will contact your respective AD's re this agenda. If anything is missing please let me know asap.

Thanks,

TW
FBI

FyI

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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Date: Jan 7, 2021 11:40 AM
Subject: Suggestion
To: "Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)"
CC: "Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)"

Good Morning,

Wasn’t sure who to include on this note – please share as appropriate.

Thanks,

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FyI

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From: "Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 7, 2021 4:19 PM
Subject: USAO Sherwin phone briefing

To: "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)"
"Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)" "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)"
"Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" "Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI)"
"Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)"
Cc: FYSA

FBI(21cv1168)-1070
Have a good/quiet night.

Steve
Thanks Steve.

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From: "Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 7, 2021 6:13 PM
Subject: FYSA
To: "Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)"
Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)"
Cc: "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)"
Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)"
Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)"

Brian and Jill.

Thanks,

Pam

Pamela Byron
Deputy Assistant Director
Directorate of Intelligence / FBI
Thanks Steve, much appreciated. Sorry for the delayed response.

Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono
Assistant Director in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington Field Office

On Jan 7, 2021 5:36 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:

Have a good/quiet night.

Steve
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Few Updates
To: Oneill, Christine E. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: January 8, 2021 8:32 AM (UTC-05:00)

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 7, 2021 9:17 PM
Subject: Fw: Few Updates
To: "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)"
Cc: "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)"
     "Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)"
     "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)"
     "Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)"

Sir,

Since you won’t be at the 9am tomorrow morning...thought you would be interested in the below. Thank you.

Regards,

john

From: Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 19:18
To: Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: Cohen, Jodi (NSB) (FBI)
     Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)
     Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)
     Williams, Douglas A. Jr. (OCA) (FBI)

Subject: Few Updates

Boss,

Just two post close out updates worth passing now.... possibly more in the AM.
Ma'am,

Per your request.
From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Questions
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: January 8, 2021 3:20 PM (UTC-05:00)
From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) {FBI}

Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:14 PM

To: Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) {FBI}

Subject: Fwd: Questions

Hello,

Please find below the start of the questions. As mentioned, anything you have already created can be built on as well.

Today (asap) questions:

Tomorrow (we'll need answers by Monday midday):

Thank you,

Special Counsel
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Thank you and sorry to be a bother.
From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Questions  
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Sent: January 8, 2021 3:26 PM (UTC-05:00)

Not a bother at all. It is my job

On Jan 8, 2021 3:24 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
Thank you and sorry to be a bother.

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:20 PM  
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Subject: FW: Questions

Jennifer Leigh Moore  
Special Agent in Charge - Intelligence  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

From:  
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:09 PM  
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Questions

From:  
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:00 PM  
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Questions
FYI as mentioned

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Subject: FW: Questions

RE: Questions

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Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:00 PM  
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Questions

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:30 PM (UTC-05:00)  
To: Wade; Terry (DO) (FBI)  
Subject: FW: Questions

RE: Questions
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: FW
To: Wade; Terry (DO) (FBI)
Sent: January 8, 2021 3:30 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: Copy.xlsx

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd

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From: 
Date: Jan 8, 2021 2:51 PM
Subject: Ma'am,
To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)"
Cc: 

Per your request.

Special Agent
WFO
Mobile
Desk:
One follow up Thanks

Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:20 PM
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Folks,

We wanted to send a quick message out in reference to the events this week. I echo Director Wray’s Thursday message to the workforce on violent activity at the U.S. Capitol building, in that we will not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc, as it betrays the values of our democracy.

I do want to say how proud I am of the DI workforce. Without hesitation, DI personnel... What is also very notable, and in some ways even more impressive to me, is the thirst of DI personnel who are not directly involved or tasked with... to help – this speaks to our commitment to the mission, professionalism, and that we truly are a family. In talking to our Chief of Staff, he’s told me that when the call goes out for shift volunteers, he gets numerous volunteers and we are able to project out ready personnel almost immediately...

If you are having any concerns or difficulties since the events of yesterday, or any other unrelated emotional, financial, or substance concerns, please reach out to the DI Employee Assistance Program (EAP) team. They are available 24/7 to assist DI employees via e-mail or phone. For more information, visit the DI EAP SharePoint site or contact...
I know these constant occurring and having to navigate safely through COVID-19 have been taxing – I’ve yet to hear a single complaint. Thank you for your commitment to protect the US Constitution and the American people.

Ryan T. Young
Assistant Director, Directorate of Intelligence

Pamela Byron
Deputy Assistant Director, Analysis and Strategic Issues Branch

Travis D. Carlisle
Deputy Assistant Director, Intelligence Operations Branch

Amy Pepper
Deputy Assistant Director, Intelligence Services Branch
Sorry for the delay. Let me get a 100% accurate answer and I'll respond asap

On Jan 8, 2021 4:34 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
One follow up

Thanks

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To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Questions
From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Questions
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: January 8, 2021 4:56 PM (UTC-05:00)

On Jan 8, 2021 4:34 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
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To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Questions

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From: Mcchesney, C. A. (FBI) (CIA)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI) Alcock, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Questions

From: Mcchesney, C. A. (FBI) (CIA)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI) Alcock, Matthew R. (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Questions
I just got this addition from the ADICs Spec Ass

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From: Laycock, Matthew R. (IB) (FBI)
Date: Jan 8, 2021 3:09 PM
To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI), Laycock, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Laycock, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: RE: Questions

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From: Laycock, Matthew R. (IB) (FBI)
Date: Jan 8, 2021 3:09 PM
To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI), Laycock, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI), Laycock, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI), Laycock, Matthew R. (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Questions
Good copy. Thanks

On Jan 8, 2021 7:54 PM, "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)" wrote:
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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: RE: RE: Questions
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: January 8, 2021 8:21 PM (UTC-05:00)

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:17 PM
To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)"
Subject: Fwd: RE: Questions

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From: Alcock, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:00 PM
To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)"
Subject: RE: RE: Questions
Hi Sir,

Thank you,

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 1:39 PM
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Cc: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: For review

On Jan 10, 2021 1:26 PM wrote:
Hi all,

Please find attached

If you have any edits, questions, concerns, please let me know.

Thank you,
Sir,

Fyi.

--- Forwarded message ---

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Date: Jan 10, 2021 1:55 PM
Subject: RE: For review
To: 10-4, I'll pull those in.
Cc: 

I do not have details on the upcoming call unfortunately.

Thanks.

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On Jan 10, 2021 1:47 PM wrote:

Hi Sir,

Thank you,
On Jan 10, 2021 1:56 PM, wrote:

Sir,

Fyi.

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From: bg  
Date: Jan 10, 2021 1:55 PM  
Subject: RE: For review,  
To:  
Cc: 10-4, Iâ€™ll pull those in.

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To:  
Subject: RE: For review:  

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Thanks,

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How about,

Thoughts??

On Jan 10, 2021 2:06 PM wrote:

Please let me know if I can proceed with the above, or if it needs to be modified.

Thanks,
Thank you,

On Jan 10, 2021 2:09 PM, [Alibi] wrote:

How about,

On Jan 10, 2021 2:06 PM, [Alibi] wrote:

Please let me know if I can proceed with the above, or if it needs to be modified.
Hi,

Thank you! I'll proceed as such.

Looks good

On Jan 10, 2021 2:09 PM wrote:
How about,

Thoughts??

On Jan 10, 2021 2:06 PM wrote:
Alibi:
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: For review:  
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)  
Cc: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)  
Sent: January 10, 2021 2:31 PM (UTC-05:00)  

Thank you bS -1,2 youl bé -1  

On Jan 10, 2021 2:12 PM, wrote:  
Hi,  
Thank you! I’ll proceed as such.  

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 2:12 PM  
To:  
Cc: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: For review:  

Looks good  

On Jan 10, 2021 2:09 PM, wrote:  
How about,  

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 2:08 PM  
To:  
Cc: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: For review:  

Thoughts??  

On Jan 10, 2021 2:06 PM wrote:  
Alibi:
Fyi. See below if the pic does not attach let me know.

Steve

-------- Forwarded message ---------
From: Steve Laycock
Date: Jan 10, 2021 2:48 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd: Lead follow up
To: "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)"
Cc: 

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From: 
Date: January 10, 2021 at 1:45:39 PM EST
To: Steve Laycock
Subject: Lead follow up
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd: Lead follow up
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: January 10, 2021 2:49 PM (UTC-05:00)

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To: "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)"
Cc: 

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From: 
Date: January 10, 2021 at 1:45:39 PM EST
To: Steve Laycock
Subject: Lead follow up
Hi, 

10-4, thanks. Updated as:

Thanks,

From: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI) 
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 3:11 PM 
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI) 
Cc: 
Subject: For review

Steve

On Jan 10, 2021 1:39 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:

On Jan 10, 2021 1:26 PM, wrote:

Hi all,

Please find attached

If you have any edits, questions, concerns, please let me know.

Thank you,
Steve,

Fyi.

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From: [Redacted]
Date: Jan 10, 2021 3:18 PM
Subject: For review:
To: "Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)"
Cc: 

Sir,

On Jan 10, 2021 3:11 PM, "Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)" wrote:

Steve,

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Thank you!

On Jan 10, 2021 3:19 PM, wrote:

Hi,

10-4, thanks. Updated as:

Thanks,

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Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Cc: 
Subject: For review:

Steve

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Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Subject: RE: For review:

Rgr

On Jan 10, 2021 3:25 PM, [Redacted] wrote:

Thank you!

On Jan 10, 2021 3:19 PM, [Redacted] wrote:

Hi,

10-4, thanks. Updated as:

Thanks,

From: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Cc:
Subject: For review:

Steve

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Steve

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To: "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)"
Cc:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: January 10, 2021 at 1:45:39 PM EST
To: Steve Laycock
Subject: Lead follow up
Thanks

On Jan 10, 2021 3:38 PM, wrote:
Hi again,

Thank you to all for your review and feedback. Please find attached the latest version which has been provided to the Deputy Director. I will make sure you and your teams have the final that he approves as well.

Thanks,

Hi all,

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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WE) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd: Lead follow up

On Jan 10, 2021 2:49 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
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Steve

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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI) on December 10, 2021 1:59 AM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: Lead follow up

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Steve
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd: Lead follow up  
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WEF) (FBI)  
Sent: January 10, 2021 7:20 PM (UTC-05:00)

Glad to copy thanks Jen.

On Jan 10, 2621 6:13 PM, "Moore, Jennifer £. (WE) (ey sport:

Just to quickly close this loop

Jennifer Leigh Moore
Special Agent in Charge - Intelligence
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Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 3:37 PM  
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WE) (FBI)  
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd: Lead follow up

Rgr.

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From:
Date: January 10, 2021 at 1:05:39 PM (EST)
To: Steve Laycock
Subject: Lead follow up
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI) 
Subject: RE; bp7c -1 
To: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI) 
Cc: 
Sent: January 11, 2021 7:37 AM (UTC-05:00) 

Thanks Mike

From: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI) 
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:35 AM 
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI) 
Cc: 
Subject: FW: 

Boss:

Please see the below reference some activity

Also, we released basic information to the DSAC and InfraGard portals alerting our partners that we will keep them updated with any relevant information that affects the private sector

I have two separate DSAC leadership meetings this week and will let you know if any concerns are raised during those meetings.

Just wanted you to know that we are monitoring and looking for any private sector nexus in case your leaders ask you.......Mike

From: 
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 4:06 PM 
To: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI) 
Cc: Joe, Erin M. (IB) (FBI) 
Subject: 

Good afternoon Sir,

In light of the horrible events earlier this week, I have been working closely with
Feel free to contact me on my cell if you would like to discuss further. If you concur with these proposed actions, we will move forward accordingly.
SC Joe, I would love to brief you more fully during our call tomorrow morning.

Kind regards,
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Briefing request
To: Corsi, Dina M. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: January 11, 2021 7:37 AM (UTC-05:00)

Copy on both emails  thanks

From: Corsi, Dina M. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:28 AM KITE -3
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Briefing request

FYSA.

Will work on this today.

Dina

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From: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Briefing request
Date: Jan 11, 2021 1:19 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Briefing request
To: "Corsi, Dina M. (IB) (FBI)"
Cc: "Gentile, Lisa R. (IOD) (FBI)"
Dina

Happy to discuss in the morning. Thanks.
Not sure of the classification level

Is her brief today Secret? I sent a message to her and to AD Shivers. Have been advised they want the brief at 430pm tomorrow and the prep sometime today after 5pm, because of the exercise today.

FYI, Jill Sandborn and the DD are[....] I asked John Brown to have her update and do the same.

FYS.
Will work on this today.

Dina

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Date: Jan 11, 2021 1:19 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Briefing request
To: "Corsi, Dina M. (IB) (FBI)" (Gentilecore, Lisa R. (IOD) (FBI)"
Cc: 
Dina -
Excellent! Thanks. I look forward to seeing it....Mike

FYI | am having a hard copy piece from  

I should get in tomorrow am

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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: For review
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: January 11, 2021 11:30 AM (UTC-05:00)

George are you or have you started to think about an agenda and reached out to the Divisions to get that set up for Wednesday

On Jan 10, 2021 3:11 PM, "Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)" wrote:
Steve

On Jan 10, 2021 1:39 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:

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Will do.. thanks

Steve,
Feel free to forward to-whomever at WFO
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone
Thanks. FYI if you want to shoot me the intake process, or have someone do it, I can send whatever I get that way unless you are good with sending your way...I don’t want to get in your way.

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Cc: Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI) Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: FW:

Copy. I’ll get this into intake

On Jan 11, 2021 12:17 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
FYI

Steve
Feel free to forward to-whomever at WFO
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

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From:
Date: January 11, 2021 at 12:03:01 PM EST
To:
Subject:
Reply-To:
Copy thanks.

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: FYI

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Date: January 11, 2021 at 12:03:01 PM EST
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd:

Steve,

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Thanks

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Both are virtual.

Prep is unclassified and brief is secret.

Is the brief virtual or in person...same for the prep?

Is her brief today Secret? I sent a message to her and to AD Shivers. Have been advised they want the brief at 430pm tomorrow and the prep sometime today after 5pm, because of the exercise today.

FYI, Jill Sandborn and the DD are asking John Brown to have her update and do the same.

FYSA.

Will work on this today.

Dina
In light of what is happening out there, I don't think anything in that article, which is attributed to the FBI, is bad.
From: 10 January SITREP
Subject: 10 January SITREP
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Cc: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI); Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI); January 11, 2021 5:15 PM (UTC-05:00)
Sent: Jan10ope-FINAL.pdf
Attached: Sirs,

Please find attached the 10 January 2021 external SITREP.

Thank you.

Unit Chief
(U) National Crisis Coordination Center Update: Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity January 2021

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* (U) On 9 January, approximately 100 pro-Trump individuals organized a gathering in the Pacific Beach area of San Diego which prompted anti-Trump individuals to gather and counter-protest in the same area. The opposing individuals pepper sprayed each other, and several physical altercations occurred. There were reports of weapons (knives) and SDPD recovered one fake gun. SDPD arrested three individuals and the individuals eventually dispersed.

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As discussed. We believe it was this one.

Steve
Fyi

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Date: Jan 11, 2021 9:47 PM
Subject:
To: "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)"
"Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)"
"Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)" "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)"
Cc:
Copy. I can't get hold of anyone down there yet. DD want info tonight.

On Jan 11, 2021 10:07 PM, "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
Thank you

On Jan 12, 2021 8:28 AM, "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)" wrote:

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On Jan 12, 2021 7:44 AM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:

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From: Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:47 PM
Subject:
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: RE
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: January 12, 2021 12:01 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks much. FYI I am having George Beach call over to

Thanks much

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: FW

Does this cover what you need

On Jan 12, 2021 9:45 AM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
Thank you

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Subject:
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Steve

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

The below message is sent on behalf of the Assistant Director George Beach II:

Good evening,

Please find attached the 11 January 2021 National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) SITREP related to the violence associated with lawful protests.

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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center Update: Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity January 2021

1700 - 11 January 2021

(1) This update was compiled by the Joint Inter-Agency National Crisis Coordination Center in the FBI Strategic Information Operations Center. Information is accurate as of 1700 EST on 11 January 2021. The following agencies contributed to the development of this SHREP: AHE, DEA, DOD, DOJ, DHS, US Park Police, and USMS. Responses provided after the cut-off time will be included in the next SHREP.

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- (L/EST) As of 1300 on 10 January

- (U/FOUO) As of 11 January, the FBI has received nearly 54,000 Digital Media Tips (DMT). The

- (U)
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(U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE

(U) Potential Flashpoints

(U) Potential Process at State Capitals and the US Capitol
(U//FOUO) USSS confirmed POTUS will visit McAllen and Harlingen on 12 January. POTUS will arrive at 1200 in Harlingen and travel to McAllen to the portion of the barrier wall near Alamo. POTUS will depart Harlingen for Washington, DC at 1540.
(U) Threats related to President-Elect Biden

- (U/FOO) Multiple reports indicate various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the presidential inauguration. Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.

(U) OTHER

- (U/FOO) As of 6 January, the FBI issued a request for information leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the placement of the suspected pipe bombs on 6 January in Washington, D.C. The FBI is offering a reward of up to $50,000 for information.

- (U/FOO) On 6 January, the FBI activated a digital media tip line URL (https://fbi.gov/USCapitol) which is now open to the public. As of 05:00 on 11 January, FBI received over 8,000 Digital Media Tips (DMSs).
From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Re: FW: NC3 DAILY SITREP (U/EFS)
To: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Corsi, Dina M. (IB) (FBI); Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: bowdich, david l. (do) (fbi); corsi, dina m. (ib) (fbi); meador, stanley m. (do) (fbi)
Sent: January 12, 2021 3:28 PM (UTC-05:00)

Afternoon, I suggest we have the discussion tonight when you come in, either prior to or after the briefing. Feel free to bring up during the briefing tonight as well.

Thanks

From:
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Cc: Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Corsi, Dina M. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Re: FW: NC3 DAILY SITREP (U/EFS)

Steve -

Please give me a call before the briefing.

Happy to discuss beforehand.

On Tue, Jan 12, 2021 at 12:05 PM Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI) wrote:

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Steve

From: SIOC
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 11:01 PM
To: SIOC CRITICAL INCIDENT HQ
Cc: SIOC
Subject: NC3 DAILY SITREP (U/EFS)
Came down around 6 just check in. You were gone. No doubt working yet another half day.

Hope you get home tonight at some point.
I'm still at desk.

On Jan 12, 2021 7:50 PM, "Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)" wrote:
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Today's sit rep. Hope everyone got what they needed from the briefing tonight.

Thanks

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From: SIOC
Date: Jan 12, 2021 9:46 PM
Subject: NC3 DAILY SITREP 01/12/2021 (U/AES)
To: SIOC CRITICAL INCIDENT HQ
Cc: SIOC

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1700 12 JANUARY 2021

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Location: 7116

Start: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:30 AM
End: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:45 AM

Recurrence: (none)

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Organizer: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)

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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)

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Sent: January 13, 2021 11:04 AM (UTC-05:00)

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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject:  
To:  
Bcc:  
Sent: January 13, 2021 11:11 AM (UTC-05:00)

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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
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To: [ ]
Bcc: [ ]
Sent: January 13, 2021 11:12 AM (UTC-05:00)

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From: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: 
To: 
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Sent: January 13, 2021 3:41 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Contact number ________
Context is Inauguration Intelligence
This is what I was talking about during close out. A bit weird.

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From: SIOC
Date: Jan 13, 2021 9:47 PM
Subject: UPDATE: SIOC SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ROAD CLOSURES NEAR FBI HQ
To: HQ-ALL-USERS, SIOC_CRITICAL_INCIDENT_HQ, WFO_CRITICAL_INCIDENT
Cc: 

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: b7c -1,2,5,8

SYNOPSIS: 

DETAILS: 

Traffic restrictions within Washington, D.C., are already in place and expanding due to the Presidential Inauguration National Special Security Event (NSSE).

COORDINATION:

SIOC will continue to coordinate with and share additional updates upon receipt.

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Strategic Information & Operations Center | FBIHQ, Room 5712
Emergency Action Specialist: Watch Commander: SSA
From: Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: UPDATE: SIOC SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION: ROAD CLOSURES NEAR FBI HQ
To: Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: January 14, 2021 7:22 PM (UTC-05:00)

I had not caught that and don't know who chose that wording. I will check.

On Jan 14, 2021 7:08 PM, "Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI)" wrote:
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SOURCE OF INFORMATION: b7E -1,2,5,8

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COORDINATION: SIOC will continue to coordinate with and share additional updates upon receipt.

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Thanks George

On Jan 14, 2021 8:06 PM, "Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)" wrote:
One positive message but reflective of what we are hearing from partners.

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From: "Jonathan F. Thompson"
Date: Jan 14, 2021 7:58 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd: I&A Outreach and Support for State/Local Partners -- Presidential Inauguration
To: "Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)"
Cc: 

Well done, pass to the Boss!!!

J

Please forgive any typos, errors or tonal shortcomings as this message is being sent from my phone.

Jonathan Thompson

From: Ronald G. Spike
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:06:57 PM
To: Jonathan F. Thompson
Cc: Tim Woods
Subject: RE: I&A Outreach and Support for State/Local Partners -- Presidential Inauguration

Thank you. Please know that the FBI sending out much intelligence to LEA in our SAC Buffalo NY area. Since approx Christmas there has been noticeable increase in intelligence communications from FBI. Now with inauguration soon we get multiple meaningful messages daily. Wanted you aware of the great job they are doing to inform Sheriffs' in my area.

Ron Spike
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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.

As a reminder, if you respond to this message, please do not “Reply All.”
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. I 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

Awesome... did we ever get the name/number of the Airline rep that was on the call yesterday as a follow up to the airline piece briefed on

Quick update on our briefings with...Still making very positive progress.

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
Personally, I felt that it was a very positive sign that we were able to coordinate this briefing with the field office and operational division so quickly, and proactively share information with these companies ahead of the protests expected to begin on the 16th.

There may be follow-up briefings with these companies individually, or to a broader group of companies (to include We will continue to keep you and SC Joe apprised. On a separate note, after the briefing and I had a great call with and will begin holding bi-monthly discussions with our new point of contact.

Kind regards,
From: Stephen Laycock
Subject: Re: Update - Engagement with Companies Ahead of Inauguration
To: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)
Cc: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: January 15, 2021 10:30 AM (UTC-05:00)

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

On Jan 15, 2021 10:00 AM, "Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)" wrote: