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Gents

If you have the free time

Thanks in advance,
Please disregard the first attachment from the prior email.

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Supervisory Intelligence Analyst

W/F:

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cell)
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Supervisory Intelligence Analyst

W/F:

desk)
cell)
From: Sant
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 3:10:02 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: Updates

Good afternoon,

Here are some updates on the...

Please use discretion if/when sharing this information. This is U/SUO and is being provided for situational awareness purposes. Please let me know if you have any questions!

V/R,

Intelligence Analyst | FBI | Washington Field Office

[Signature]
Morning. Can you guys please have the 0800 sitrep ready or in draft so we just need to update last minute. You guys rock.

On Jan 5, 2021 10:49 PM, wrote:

Hi Folks,

A couple of things from here:

- SAC CT made the decision:

- I have updated:

- The first briefing will be at tomorrow morning:

- The DD will be visiting:
The first HQ SITREP is going out at 0700. I told them that we won't have anything for them till 0800. He pleased so there might be some calls on that item. I told them to please send a copy for review.

Let me know if you have any questions,

Supervisory Intelligence Analyst

WFO
Please let me know the following information:
Location
Total number of SAs
Squad POC

Thank you:

SA
WFO (cell)
From: p7c -1
Sent: bIE -3,5,8
To: 
Subject: Fwd: (no subject)

Call if u need.

On wrote:

------- Forwarded message -------
From: b6 -1
Date: b7C -1
Subject: (no subject)
To: 
Cc:

On wrote: SAC Dawson

SSA
WFO

On wrote: 

ASAC

Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation

cell

On wrote: 

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FBI(21-cv-572)-3167
From: b6
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2027 10:40 PM
To:
Subject: Fwd:

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: 
Date: 
Subject: Cec!
To: 
Cc: 
All,

I unfortunately have no information, I'm told it will be distributed soon.

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What's the deal for tomorrow?

On

All personnel, see instructions below.

-------- Forwarded message --------

From: 

Date: 

Subject: Forward

To: 

Cc: per SAC Dawson 

ASAC

Washington Field Office

Federal Bureau of Investigation

On

wrote:

Tax

-------- Forwarded message --------

From: 

Date: 

Subject: 

To: 

Cc: FBI(21-cv-572)-3169
I'll update you if I hear anything else.

--- Forwarded message ---

From: WPO.EUOC

Date: [ ]

Subject: [ ]

To: [ ]

Cc: [ ]

ALLUN,

[Blank space]
See below.

All,

If I do will communicate.

Thx
From: an
Sent: b7E -5
To:

Subject: FW: Response

ALL

From: b6 é -1
Sent: b7c -1
To: b7E -5
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: [Redacted]

ALL

Thx
All we have not been given the word via email. As soon as we have these details, I'll send.

Thx

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10-4

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On

ALL:

Thx

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From:  
Sent:  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: Status

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wrote:

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FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events

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

Fyu: The 6th is beginning to get a lot of attention. Just to keep everyone in the loop.

--- Forwarded message ---
From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)  
Date: Jan 3, 2021 10:08 AM  
Subject: Fwd: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events  
To: "Dawson, James A. (WF) (FBI)"  
Cc: Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)"

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The following information is current as of 3 January 2021 at 0800. This is for FBI internal use only.
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 2:35 PM
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Fwd: Fw: 1400 SITREP

--- Forwarded message ---
From: Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)
Date: Jan 6, 2021 2:30 PM
Subject: Fwd: Fw: 1400 SITREP
To: 
Cc: 

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

Thanks,

[Name]
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

--- Forwarded message ---
From: Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)
Date: Jan 6, 2021 2:18 PM
Subject: 1400 SITREP
To: Moy, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: 

IOC INTELLIGENCE:
Thanks,

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

FBI Washington Field Office

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)
Date: Jan 6, 2021 2:56 PM
Subject: Fw: 1500 SITREP

To: May, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)

Out of cycle Sit Rep based on significant updates.

IOC INTELLIGENCE:
From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 4:24:16 PM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Fwd: Fw. 1600 Hours SITREP

--- Forwarded message ---

From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 4:17 PM 
Subject: Fwd: Fw: 1600 Hours SITREP

To: 
Cc: 

This was the SAC's message to the volunteers, but the sitrep is further down.

Thanks,

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

FBI Washington Field Office

--- Forwarded message ---

From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 4:02 PM 
Subject: Fw: 1600 Hours SITREP

To: 
Cc: 

FYSA - thank you again for volunteering. Please continue to be safe.

IOC INTELLIGENCE:

(U//FOUO) As of approximately 1420 hours, 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) Update: As of 1500 hours, partner agency reporting indicated an individual was shot and is being removed from the Capitol by EMTs.
Thank you so much for volunteering!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Please forward if you know I missed someone on the schedule.

Thanks again!
From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 12:39:19 PM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Fwd

On Jan 6, 2021 11:31 AM, wrote:
FYSA in case you hadn't received yet.

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 11:39 AM
Subject: Fwd

FYSA

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 11:35 AM
Subject: Fwd

FYSA

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 10:51 AM
Subject: Fwd

SSA

FBI Washington Field

JTTF

cell

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 10:51 AM
Subject: 
To: 
Cc: 
All

FBI(21-cv-572)-3208
Hello All,

As we have seen,
Subject: RE

Just in case you don’t have it, this is tomorrow’s schedule.

Thanks!
Good evening,

Thank you so much for volunteering!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Please forward if you know I missed someone on the schedule.

Thanks again!
From: [Redacted]
Sent: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted]
Subject: Thank you and stay safe!

All,

Thank you for all of you who have already responded and for those of you who will be responding in the coming days.

I do not know what tomorrow will look like.

In addition to the curfew in DC, there are now curfews in Arlington and Alexandria. All are from 6pm-6am. If you are reporting to work...

Thank you all and stay safe!
All -

At this point I have sincere thanks to all the volunteers - we had more than enough to fill the schedule! Please review and advise ASAP if you are no longer to cover the assigned shift. Latest updates are in red.
Update

To: All,

I am in the office and wanted to provide a quick update.

Nothing more to report at this time.
FW: FW

--- Forwarded message -----
From
Date: Jan 6, 2021 3:35 PM
Subject: FW
To: WFO FOOUO

Alcon,

Please see below for your situational awareness.

To Whom It May Concern,

FBI(21-cv-572)-3231
FYSA

WFO FOUO

This is an All WFO Notification:

This is For Your Situational Awareness

Be advised

WFO
For awareness -

--- Forwarded message ---

From: 
Date: Jan 6, 2021 10:51 AM
Subject: 
To: 
Cc: 
All,

please notify FBI police of this information.

Supervisory Special Agent
FBI Washington Field Office

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Sent from my Verizon Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

FYSA—

Just wanted to give everyone a heads-up.

V/R,

Special Agent

WFC FO
desk)
BU Phone)

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(cell)
Fwd: Fw: Events Updates

Fwd: 1/6/2021 9:58 AM
To: FYI regarding Wednesday, Jan. 6.

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: 
Date: Jan 3, 2021 9:49 AM
Subject: Fw: Events Updates

Please see below information Please also note SA

From: 
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 9:36 AM
To: 
Subject: Events Updates

Information regarding this week which is being discussed between WFO EM and HQ EM.
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Wednesday - Jan. 6

To: [Name]

All,

Thanks,

Supervisory Special Agent
FBI Washington Field Office

FBI(21-cv-572)-3249
Hey Everyone,

Please see the below road closures for Wednesday.

V/R,

Special Agent
WFO [desk]

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From: AlertDC <noreply@everbridge.net>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 7:01 AM
To: be -S
Subject: MPD Traffic Advisory: First Amendment Activity
Importance: High

This is an important message from the District of Columbia AlertDC system.

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) reports beginning on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 through Thursday, January 7, 2021, multiple First Amendment demonstrations are expected to occur in the District of Columbia. In conjunction with these demonstrations, there will be parking restriction and potential street closures that motorists should take into consideration.

The following streets will be posted as Emergency No Parking on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. to Thursday, January 7, 2021, 11:59 p.m.:

EF Street from 15th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
The following streets will be posted as Emergency No Parking for **Tuesday, January 5, 2021** and **Wednesday, January 6, 2021** at 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.:

- Constitution Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to 18th Street, NW
- Pennsylvania Avenue from 3rd Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- E Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- F Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- G Street from 15th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- I Street from 17th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- H Street from 9th Street, NW to 13th Street, NW
- H Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- K Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- New York Avenue from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- 17th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW (west side of Farragut Square)
- 15th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW (east side of McPherson Square)
- 16th Street from K Street, NW to O Street, NW
- 14th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
- 13th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
- 12th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to F Street, NW
- 11th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 10th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 9th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- 7th Street from Constitution Avenue, SW to E Street, NW
- 6th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 4th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- 3rd Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- New York Avenue from 18th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- C Street from 18th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- D Street from 16th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- Madison Drive from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- Jefferson Drive from 3rd Street, SW to 13th Street, SW

**Street Closures**

On **Tuesday, January 5, 2021** and **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**, the following streets will be restricted to vehicular traffic from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. The decision to restrict vehicles will be based upon public safety and if safe to do so, vehicles will be allowed to enter the restricted area if they are on essential business or traveling to-and-from their residence.

- Constitution Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue to 18th Street, NW
- K Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
I Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
H Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
New York Avenue from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
New York Avenue from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
G Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
G Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
G Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
F Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
F Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
F Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
F Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
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F Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
F Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
F Street from 12th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
D Street from 5th Street, NW to 9th Street, NW
D Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
C Street from 3rd Street, NW to 6th Street, NW
C Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW from 3rd Street, NW to 12th Street, NW
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
Indiana Avenue from 3rd Street to 5th Street, NW
3rd Street from Independence Avenue, SW to D Street, NW
4th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
5th Street from Indiana Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
5th Street from Indiana Avenue, NW to F Street, NW
6th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
7th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to F Street, NW
9th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
10th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
11th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
12th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
13th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
14th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
15th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
16th Street from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
Vermont Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
Connecticut Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
17th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
Madison Drive from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
Jefferson Drive from 3rd Street, SW to 15th Street, SW
12th Street Tunnel
9th Street Tunnel
While the Metropolitan Police Department does not anticipate additional street closures on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, there is the potential for intermittent closures in the downtown area. Additionally, while the Metropolitan Police Department does not anticipate street closures on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 or Thursday, January 7, 2021, there is the potential for intermittent closures in the downtown area. Any decision to close a street will be based upon public safety. For timely traffic information, please visit: nxiter.com/DCPoliceTraffic.
The public should expect parking restrictions along the street and should be guided by the posted emergency no parking signage. All vehicles that are parked in violation of the emergency no parking signs will be ticketed and towed. Motorists could encounter possible delays if operating in the vicinity of downtown area and may wish to consider alternative routes. The Metropolitan Police Department and the D.C. Department of Transportation also wishes to remind motorists in the vicinity of this event to proceed with caution as increased pedestrian traffic can be anticipated.

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fw: Spreadsheet

To: 
Cc: 

From: 
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 2:35 PM

To: 
Cc: 

Subject: Spreadsheet

All,

The link below contains the working doc (spreadsheet) The spreadsheet is being updated as often as possible to reflect the current status, but please feel free to reach out to us if there are any questions.

Best,
FW: 5 January 2021 Update

To: FYSA

Subject: 5 January 2021 Update

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(U) EVENT OVERVIEW:
Fwd: January 6th Morning Update

------- Forwarded message -------
From: [Redacted]
Date: Jan 6, 2021 9:05 AM
Subject: January 6th Morning Update
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Good morning!

Thanks,
[Redacted]

FBI(21-cv-572)-3259
FW: Capitol West Front

On Jan 6, 2021 1:07 PM, FYSA wrote:

Demonstrators have breached the west front and are reported to be climbing the scaffolding of the inaugural stage.
CDU units are responding
Hundreds are on the West front.
MPD units also responding.
[EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Lockdown US Capitol

To:

Reports of shots fired on the house floor

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

-------- Original message --------

From:

Date:

To:

Subject: Lockdown US Capitol

Lockdown entire Capitol Complex

V/R,

Special Agent

WFO TFO

(desk)

(BU phone)

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(cell)

On wrote:

V/R,

Special Agent

WFO TFO

(desk)

FBI(21-cv-572)-3264
To: 

All,

See below message from ASAC. There are several active events going on regarding suspected bombs, a declared riot at the Capital and now on lockdown, subjects arrested with guns.

touch base with your folks. There are a lot of people causing a disturbance near Capitol.

ASAC
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
FW: 1000 hours SITREP

From: 
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:28 AM 
To: 
Subject: 1000 hours SITREP

IOC INTELLIGENCE: 

ACTIVE CROWDS: 

PENDING TARGETS OR SUBJECTS OF INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST: 

PLANNED EVENTS: 

(U//FOUO) Per USSS, POTUS is expected to speak at an event on the Ellipse outside the White House at 1100 hours. POTUS is expected to depart the event at approximately 1215 hours.
FYI - here is the case number we just opened.

Thank you,

Intelligence Analyst:
Washington Field Office
Samsung:

Hey all,
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(U) EVENT OVERVIEW:

(U//FOUO)
Please take a look at the items below from the Supervisory Intelligence Analyst's desk:

See attached as they relate to current events in the DC AOR. Initial database checks...
Great - thank you so much looking forward to seeing you again. Hope everyone has a great holiday and some rest before 1/6.

Good afternoon Let me know if you need additional information.

We appreciate your partnership. Happy Holidays!!!!!!!!!!!!

Supervisory Intelligence Analyst
Good afternoon,

Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)
From:  
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 4:03:23 PM 
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: Fw:  

FYSA

From:  
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 4:00 PM 
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: FW

Copy: Thank

SSA
FBI Washington Field

On Jan 4, 2021 1:09 PM wrote:

Please see below,

Supervisory Special Agent

Can you forward to our counterparts at WFO? Thanks.

Office

From:  
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 10:46 AM 
To:  
Subject: Fw: 

FYSA, if there is someone in the DC office to share with let me know.

Happy New Year!

From:  
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 10:46 AM 
Subject:  

FBI(21-cv-572)-3308
From: WFO FOOUO
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 13:41:59 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Fw. [EXTERNAL EMAIL]

FWSA:

Thanks,

FBI: Washington Field Office

Colleagues,
From: 
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 1:39 PM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Fw: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events

This is what was pushed to EM.

From: 
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:06 AM 
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: Fw: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events

Good morning Team,

This is what was just pushed up to the ADIC/SACs for the Deputy Director’s meeting this afternoon.

Thanks to everyone for the quick response and turnaround on this. And thanks to [□] for putting it all together. Hopefully you get to enjoy the rest of your Sunday.

Take care,

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

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The following information is current as of 3 January 2021 at 0800. This is for FBI internal use only.
Thank you!!!!

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On Dec 23, 2020 8:47 AM, wrote:
Yep I can!

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On Dec 22, 2020 12:07 PM, wrote:
Are you able to accommodate the request below?

Thanks,

Supervisory Intelligence Analyst
Washington Field Office

Hi, I spoke with and with the Holidays and Inauguration events, I thought we should get ahead of this and begin scheduling. I wanted to know if you would guys be ok with helping with this, we will treat this like we did the past two events.

Personnel:
Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

From: [Name]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 11:25 AM
To: [Email]
Cc: [Email]
Subject: January 6

I'll talk to EM but I guess since

On Dec 22, 2020 11:00 AM [Name] wrote:

Hi! I just attended [Information is below. Let me know what EM will be expecting from us that day.]

* According to FBI CHS reporting

Thank you,
Supervisory Intelligence Analyst
FBI Washington Field Office
Samsung
Hi Team. The following report is being provided for your situational awareness regarding activities pertaining to 6 January. The next update will be

Thank you

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Dec 30, 2020 7:04 PM
Date: Dec 30, 2020 7:04 PM
Subject: 6 Jan 2021 Update
To: {U//FE\(8\)
Cc: 

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The following information is current as of 29 December 2020. This is for FBI internal use only.

Note: Apologies if the formatting is off; I am on Office365.
Good Morning All,

Please excuse the additional email but see attached updated.

From: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - UPDATED

Good Morning All,

Please see attached.

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From: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - UPDATED

Date: Jan 4, 2021 7:15 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - UPDATED

To: 

Cc:

Good Morning All,

Please excuse the additional email but see attached updated.

Email:

Cell:
From: [Name]
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 2:32 PM
To: [Name]
Subject: Fwd: Re: Hunch/Tip

FYSA - Update regarding

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: [Name]
Date: Jan 2, 2021 2:14 PM
Subject: Re: Hunch/Tip
To: [Name]
Cc: [Name]

Copies all. Thanks.

On Jan 2, 2021 1:55 PM, [Name] wrote:
All -

spoke to the complainant who took the call. Sounds like the caller who called in
She is going to draft the interview and we are going to transfer it, as this will likely require collaboration with locals and an in
person interview:

SS,
FBI Washington Field
/ITTF
cell

On Jan 2, 2021 1:10 PM, [Name] wrote:
Thank you pet.

From: 
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 1:08:41 PM 

To: 
Cc: 

Subject: Hunch/Tip

is making a couple of phone calls to the complainants.

Thanks

SSA
FBI Washington Field
JTTF
cell

On Jan 2, 2021 12:54 PM, wrote: thus far, after reaching out by phone.

On Jan 2, 2021 12:52 PM, wrote: 
Adding

On Jan 2, 2021 12:41 PM, wrote: FYI-I have reached out to the caller:

Detective
Work
Cell
Good afternoon,

Please see the attached.

Thanks,

FBI Washington Field Office
Good Morning All,

Please see the attached and its attachments regarding

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

FBI Washington Field Office
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Good morning all,

An update

(U//FO4FO) As of 5 January 2021 at 1000 hours,

To:

Subject: 5 January 2021 Update

(U//FO4FO) The following list of events is being maintained per request of WFO Executive Management. The items on this list are compiled by FBI partner agencies. FBI WFO does not have any information to suggest these events will involve anything other than first amendment protected activity and is being distributed for situational awareness. Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates federal law.

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(U) EVENT OVERVIEW:

(U) THREAT REPORTING/RELEVANT INTEL:
With all attachments. Don’t think they came through on the first one. Sorry for the multiple emails...

SA
Task Force Officer
FBI/JTTF

FYI

------------- Forwarded message -------------
From: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW
Date: Jan 4, 2021 7:28 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW
To: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW
Cc: 

Morning

I’m sure you probably have most of this stuff already, but thought it might be helpful in preparing for the...
Good afternoon,

FYSA, I apologize if this is a duplicate, this was just passed from our Intel Section. If additional information is received, I will be sure to pass along.

"I was speaking to [redacted]..."

He provided me with some information.

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Subject: Wednesday 6 January

For situational awareness and operational planning only.

Source

Begin forwarded message:
Hi Team,

I want to use the [ ] to share and coordinate intel. Let me know if you would like to remove or anyone else should be added?

Thank you,

Task Force Officer
FBI/ITIF

[Signature]

On Dec 31, 2020 12:04 PM, [Name] wrote:

Video attached as well.

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Task Force Officer
FBI/ITIF

[Signature]
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

For awareness

SSA
FBI Washington Field

---------------- Forwarded message ----------------

From:
Sent: Jan 6, 2021 2:15 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Respectfully,

Detective Sergeant

FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
Washington Field Office- Task Force Officer

FBI(21-cv-572)-3582
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Thanks Get some sleep!!!

On Jan 6, 2021 9:35 PM [REDACTED] wrote:
ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT//DELIBERATIVE PROCESS PRIVILEGE

Team,

Please find the attached.

I analyzed this and in speaking with OGC

If it comes up in a brief I hope this provides you some background.

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Be safe!

ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT//DELIBERATIVE PROCESS PRIVILEGE

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: [REDACTED]
Date: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]
Please see attached memorandum and feel free to contact or myself with any questions, issues or concerns. Thank you in advance.
Team,

Please find the attached.

I analyzed this land in speaking with OGC.

If it comes up in a brief I hope this provides you some background.

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Be safe!

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From: [From]
Date: [Date]
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]
To: [To]
Cc: "Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)"

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Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

-------- Forwarded message ---------
From:               
Date:               
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL]  
To:                 
Cc:                 

Please see attached memorandum.

Please feel free to contact [ ] or myself with any questions, issues or concerns. Thank you in advance.
This is the final. Please let me know if you have any concerns.

In response, please include the full list of recipients on any edits.

Thank you,
Can you guys take a quick look at this and ensure there are no legal concerns.

After speaking with SSIA:

If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly; if you would like any change to the TSIN content, please respond to the entire chain on this email.

Thank you,
MEMORANDUM

TO: Assistant Special Agent in Charge
   FBI Washington Field Office

FROM:

SUBJECT: At approximately 1300 hours on January 6, 2021, members of the United States Capitol Police (USCP) encountered large scale, violent protests, the result of which was a breach of security of the United States Capitol.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

CC: 

Nationally Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.
Copy also can help to assist.

Special Agent
Washington Field Office
- cell

On Jan 6, 2021 4:29 PM wrote:
Gang-

SSA
WFO
Gang-
Holy cow. Please stay safe everyone

- Sent from Samsung device. Please pardon any typos.

See below

-------- Forwarded message --------

From: 
Date: 
Subject: Response
To: Dawson, James A. (WF) (FBI)
ALL

Thx

-
If anyone is at

or wrote:

SSA
WF

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From: Dawson, James A. (WF) (FBI)
Date: FBI(2.1-cv-572)-3619
Subject: Response
To: Dawson, James A. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: All

Thx
From: Kelly, Kristyn E. (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Call with
To: Reddan, Patrick E. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: Gilhooly, Brian T. (CTD) (FBI); Virmani, Sanjay (SF) (FBI)
Sent: January 11, 2021 9:09 PM (UTC-05:00)

Absolutely,

On Jan 11, 2021 9:07 PM, "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)" wrote:
I would like to do this. Thoughts?

Jill Sanborn
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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From: 
Date: Jan 11, 2021 9:03 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Call with
To: "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: 
Hi Jill â€“ I hope you had a good break for the holidays. I wanted to see if you would be able to make a little bit of time for a call with
Thanks KK.

Please let me know how I can assist.

Sanjay

On Jan 11, 2021 9:09 PM, "Kelly, Kristyn E. (CTD) (FBI)" wrote:

Absolutely

On Jan 11, 2021 9:07 PM, "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)" wrote:

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Jill

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Call with
To: Virmani, Sanjay (SF) (FBI); Kelly, Kristyn E. (CTD) (FBI); Reddan, Patrick E. Jr. (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: Gilhooly, Brian T. (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: January 11, 2021 9:32 PM (UTC-05:00)

On Jan 11, 2021 9:14 PM, "Virmani, Sanjay (SF) (FBI)" wrote:
Thanks KK (to me) let know how I can assist.
Sanjay

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Absolutely!

On Jan 11, 2021 9:07 PM, "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)" wrote:
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Jill

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Date: Jan 11, 2021 9:03 PM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Call with  
To: "Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)"  
Cc:  

Hi Jill, I hope you had a good break for the holidays. I wanted to see if you would be able to make a little bit of time for a call with:
From: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: January 11, 2021 9:33 PM
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Subject: Re: SITREP

Just time consuming. Here is the draft we just sent back to review.

From: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:29 PM
To: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI)
Subject: SITREP

Running into head winds?
(U) National Crisis Coordination Center Update: Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity January 2021

1750 H 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 1750 EST on 11 January 2021. The following agencies contributed to the development of this STREP: ATF, DEA, DOD, DOJ, DHS, US Park Police, and USMS. Responses provided after the cut-off time will be included in the next STREP.

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(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) ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION AND INAUGURATION 2021

(U/FOUO) The FBI is investigating the death of US Capitol Police (USCP) Officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries sustained during the US Capitol breach. There were 14 other officers injured during the incident.

(U/FOUO) As of 1300 on 10 January, the FBI has received nearly 55,000 Digital Media Tips (DMT). The FBI is investigating the death of US Capitol Police (USCP) Officer Brian Sicknick who died from injuries sustained during the US Capitol breach. There were 14 other officers injured during the incident.
(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) Planned in the next 12-24 hours

(U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE

(U) Potential Flashpoints

(U) Potential Processes at State Capitals and the US Capitol
(U//FOC) USSS confirmed POTUS will visit McAllen and Harlingen on 12 January. POTUS will arrive at 1300 in Harlingen and travel to McAllen to the portion of the barrier wall near Alamo. POTUS will depart Harlingen for Washington, DC at 1545.
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.

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 11 January, FBI received over 55,000 Digital Media Tips (DMTs).
From: b6 -1,4,5,6 From: 
Subject: b7C -1,4,5,6 Subject: FBI DAILY SITREP (ULES) 
To: b7E -5,13 To: 

Cooper, Laura; Wagner, Kimberly; 
Lewis, Kwame (DI) (FBI); 
Falucci, Vince; 
Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI); 

Cunningham, Terry (ACP); 
Thompson, Jonathan; 

Grever, Louis; Acevedo, Art Chief 

Carroll, Jeffery W. (MPD); 

Carlisle 

Travis D. (DI) (FBI); Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI); Morales, Emily H. (DI) (FBI); 
Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI); 

Cc: 

Sent: January 11, 2021 9:48 PM (UTC-05:00) 
Attached: OPE SITREP 111.pdf 

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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Thank you.
Good evening SIOC,

On behalf of OPE AD George P. Beach, please send the below message and attached U/LES SITREP to all EADs and ADs at FBIHQ, and to all ADICs and SACs in the field offices.

Thank you!

From: | | b6 -1
Subject: Fw: FBI DAILY SITREP (U/LES) b7c -1
To: SIOC b7E -5
Cc: Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI); Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI)
Sent: January 11, 2021 9:50 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: OPE SITREP 111.pdf

From: | | b6 -1
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:47 PM b7E -3,5,13
Boss,

Attached are your TPs for the Congressional Briefings tomorrow.

[ made you a fabulous binder with a Q&A document and various other background materials-- that is waiting for you on your chair.

Let us know if there's anything else you need, and we'll see you in the morning!

CTD Dream Team
Please find the attached FBI SitRep for today 11 January.

Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center
Santa Ana, CA 92702-1755
Office (714) 289-3949
Fax
E-mail: ociac@ociac.ca.gov
Website: https://ociac.ca.gov/

“A SAFE AND SECURE ORANGE COUNTY AND HOMELAND”

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Thank you.
This morning's Director's AM News Briefing is attached.

**Full-text Links:** Clicking the hypertext links in our write-ups will take you to the newspapers' original full-text articles.

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FBI PUBLIC AFFAIRS — DIRECTOR’S AM NEWS BRIEFING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 5:00 AM EST

FBI Warns Of Extremist Actions In DC And State Capitals. In an “exclusive” report, Yahoo! News (1/11, Dickson, 10.87M) reports, “Federal authorities are warning state and local law enforcement about threats of possible violence by right-wing extremists at a series of protests planned for later this month in Washington and in state capitals, according to an FBI document obtained by Yahoo News.” According to Yahoo! News, “The situational information report, produced by the Minneapolis field office of the FBI, is based on information provided by what it describes as ‘collaborative sources,’ and was issued the week before a mob of Trump supporters violently stormed the U.S. Capitol.” It addresses concerns about rallies that the far-right boogaloo movement plans to hold in cities across the country on Jan. 17.”

ABC News (1/11, Katersky, Darrough, 2.44M) reports, “Starting this week and running through at least Inauguration Day, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols and at the U.S. Capitol, according to an internal FBI bulletin obtained by ABC News.” The FBI has also received information in recent days on a group calling for ‘storming’ state, local and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event President Donald Trump is removed from office prior to Inauguration Day. The group is also planning to ‘storm’ government offices in every state the day President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump. ‘The FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January,’ the bulletin read. ‘They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment, a huge uprising will occur.’”

Law & Crime (1/11, Klasfeld) reports, “The day that Twitter permanently suspended outgoing President Donald Trump’s account, the company justified that action in part because of chatter observed on and off their platform of a ‘proposed secondary attack’ of the U.S. Capitol and its analogues in all 50 states on Jan. 17, three days before Inauguration Day.” Law & Crime adds, “Though it is unclear why organizers chose that date, national security reporter Marcy Wheeler noted that the 17th letter of the alphabet is ‘Q,’ a rallying cry for conspiracy theorists who believe in an apocalyptic war against a shadowy cabal of Democratic pedophiles and Satanists.”

The CBS Evening News (1/11, lead story, 4:35, O’Donnell, 4.42M) reported, “The FBI has issued an urgent law enforcement bulletin saying groups are planning armed protests at the US Capitol and at state capitols ahead of President-elect Joe Biden’s Inauguration. The FBI says there are also threats against Mr. Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, along with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.” CBS’ Catherine Herridge: “Senior US official tells CBS News there is growing evidence tonight a coordination and premeditation among some protesters as the FBI warns more violence is possible in the days ahead. In a bulletin sent to law enforcement today, the FBI warns extremists are calling for demonstrations, some armed, and storming federal, state, and local courthouses if President Trump is removed from office early. Every FBI office is now focused on preventing a repeat of last week’s takeover of the US Capitol.”

Pierre Thomas said on ABC World News Tonight (1/11, story 4, 1:35, Muir, 7.64M), “Federal authorities are warning of more potential uprisings. ... Intelligence is pointing to an unnamed armed group calling for the ‘storming’ of government buildings and courthouses if President Trump is removed before January 20.” The FBI says the group is also planning attacks in DC the day of Biden’s inauguration.” District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (D): “If I’m scared of anything, it’s for our democracy, because we have a very extreme faction in our country that are armed and dangerous.” Thomas: “DC’s mayor is requesting that all large-scale public events be canceled until at least January 24.”

Pete Williams said on NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 9, 1:40, Holt, 6.27M) that the Secret Service will “begin the period of beefed-up inaugural security six days earlier than planned starting Wednesday. That means a perimeter of no-scale fence around the Capitol, security checkpoints with metal detectors, streets closed down for several blocks, and tens of thousands of police and federal agents ready to respond to violence. ... National Guard troops, too, with the military now considering whether they should be armed. The FBI is warning police nationwide that armed protests are being discussed on social media for every state’s capital by week’s end, with more violence possible if Congress takes action against President Trump.”

The AP (1/11, Long, Baizeman, Kunzelman) reports the “Internal FBI bulletin warned, as of Sunday, that the nationwide protests may start later this week and extend through Biden’s Jan. 20 inauguration, according to two law enforcement officials. ... Investigators believe some of the people are members of extremist groups, the officials said.” USA Today (1/11, Miller, Bacon, 12.7M) reports “an official with knowledge of a bulletin...said authorities also have been circulating a poster publicizing the events with the words, ‘When democracy is destroyed refused to be silenced.’ The poster for Jan. 17 calls for ‘ARMED MARCH ON CAPITOL HILL & ALL STATE CAPITOLS.’” The Washington Post (1/11, Davies, 10.52M) reports, “Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry...
Hogan (R) and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) held a joint call on Monday to discuss planning for the 59th presidential inauguration and agreed to discourage all in-person attendance in the interest of public safety.

**CNN** *(1/11, Cohen, Wild, 88.21M)* reports, “The FBI is also tracking reports of ‘various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the presidential inauguration,’ the bulletin states. ‘Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.’” CNN adds, “The government, meanwhile, held Continuity of Government Operations – a standard practice in the event that someone tries to disrupt the transition that took on new urgency in light of threats surrounding this year’s inauguration. According to a senior administration official, the interagency rehearsal aimed to ensure a seamless chain of command in the event of a national emergency in the days leading up to the inauguration and on that day itself. Monday’s rehearsal focused heavily on ‘readiness in the event that somebody tries to disrupt or stop the inauguration,’ the official said.”

**Fox News** *(1/11, Singman, 23.99M)* reports, “In a statement to Fox News, the FBI said that they do not comment on ‘specific intelligence products,’ but said that 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,” the FBI said. ‘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.’” The FBI added, “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.”

**NBC News** *(1/11, Winter, Blankstein, 4.91M)* reports, “The memo includes information provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Defense Department; U.S. Park Police; and the U.S. Marshals Service, among other agencies, according to the official. Some of the information came from social media, some from open sources and some from other sources of information.”

The **New York Daily News** *(1/11, Sommerfeldt, 2.51M)* reports, “Far-right extremists are calling on Trump supporters to ‘storm’ the U.S. Capitol again and stage ‘armed protests’ at state government buildings across the country,” according to the FBI. The **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** *(1/11, 1.46M)* says the bulletin was issued Dec. 29 and reportedly warns state and local law enforcement about possible violence from right-wing extremists. The report was produced by the FBI’s Minneapolis field office and based on information provided by what it describes as ‘collaborative sources.’” Reuters *(1/11, Hosenball)*, the **Wall Street Journal** *(1/11, Gurman, Volz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M)*, **Politico** *(1/11, 6.73M)*, and **The Hill** *(1/11, Klar, 5.69M)* also report.

**Federal Officials Pursuing At Least 150 Suspects In Capitol Attack.** The **New York Times** *(1/11, Benner, Goldman, 20.6M)* reports that law enforcement officials say that the Justice Department and the FBI, "grapp[ling] with the fallout from the widespread government failure to protect” the Capitol, “embarked on a nationwide manhunt to track down” those who attacked the building. Officials say that “investigators are pursuing more than 150 suspects for prosecution.” However, the Capitol Police allowing most of the rioters to leave “created a major obstacle for federal investigators, who must now fan out and look for them across the country.” Additionally, “prosecutors have expressed concerns that the Justice Department is creating a bottleneck by funneling prosecutions through Washington.” Meanwhile, analysts are “scouring intelligence to identify any role that domestic terrorist organizations or foreign adversaries may have played in radicalizing Americans who were among the rioters.”

**WTIC-TV** Washington *(1/11, Watts, 168K)* reports, “On Sunday, the FBI said it’s gotten 50,000 tips and the arrests made so far are the ‘tip of the iceberg.’ ‘There are a lot more to come,’ said Steven D’Antuono, assistant director in charge of the FBI’s Washington field office. D’Antuono said investigators are looking for every person in the mob inside the Capitol. When asked about the worst charges a rioter could face, D’Antuono said ‘everything we can possibly look at.’ ‘I know there’s been a lot of information about the Sedition Act out there, that’s probably why you’re asking the question,’ said D’Antuono. ‘We are not closing the book on anything.”

**CNET News** *(1/11, Keane, 3.77M)* reports, “The FBI continued its social media call for help in identifying people involved in last Wednesday’s violence on Capitol Hill. A mob stormed the US Capitol as Congress gathered in the building to certify Joe Biden as the next US president, following months of President Donald Trump making baseless claims that the 2020 election was fraudulent. ‘The FBI is seeking to identify individuals instigating violence in Washington, D.C. We are accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting or violence in and around the U.S. Capitol on January 6,’ the bureau posted on Twitter and Facebook on Thursday, with a link to a form on its website. The FBI’s Washington field office and the DC Police Department have since tweeted photos of dozens of suspects.”

**CNET News** *(1/11, Hodge, 3.77M)* reports, “The FBI isn’t saying whether it is using facial recognition technology to identify suspects involved in the Capitol attack on Wednesday. Neither are any of the other seven agencies CNET
reached out to over the weekend. Even so, facial recognition app Clearview AI has confirmed a spike in searches of its database used by law enforcement. Asked whether the bureau is using either Clearview's services or its own facial recognition tools, the FBI skirted the question. "While the FBI does not comment on investigations, as a matter of course, we will utilize a number of different investigative tools to pursue any lead that will further our investigations," the bureau told CNET in an email.

FBI Arrests Tennessee Man Reportedly Carrying Zip Ties in Capitol. Charged With: The Tennessean (1/11, Alund, 645K) reports, "Social media sleuthing helped the FBI identify Nashvillian Eric Munchel as a man carrying plastic hand restraints in the U.S. Senate during the Capitol riot last week, according to new details released in a federal arrest affidavit Monday." The Tennessean addd, "According to the affidavit of FBI Special Agent Carlos D Fortanez, Munchel also admitted he was at the riot." Munchel, 30, "faces charges including knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. Specifically, on or about Jan. 6, Munchel traveled to Washington, D.C., and "knowingly and willfully joined and encouraged a crowd of individuals who forcibly entered the U.S. Capitol and impeded, disrupted, and disturbed the orderly conduct of business by the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate."

Florida Man Seen With Pelosi Lectern Released On $25K Bail. The AP (1/11, Anderson) reports from St. Petersburg, Florida, "A Florida man spotted carrying a lectern belonging to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office in a widely circulated photo during the Capitol assault was released Monday on $25,000 bail." The AP adds, "A federal magistrate judge in Tampa agreed to the release Monday at a brief hearing for Adam Johnson, 36, from the nearby community of Parrish. Johnson was arrested Friday night on charges of government property theft, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and entering a restricted building without lawful authority, according to an arrest warrant. Johnson has not yet entered a plea to the charges, which were filed in Washington. He has to surrender his passport, observe travel restrictions and adhere to a curfew of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m."

Arizona Man Charged In Capitol Siege. The Arizona Republic (1/11, Ruelas, 1.05M) reports, "The Phoenix man who took part in the storming of the U.S. Capitol bare-chested and wearing a fur hat with horns faced his first federal court hearing on Monday and was ordered to be held in Phoenix awaiting charges in Washington, D.C." Jake Angeli, 33, "turned himself in at the Phoenix FBI office on Saturday, as he was aware authorities were looking for him. Angeli, who had made a habit of making a public spectacle at protests and marches in Phoenix, also attracted attention on Wednesday as a mob of Trump supporters rushed past security at the U.S. Capitol." Angeli "wore his familiar costume of the animal-skin hat topped with horns and had his face painted red, white and blue as he wandered with others through the Capitol building." Angeli "was charged with disorderly conduct, violent entry and illegally being on restricted spaces within the Capitol grounds."

NYPD Probing Officer’s Possible Involvement In Capitol Riot. The New York Post (1/11, McCarthy, 7.45M) reports, "The NYPD is probing at least one officer who may have attended the deadly riot at the US Capitol last week, Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said Monday. 'I can tell you that there is one investigation that is active on one member. There is no name yet released because we don't know yet if it's true or not, but I can tell you that anyone committing crimes certainly would have a very short shelf life with the NYPD,' Shea said on NY1." An NYPD spokesman "confirmed the probe but had no additional information. 'We are working with the FBI to see if any allegations that a member of the New York City Police Department may have been involved in the events that marred the Capitol last week,' the spokesman said."

Fox News (1/11, Pagones, 23.99M) reports, "The FBI is counting on the help from New York City’s police department to investigate an officer’s possible involvement in last week’s violent storming of the U.S. Capitol as new reports claim that D.C. officials were warned about online threats prior to the riots." Fox News adds, "An NYPD spokesperson told Fox News on Monday that the department is collaborating with the FBI to probe ‘any allegations that a member of the New York City Police Department may have been involved in the events that marred the Capitol last week.’ These investigations come after
unnamed officials in the NYPD and the FBI reportedly warned law enforcement in Washington, D.C. that threats were made online and on social media that indicated a possible attack on the U.S. Capitol building.

Authorities Probing Threatening Facebook Comment Posted During Riot. N.J. News (1/11, Shea, 1.47M) reports, “A threat made against U.S. Rep Bonnie Watson Coleman during last week’s violent siege at the U.S. Capitol is under investigation by police, the congresswoman’s office said Monday.” N.J. News adds, “The posting was made on the Facebook page of a former Trenton resident and Trump supporter Daryl Brooks, who maintains his account was hacked while he sat on a bus waiting to return from Washington, D.C. that day. The post has since been deleted, but was preserved and posted on Twitter by a Washington journalist, Olivia Nuzzi. ‘I’m inside the capital now it’s time for the revolution…The showdown is happening now! I’m looking for Bonnie Watson office now!!!’ the post says.”

Inauguration Security “Will Be Tight.” The AP (1/11, Jaffe) reports security for the inauguration “will be tight.” USA Today (1/11, Brook, 12.7M) reports the Secret Service “expressed concern Monday in a sprawling plan to secure the presidential inauguration, describing it as a ‘zero fail mission.’” The New York Times (1/11, 20.5M) reports that the National Guard “plans to deploy up to 15,000 troops to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration.” The Times says “six thousand troops from six states have already arrived,” and “by this weekend that number is expected to have grown to 10,000.” Nikole Killion reported on the CBS Evening News (1/11, story 3, 2:00, O’Donnell, 4.42M), “Despite scores of rioters swelling the inaugural platform last week, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are still expected to take the oath of office on the west front of the Capitol.” Biden: “I’m not afraid of taking the oath outside.”

Congressmen Call On FAA To Limit Chance Of Civil Unrest On Flights. Reuters (1/11, Shepardson) reports House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio and Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), who oversees an aviation subcommittee, wrote to FAA Administrator Steve Dickson urging the agency “to limit the chance that the nation’s commercial airline system could be used as a means of mass transportation to Washington, D.C., for further violence in connection with the inauguration” and to “prevent civil unrest from jeopardizing aviation safety and leading to injury or worse during flight.” On Saturday, Dickson said he would “pursue strong enforcement action against anyone who endangers the safety of a flight, with penalties ranging from monetary fines to jail time.”

The National Park Service has temporarily closed the Washington Monument in response to credible threats to visitors and park resources. The closure, which began Monday, will remain in effect until Jan. 24. “Groups involved in the January 6, 2021 riots at the US Capitol continue to threaten to disrupt the 59th presidential inauguration on January 20, 2021. This includes the set up and execution of inaugural events, which occur in several park areas. In response, the National Park Service will suspend tours,” the Park Service wrote on its website. “These temporary closures may be extended if the conditions persist. The National Park Service will reopen areas as it determines that the conditions of concern are no longer present.”

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The Washington Post (1/11, Aratani, 10.52M) reports Dickson “issued a warning to air travelers: Causing a safety risk could mean a jail term or a $35,000 fine.” Meanwhile, “major airlines said they are continuing to work with law enforcement agencies after stepping up security following violence at the Capitol.” Airport officials in the Washington, DC area say there will be an increased police presence, and airlines that serve the region are boosting staffing. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority spokeswoman Christina Sault said, “Passengers should expect to see a heightened law enforcement presence from now through the inauguration.” The Transportation Security Administration said the agency will be on “high alert” in the DC region.

USA Today (1/11, Deerwester, 12.7M) reports that Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) has asked the TSA and FBI to place those at the rally on the federal No- Fly List, which is organized by the FBI and enforced at airports by the TSA. Association of Flight Attendants-CWA President Sara Nelson similarly “called for revoking the flight privileges of those involved in the riot as well as in-flight incidents to and from Washington.”

Reuters (1/11) reports several viral videos making the rounds on the Internet purporting to show women being taken off planes due to their affiliation with the rally are “false.” The videos were taken in 2020 and are not related to last week’s events.
**States Step Up Security At Capitols.** The AP (1/11, Lieb) reports, “State capitols across the nation stepped up security Monday, deploying National Guard units, SWAT teams and extra police officers as several legislatures convened amid heightened safety concerns.” The New York Times (1/11, MacFarquhar, 20.6M) reports, “Dozens of state capitols will be on alert in the coming days, following calls among a mix of antigovernment organizations for actions in all 50 states” on January 17.

The Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) reports, “Officials in many states had already begun taking steps to increase security and plan for additional violence in response to protests last week. On Monday, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D) announced that he was activating the National Guard to provide support for the Capitol Police in Madison.” The Baltimore Sun (1/11, Wood, Campbell, 629K) reports, “The Maryland State Police is preparing for the possibility of violence at the State House in Annapolis next week.” The Boston Globe (1/11, 1.04M) reports, “Federal officials in Boston said Monday they have no evidence that armed demonstrators intend to target the Massachusetts State House or other nearby state capitols in the coming days, even as the FBI warns of the potential of protests nationwide.”

The Denver Post (1/11, Schmelzer, 660K) reports, “The police who guard the Colorado Capitol and its vicinity say they are prepared for protests after the FBI warned of plans for armed demonstrations in all 50 state capitols in the days leading up to President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration, though local law enforcement would not provide details on how they are preparing. Denver police said they are aware of efforts to organize two possible protests in the city over the coming week. ‘Due to the sensitivity and potential safety concerns, we do not identify specific events, groups, organizers, etc. in regards to protests, marches, assemblies,’ Denver police spokesman Jay Casillas said Monday.”

The Detroit Free Press (1/11, Boucher, 2.16M) reports, “Michigan State Police are increasing security measures at the state Capitol immediately, following last week’s attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump and reports of armed marches planned for state capitol buildings in coming days.” The Free Press adds, “Michigan State Police public affairs director Shanon Banner said the agency is aware of online efforts to promote these marches. ‘We continually monitor for security threats and maintain situational awareness of what is happening in Michigan and across the country. Our security planning is fluid and adjustments are made as needed, from day to day. Security enhancements that can be put in place include both seen and unseen measures,’ Banner said in a statement emailed Monday afternoon.”

NJ News (1/11, Nelson, 1.47M) reports that New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy “affirmed residents right to protest but asked people to stay home in the coming days amid concerns of more violence, as states grapple with the fallout of last week’s deadly rampage in the nation’s capital. ‘It isn’t just one building or one community’ officials are protecting, Murphy said Monday during a press conference in Trenton. ‘Any public building, any “soft target” as it were, is something that we’re looking very seriously at.”

NECN-TV Boston (1/11, 85K) reports, “Massachusetts State Police say they’ve received no specific threats at the State House, or any other public venue in Massachusetts, after the FBI sent an alert to law enforcement agencies warning of calling for ‘peaceful armed protest’ planned at all 50 states’ capitols. Additionally, a representative of the FBI’s Boston office told NBC News on Monday that it is not in possession of any intelligence indicating any planned, armed protests at the four state capitols in our area of responsibility. (ME, MA, NH, and RI) from January 17-20, 2021.” The Boston FBI spokesperson noted, “As always, we are in constant communication with our law enforcement partners and will share any actionable intelligence.”

The Sacramento (CA) Bee (1/11, Stanton, 519K) reports, “One federal law enforcement source said Monday that authorities had no specific information about planned activities at California’s state Capitol, where weekly protests have been staged since election day by supporters of President Donald Trump and his false claims that voter fraud cost him the White House,” but "the source, who was not authorized to speak publicly, confirmed to The Sacramento Bee that FBI field offices nationwide have been alerted to the possibility of violence through Inauguration Day and have set up command posts to interact with state and local law enforcement, including the California Highway Patrol, which has jurisdiction over the state Capitol. The CHP is all over this,” the source said. "The bottom line is, certainly law enforcement is all over this and will be prepared.”

The Anchorage (AK) Daily News (1/12, Brooks, 461K) reports from Juneau, Alaska, "Additional Alaska State Troopers and police will be stationed at the Alaska State Capitol after the FBI warned local officials about the possibility of armed protests at state capitols in Washington, D.C., before President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration. The 32nd Alaska Legislature convenes Jan. 19, and the inauguration is the following day.” On Monday, “the Alaska Capitol’s chief security officer sent an email to all legislators and staff, saying the Capitol’s security officers ‘are in contact (with the) FBI, State Troopers Inter Center, local Troopers, JPD and the Alaska National Guard, and are working to increase Security’s presence at the Capitol.’ He requested that anyone with information about a specific threat contact the security office.”

**Michigan Bans Open Carry Of Guns At Statehouse.** The AP (1/11, Nichols) reports the Michigan State Capitol Commission has banned the open carry of guns in the Capitol building in Lansing. "Moves to ban weapons at the statehouse have been pushed since April, when protesters opposed to COVID restrictions enacted by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), "some armed with long rifles and other weapons, entered the Michigan Capitol demanding to be allowed onto the floor of a legislative
chamber that was closed to the public." The Detroit Free Press (1/11, Egan, 2.16M) says Michigan "was one of only three states with virtually no firearm regulations or security measures in place for its state Capitol."

The New York Times (1/11, Gray, 20.6M) reports that the commission, "a four-member body that sets rules and approves maintenance and improvement projects for the building, said they didn’t have the authority to set up the infrastructure for a total ban, which would carry a $1 million price tag, including installing metal detectors and working through the logistics of how those devices would delay access to and from the Capitol."

Democratic Lawmakers Urge FBI Briefing On Capitol Siege. CNN (1/11, Sands, Herb, Carrega, 89.21M) reports, "The US Capitol Police, FBI, Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security have yet to hold a press conference since Wednesday’s incursion into one of America’s most iconic buildings, prompting calls from lawmakers to call briefings for the public and Congress. ‘It has been five days since the most significant attack on a branch of the United States government since British forces set fire to the U.S. Capitol in 1814, and yet the American public has not heard from federal law enforcement authorities,’ Democratic Reps. Joe Neguse of California and Veronica Escobar of Texas said in a letter Monday.

CNN adds, ‘The two House Judiciary Committee members urged federal law enforcement authorities — including the FBI and Departments of Justice and Homeland Security — to immediately hold a briefing for the public, as well as schedule a briefing for members of Congress, to discuss last Wednesday’s riot at the Capitol.’"

NBC News (1/11, 4.91M) reports, ‘Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee are demanding answers from the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security and the FBI on Wednesday’s riot at the Capitol.’ Neguse and Escobar “asked acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf and FBI Director Christopher Wray to hold a news conference and briefing to Congress on the events that transpired. ‘After an attack of this magnitude, it is beyond necessary for the American public — and members of Congress — to be well informed and be provided with the facts,’ the lawmakers added.”

Two Capitol Police Officers Suspended For Actions During “Insurrection.” Tom Costello of NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 3, 3:30, Holt, 6.27M) reported that in “a dramatic development, two Capitol Police officers” have been suspended “for their roles in last week’s insurrection. Some officers had been seen taking selfies with rioters or letting them through.” Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH): “I know there were two people suspended. One was the selfie officer and another was an officer who had put a ‘MAGA’ hat on and started directing some people around.” The AP (1/11) reports Ryan “says Capitol Police are looking at everybody involved that could have potentially facilitated the incursion ‘at a big level or small level in any way.’”

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/11, 1.22M) reports, “Ryan said the vast majority of Capitol Police officers bravely defended that Capitol and put their lives on the line to defend Congress members, while its leadership failed to adequately prepare for the incursion where four protestors and one police officer died. He said the resignation of the Capitol Police chief and the House Sergeant at Arms will help reestablish trust in security on Capitol Hill.”

Sund Says Officials Denied Request For National Guard To Be Placed On Standby. The New York Times (1/11, Thrush, Cooper, 20.6M) reports that Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund, “who resigned under pressure last week,” indicated in an interview with the Washington Post that he “requested that D.C. National Guard units be placed on standby in case his small force was overwhelmed by violent protesters last Wednesday, but he was rebuffed by House and Senate security officials and a top Pentagon commander.” According to the Times, Sund “said he made the request two days before Wednesday’s riot after reviewing intelligence that indicated the demonstration would be larger and more violent that previously anticipated — and repeated his request as he watched the rioters attacking his officers.” Sund, “a 25-year veteran of Washington’s Metropolitan Police Department, claimed that six calls for backup during the riot were rejected or delayed.”

According to Reuters (1/11), “Sund’s remarks were in contrast with those from officials in other branches of government, who said after Trump’s supporters stormed into the Capitol building last Wednesday that they could have provided more people to secure it — but no one from the Capitol Police asked.” USA Today (1/11, Bacon, 12.7M) also highlights the interview.

The New York Times (1/11, Hill, Ray, Kozlowsky, 20.6M) reports on “how a mob dragged and beat police at the Capitol,” and ABC World News Tonight (1/11, story 3, 3:15, Muir, 7.32M) had further coverage of the “violent assault.” ABC’s Martha Raddatz said “homicide investigators probing the death of Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick have been looking into reports that he may have been hit with a fire extinguisher.” In an editorial, the Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) says Sicknick and fellow officer Howard Liebengood, who “died by his own hand” several days after the assault, “embodied the spirit of patriotism. Their deaths, said former senator and secretary of state John F. Kerry, are ‘a tragic loss of two patriots who spent their careers protecting the halls of democracy.’”

Active-Duty Army Special Forces Officer Under Investigation. USA Today (1/11, Brook, 12.7M) reports “active-duty Army Special Forces officer” Capt. Emily Rainey “is under investigation for her presence at the Capitol during the riot.
an Army spokesman. The Army is investigating Rainey’s “presence at the Capitol and what she did there, said Maj. Dan Lessard, spokesperson for 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. It is unclear if she violated any laws, he said.”

**NYPD Provided DC With Intelligence On Potential Trouble.** Newsday (NY) (1/11, DeStefano, O’Keeffe, 776K) reports, “The New York City Police Department gave Washington law enforcement officials raw intelligence from internet chat rooms that potential trouble was brewing in the days before a mob of President Donald Trump supporters stormed U.S. Capitol building last week, senior law enforcement officials said Monday.” Newsday adds, “The information gleaned by the NYPD was sent as a matter of course to U.S. Capitol Police officials and didn’t contain any specific threats of people planning to storm the building, said one of the officials, who requested anonymity. According to another official who requested anonymity, the NYPD material didn’t contain any ‘shocking intelligence’ and was material gleaned from rhetoric internet forums and chat rooms used by Right Wing groups and others. At no time did the NYPD determine that thousands of people were to storm the Capitol building,” the official explained.

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**CNBC** (1/11, Macias, 7.34M) reports that in September, Treasury “imposed sanctions on Derkach, describing him as an ‘active Russian agent for over a decade with close connections to Russian intelligence services.’” CNBC also reports that, according to the Treasury Department, Kulyk, “a former prosecutor for the Ukrainian government, worked with Derkach to spread false accusations of international corruption,” and Telfzenenko, “a former Ukrainian diplomat, orchestrated meetings between Derkach and U.S. individuals to discuss how to propagate false claims.”

**The New York Times** (1/11, Vogel, Verma, 20.6M) reports that the Treasury Department accused the Ukrainians of helping Derkach “spread misleading and unsubstantiated allegations that current and former U.S. officials engaged in corruption, money laundering and unlawful political influence in Ukraine.” The agency has taken steps “over the past few years to punish people and groups that it accused of involvement in Russia-linked election interference, even as Mr. Trump, an intended beneficiary of the interference, has continued to downplay Russia’s role.”

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**CNBC** (1/11, Macias, 7.34M) reports that in September, Treasury “imposed sanctions on Derkach, describing him as an ‘active Russian agent for over a decade with close connections to Russian intelligence services.’” CNBC also reports that, according to the Treasury Department, Kulyk, “a former prosecutor for the Ukrainian government, worked with Derkach to spread false accusations of international corruption,” and Telfzenenko, “a former Ukrainian diplomat, orchestrated meetings between Derkach and U.S. individuals to discuss how to propagate false claims.”

**The New York Times** (1/11, Vogel, Verma, 20.6M) reports that the Treasury Department accused the Ukrainians of helping Derkach “spread misleading and unsubstantiated allegations that current and former U.S. officials engaged in corruption, money laundering and unlawful political influence in Ukraine.” The agency has taken steps “over the past few years to punish people and groups that it accused of involvement in Russia-linked election interference, even as Mr. Trump, an intended beneficiary of the interference, has continued to downplay Russia’s role.”
The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Talley, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the IC warned President Trump that Russia was trying to undermine Biden's candidacy. Democratic lawmakers have criticized the Administration, in rejecting those intelligence findings, for "pulling its punches" against Russia. The Treasury Department argues it has sanctioned more Russians under Trump than previous administrations. The Washington Post (1/11, Nakashima, Stern, 10.52M) similarly reports that after "Giuliani met with Derkach in Kyiv in December 2019," the IC "warned the White House that Giuliani was the target of a Russian influence operation." Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) commented, "By imposing sanctions on Telizhenko, the Trump administration confirms that Senate Republicans' year-long investigation was based on Russian disinformation."

The Washington Times (1/11, Meier, 626K) reports, "U.S. intelligence officials have testified that Russia attempted to interfere in the 2020 election, along with China and Iran," FBI Director Christopher Wray "singled out Russia as 'very active' in trying to influence the election and 'denigrate' President-elect Joseph R. Biden." Former DHS Secretary WOLF "also told a congressional panel in September that attempts to influence the U.S. election run well beyond Russia, with China and Iran also deeply involved."

Also reporting are CNN (1/11, Hansler, Gauette, Cohen, 89.21M), The Hill (1/11, Kelly, 5.89M), Politico (1/11, Forgey, 6.73M), and the Daily Beast (1/11, Hines, 933K).

Illinois House Speaker Suspends Retention Campaign. The AP (1/11) reports that Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan "is 'suspending' his campaign for retention of the leadership post." Madigan (D), 78, of Chicago, "issued a statement Monday that began, 'This is not a withdrawal,' but "he directed House Democrats to work toward finding a replacement." Madigan "has lost support among House members since he was implicated in a federal bribery investigation involving utility ComEd. Madigan has not been charged with a crime and has denied wrongdoing," but "in a caucus vote Sunday, his support fell short of the 60 votes needed for his retention."

The Chicago Daily Herald (1/11, Pyke, 360K) reports, "The seismic move comes as other Democrats are seeking to oust the Chicago lawmaker after he was connected with an FBI political corruption probe." The Daily Herald adds, "The scandal linked to Madigan broke July 17, 2020, when utility giant ComEd admitted to bribery and colluding with a state official, identified as the speaker, to get laws enabling rate hikes passed in exchange for hiring and awarding contracts to Madigan cronies, the U.S. attorney's office for the Northern District of Illinois said."

WSJournal Welcomes Madigan's Political Downfall. A Wall Street Journal (1/11, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) editorial says Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan (D) said Monday he will suspend his efforts to gather the 60 votes he needs for another term as speaker after he won only 51 in a Democratic caucus on Sunday. The Journal places much of the blame for the state of politics in Illinois and the condition of its finances on Madigan, and argues that while his political downfall alone will not save the state, it would be a step in the right direction.

SolarWinds Hackers Linked To Known Russian Spying Tools, Investigators Say. Reuters (1/11, Stubbs) reports "the group behind a global cyber-espionage campaign discovered last month deployed malicious computer code with links to spying tools previously used by suspected Russian hackers, researchers said on Monday." Kaspersky investigators "said the 'backdoor' used to compromise up to 18,000 customers of U.S. software maker SolarWinds closely resembled malware tied to a hacking group known as 'Turla,' which Estonian authorities have said operates on behalf of Russia's FSB security service." Costin Raiu, head of global research and analysis at the cybersecurity firm, "said there were three distinct similarities between the SolarWinds backdoor and a hacking tool called 'Kazuar' which is used by Turla."

The Guardian (UK) (1/11, 5.53M) reports that Kaspersky’s findings "may provide the first public evidence to support accusations from Washington that Moscow was behind the biggest cyber-raid against the government in years, affecting 18,000 users of software produced by SolarWinds, including US government agencies." However, the cybersecurity firm "cautioned that the code similarities do not confirm that the same group is behind both attacks." The Guardian adds, "Attacks by Turla have been documented from at least 2008, when the group was believed to have infiltrated US Central Command. Turla has also been implicated in attacks on embassies in a number of countries, ministries, utilities, healthcare providers, and other targets."

Reporting similarly is the Financial Times (1/11, Subscription Publication, 1.48M).

US Businesses, Agencies Spending Billions Following SolarWinds Hack. Roll Call (1/11, Ratnam, 130K) reports, "American businesses and government agencies could be spending upward of $100 billion over many months" following the SolarWinds hack. The software is "used by...many Fortune 500 companies and U.S. government departments." Frank Cilluffo, director of Auburn University's McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security, said, "For a lot of folks, the more they dig, the worse the picture looks." Agencies including the FBI, ODNI, and CISA have "said that the hack appeared to be an intelligence gathering effort," adding in a statement fewer than the original 18,000 clients were "compromised.
by follow-on activity on their systems.” Rendition Infosec founder Jake Williams said, “The reality is everybody is spending resources right now to discover how far hackers penetrated their networks.

**FBI Investigating If Postcard Sent To FireEye CEO Is Russia-linked.** Reuters (1/11, Bing) reports, “The FBI is investigating a mysterious postcard sent to the home of FireEye CEO Kevin Mandia “days after it found initial evidence of a suspected Russian hacking operation on dozens of U.S. government agencies and private American companies.” It is under investigation whether “it was sent by people associated with a Russian intelligence service due its timing and content, which suggests internal knowledge of last year’s hack well before it was publicly disclosed in December.” According to unnamed sources, the postcard “shows a cartoon with the text: ‘Hey look Russians’ and ‘Putin did it!’”

**Court Documents: FBI Investigating Elliott Broidy’s Hackers.** The Daily Beast (1/11, Rawnsley, 933K) reports that the perpetrators that dumped a “dossier of top Trump fundraiser Elliott Broidy’s emails in 2018” have “never been officially identified and according to court documents obtained by The Daily Beast, prosecutors dropped a criminal investigation into the break-in back in 2018 after a two-month inquiry.” At the time, Broidy “accused Qatar of sending in the cybercrooks.” In December 2018, “Broidy attorney’s wrote that they had first reported the break-in to federal investigators in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles on March 22, 2018, two weeks after The New York Times reported that copies of purported emails from his inbox were sent to the Times and other outlets.” However, “after a series of meetings with Broidy and his attorneys, the FBI announced that it stayed the investigation and later told Broidy’s legal team that the investigation had been dropped altogether.”

**Gun Background Checks Reach All-Time High In December.** Newsweek (1/11, Fink, 2.67M) reports, “Firearm background checks in December were higher than they’ve been in any month for the past 21 years, an appropriate culmination of a year filled with elevated firearm background checks.” According to Newsweek, “Before 2020, the previous record was set in December 2015 at 3,314,594 background checks for the month, but that was broken first in March, followed by another record in June. In December, there were 3,937,066 checks, a 34 percent increase from December 2019 that’s likely attributable at least in part to President Donald Trump’s election loss.” Newsweek adds, “The December spike isn’t entirely surprising, as background checks often skew upward at the end of the year. Since 1998, when the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was put in place, December has had the highest number of background checks except in three instances – 2013, 2014 and 2018 – according to data from the FBI.”

**Democrats Will Move To Impeach Trump If 25th Amendment Is Not Invoked.** David Muir said in the lead story on ABC World News Tonight (1/11, lead story, 6:25, 7.64M), “House Democrats are now moving forward with an article of impeachment accusing the President of incitement of insurrection, calling members back to Washington to consider something that has never been done before: whether to impeach a president for a second time. We have now learned a vote could come as soon as Wednesday. ... The FBI [is] out tonight with a sobering warning that armed protests are now being planned in all 50 state capitals and in the nation’s capital this weekend and right through the inauguration next week. A group [is] calling for the storming of government buildings if the President is removed from office. There are threats tonight against President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, too.” ABC’s Mary Bruce: “House Democrats are now moving quickly to try and remove Trump from office, introducing a single article of impeachment, charging the President with incitement of insurrection, for ‘inciting violence against the government of the United States’ by urging his followers to march on the Capitol.” House Speaker Pelosi: “Sadly, the person that’s running the Executive Branch is a deranged, unhinged, dangerous President of the United States.”

Peter Alexander said on NBC Nightly News (1/11, lead story, 3:05, Holt, 6.27M) that House Democrats are “now poised to issue a blunt ultimatum to Vice President Pence tomorrow: Invoke the 25th Amendment to remove President Trump by Wednesday, or they will make the President the first ever to be impeached twice.” House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff: “I think every day he’s in office, he remains a real and present danger to the country.” Alexander: “Pence is said to oppose implementing the 25th Amendment, so Democrats...introduce[d] a single article of impeachment, accusing President Trump of ‘inciting violence against the government of the United States.’ The charge right now reads in part, ‘President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of government.’ He therefore betrayed his trust as president.”

Nancy Cordes said on the CBS Evening News (1/11, story 2, 3:40, O’Donnell, 4.42M), “House Democrats tell us they do have the votes to impeach the President, but first, they’re going to vote tomorrow to urge the Vice President to push Mr. Trump out himself. White House sources tell us that Mr. Pence isn’t considering it, and never has.” Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA): “The best way to heal, to unify, our nation is to hold accountable those who attack our Capitol and those who incited that attack. That begins at the very top, starting with Donald Trump.”

The AP (1/11, Mascaro, Supervile, Jalonick) reports, “Poised to impeach, the House sped ahead Monday with plans to oust Trump from office. The AP said in the “stunning final moments” of Trump’s presidency, “Democrats and a growing number
of Republicans declare he is unfit for office and could do more damage after inciting a mob that violently ransacked the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday.” House Republican Conference Chair Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) “encouraged House GOP colleagues late Monday to ‘vote your conscience.’ ... She has spoken critically of Trump’s actions, but has not said publicly how she will vote.” The Los Angeles Times (1/11, 3.37M) reports, “With 213 Democratic House members signing on as cosponsors by Monday morning and more promising to vote for it, impeachment is assured. A handful of GOP members” including Reps. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) and Peter Meijer (R-MI) “have indicated they’re considering” backing impeachment.

Bloomberg (1/11, 3.57M) reports Republicans on Monday blocked House Majority Leader Hoyer “from fast-tracking a resolution urging Pence and Trump’s Cabinet to use the 25th Amendment to oust Trump.” USA Today (1/11, Groppel, 12.7M) reports Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV) blocked immediate consideration. Mooney “had been among the House Republicans who voted last week not to accept the state-certified election results showing Trump lost reelection.” Pelosi said “rejection of the resolution is enabling Trump’s unhinged, unstable, and deranged acts of sedition to continue.” The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/11, Tamari, Seidman) reports the full House will vote on the resolution on Tuesday.

The New York Times (1/11, Fandos, 20.6M) reports, “Moving with exceptional speed, top House leaders began summoning lawmakers still stunned by the attack back to Washington for a ‘high-stakes 24-hour standoff between two branches of government.’ The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Andrews, Ballhaus, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Senate Majority Leader McConnell has said a trial before January 20 is all but impossible, but the Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer “is exploring using an obscure, post-Sept. 11-era authority to reconvene the Senate as the House barrels toward a likely impeachment vote.” Reuters (1/11, Cornwell) reports that while “it is unlikely” a Senate trial “would be completed before Trump’s term expires in nine days,” a conviction even after he leaves office would “lead to Trump being barred from holding public office again, ending his potential 2024 presidential bid before it begins.”

CNN (1/11, 89.21M) reports on its website, “Some House Republicans are privately discussing whether to censure President Trump as a way to express their disapproval about the President’s actions without going along with the Democratic effort to impeach him, according to several GOP sources.” But Democratic leaders “have shown no willingness so far to schedule a vote on anything short of impeachment.”

Politico (1/11, Cheney, Ferris, Caygle, 6.73M) reports, “Although some Democrats have voiced worry that impeaching Trump with just days left in his term could hamstring Biden’s early weeks in office, momentum has only grown as new and disturbing footage of the violence wrought by the rioters has emerged. That footage included the beating of a Capitol Police officer, yanked out of the building by a crowd of Trump supporters. The officer in the video has not been identified, but it surfaced after the news that at least one officer, Brain Sicknick, died of injuries sustained during the onslaught.”

The New York Times (1/11, Schuessler, 20.6M) reports, “More than 300 historians and constitutional scholars have signed an open letter calling for the impeachment and removal of President Trump, saying his continuation in office after encouraging supporters to march on the U.S. Capitol posed ‘a clear and present danger to American democracy and the national security of the United States.’” The AP (1/11) reports the signers include Douglas Brinkley, Ron Chernow, Jon Meacham, Stacy Schiff, and Garry Wills.

Biden Hoping Senate Can Divide Time Between Trump Trial, Work On His Nominees And Agenda. The New York Times (1/11, Fandos, 20.6M) reports that Biden said Monday that he “was exploring ways for Democrats in Congress to advance his agenda while pursuing a second impeachment.” Biden says he has “spoken to House and Senate Democrats about whether it would be possible to ‘bifurcate’ Congressional business, splitting days between impeachment and confirming his nominees and passing his agenda. ‘I haven’t gotten an answer from the Parliamentarian yet,’ the president-elect said.” The Washington Post (1/11, Min Kim, Linskey, Dawsey, 10.52M) reports, “A Senate impeachment trial typically consumes the chamber for weeks, allowing for little other business. Biden has been particularly concerned about Senate confirmation for his Cabinet nominees, and he signaled Monday he was looking for a way around the traditional pace of an impeachment trial.”

Trump Might “Face Legal Jeopardy” Over Wednesday Speech. The New York Times (1/11, Savage, 20.6M) looks at whether Trump may “face legal jeopardy for his incendiary speech before the riot,” writing that “if a grand jury were to be persuaded that Mr. Trump intentionally incited his followers to violence, several statutes could come into play,” including one that “makes it a felony to induce or even to try to persuade someone to engage in the criminal use of physical force against property or against the person of another.”

The Washington Post (1/11, Parker, 10.52M) reports, “As senators and House members trapped inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday begged for immediate help during the siege, they struggled to get through to the president, who – safely ensconced in the West Wing – was too busy watching fiery TV images of the crisis unfolding around them to act or even bother to hear their pleas. ... Even as he did so, Trump did not move to act. And the message from those around him – that he needed to call off the angry mob he had egged on just hours earlier, or lives could be lost – was one to which he was not initially receptive.”
House Legislation Would Limit Future Presidents’ Powers, Require Transparency. The *New York Times* (1/11, Williamson, 20.6M) reports that “lawmakers and pressure groups are pushing for a wide-ranging overhaul of ethics laws, the likes of which have not been seen since the post-Watergate era, hoping to reconstruct and strengthen the guardrails that Trump plowed through.” Among the changes “embraced by House Democratic leaders are limits on the president’s pardon powers, mandated release of a president’s tax returns, new enforcement powers for independent agencies and Congress, and firmer prohibitions against financial conflicts of interest in the White House.” The Times says “two major pieces of legislation, the Protecting Our Democracy Act and H.R. 1, will be the main vehicles to address the sweep of questionable practices in the Trump era.”

SCOTUS Refuses To Fast-Track Trump Legal Challenges To Biden Victory. The *Washington Post* (1/11, Barnes, 10.52M) reports, “As expected, the Supreme Court refused Monday to fast-track a batch of challenges to the presidential election filed by President Trump and his allies.” The rejections “came without comment or noted dissent and were formal notifications of what already had become clear.” The Post says that “among the cases the court declined to expedite were Trump v. Biden and Trump v. Boockvar, which challenged the results in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, respectively. Other cases filed by Trump allies objected to the outcomes in Michigan and Georgia.” *Reuters* (1/11, Hurley) and the *Wall Street Journal* (1/11, Bravin, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also report.

“Disgruntled” State Department Employee Changed Website To Indicate Trump’s Early Exit. *BuzzFeed News* (1/11) reports, “A disgruntled employee at the State Department changed the biographies of President Trump and Vice President Pence “to say their term was coming to an end on Monday,” according to “two current-serving diplomats with knowledge of the situation.” The president’s biography was changed to read, ‘Donald J. Trump’s term ended on 2021-01-11 19:49:00.” Secretary of State Pompeo “has ordered an internal investigation into the matter.”
Trump Admin. Opens Up Exports On Drone Systems

The Trump administration finalized a new rule Monday easing export restrictions on drones capable of delivering large payloads, splitting from the guidelines of an international arms-control network that counts the U.S. as a member.

Acting DHS Chief Chad Wolf Steps Down After 14 Months
U.S. Department of Homeland Security acting Secretary Chad Wolf quit Monday after 14 months on the job, according to a senior DHS official, following several federal court rulings that he was illegally appointed to his post.

Justices Won't Review Do-overs Of Whistleblower FCA Cases
The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday shot down Bristol-Myers Squibb and Sanofi's challenge to a decision that allowed New Mexico to proceed with allegations of unlawful drug marketing even though a whistleblower lost a suit with the same facts.
The US Department of Justice and a group of states led by Washington fought before the Ninth Circuit on Monday over new Trump administration rules deregulating the publication of certain 3D printing gun data, with the states arguing that the rule change wasn’t properly noticed and it would open a “Pandora’s Box” of problems.

China Condemns US’ Scrapped Taiwan Diplomacy Rules
China condemned the Trump administration’s decision to lift restrictions governing how American diplomats interact with Taiwanese officials, cautioning Monday that the U.S. was “walking a dangerous path” in the Taiwan Strait.

Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., one of the House of Representatives’ spectrum caucus leaders, has urged President-elect Joe Biden to adopt a “unified approach to spectrum policy” to avoid “costly delays” like those that have occurred in the Trump administration while making spectrum available for commercial use.

Biden Urged To Take More Measured Tariff Approach
Although President-elect Joe Biden is not expected to quickly erase the vast tariffs imposed by the Trump administration, close observers are holding out hope that he will take a more lenient approach on waivers and exclusions to cushion the blow on U.S. importers.

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The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced sanctions Monday against seven individuals it identified as affiliates of Andrii Derkach, a pro-Russia Ukrainian lawmaker whom the department previously accused of being an “active Russian agent.”

State Dept. Reinstates Cuba As State Sponsor Of Terrorism
The U.S. has redesignated Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism, reimplementing strict sanctions on the country and opening it up to liability in U.S. courts for terrorism-related claims, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced Monday.

Men’s Group Wants High Court To Overturn Male-Only Draft
A self-described men’s rights group has urged the U.S. Supreme Court to revisit its decades-old precedent backing the constitutionality of a male-only military draft, citing the U.S. Department of Defense’s decision to lift its ban on women in combat.

Fed Circ. Kicks Back Order In VA Gun Lock Case
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs did not have to work with the U.S. Government Publishing Office to produce gun locks printed with a suicide crisis hotline, the Federal Circuit ruled Monday.
BNSF To Pay $18.8 Million in Landfill Cleanup Fight

BNSF Railway Co. and others will pay $18.8 million to a group including 3M and The Boeing Co. to help with remediation costs at a Washington state landfill where historic dumping has caused alleged contamination of groundwater, according to a settlement between the companies.

Research Institute Settles Workers’ FLSA Claims For $4.6M

A research and development services company agreed to pay $4.65 million to end claims that it failed to pay employees for work during meal breaks, according to a settlement approved Monday by a Colorado federal judge.

NJ Developer Accuses PGA Of Influencing Army To Nix Deal

A New Jersey developer has slammed the PGA with a federal lawsuit alleging it leveraged favors to U.S. Army personnel to sink a proposed deal that would have given the builder ownership of a military site adjacent to a Jersey City golf club where the association holds tournaments.

6th Cir. Judge Warns Doc Wars Privacy Breach ’Free Pass’

A Ninth Circuit judge doubted Monday a psychiatrist’s efforts to overturn a $1 million jury trial judgment against her for wrongly reporting an Iraq War veteran as a homicide risk, saying she’s asking for a “free pass,” which would incentivize doctors to report “any form of threat, imagined or dreamed.”

The coronavirus pandemic wreaked havoc on the market for mergers and acquisitions in the middle of last year, causing a short-term stoppage in deal activity, leading multiple major transactions to be revised or abandoned, and resulting in some parties taking their disputes to court. Here, Law360 looks at seven of the most significant deals that broke down because of the effects of COVID-19.

Whether geared toward a global audience or a particular client, a law firm’s articles, blog posts and client alerts should strive to be original by harnessing a few editorial tools and following the right distribution sequence, say Steven Andersen and Tal Donahue at Infinite Global.
Squire Patton Bogg LLP has appointed two new members to its 12-person global board, including a Washington, D.C.-based partner who is the first African-American woman to sit on the international firm’s governance and policymaking panel, the firm said Monday.

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Joel Katz Exits Greenberg A Year After Sex Harassment Claim
Greenberg Traurig LLP said Monday that Joel Katz, the founding chairman of its media and entertainment practice and founding shareholder in Atlanta, has resigned after nearly 23 years at the firm — and a year after the ousted head of the organization behind the Grammy Awards accused him of sexual harassment.

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Biden Taps 21 Attys For White House Counsel’s Office
President-elect Joe Biden said Monday that 21 attorneys with a mix of experience in the Obama administration, Congress and BigLaw will join his White House Counsel’s Office.

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NYC Bar Calls For Removing Trump After Capitol Riot
The New York City Bar Association called on the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government Monday to remove President Donald Trump from office after a riot of his supporters caused death and destruction in the U.S. Capitol last week.

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NY State Legislator Asks Appellate Division To Disbar Giuliani
New York state Sen. Brad Hoyman said Monday that he is asking the state’s Appellate Division to disbar Rudy Giuliani after he incited a pro-Trump crowd to commit violence shortly before a mob invaded the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday.

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House Dems Move To Impeach Trump Over Capitol Attack
House Democrats on Monday introduced an article of impeachment charging President Donald Trump with inciting an insurrection by encouraging his supporters’ deadly attack on the Capitol last week, with more than 200 co-sponsors ready to make Trump the first American president impeached twice.

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Citing ‘Toxic Stew,’ Del. Judge Boots Lin Wood From Case
A Delaware Superior Court judge ruled Monday that controversial attorney L. Lin Wood can’t represent former Trump campaign advisor Carter Page in a state defamation case, saying it would be inappropriate to let Wood practice before the court because he has recently exhibited a “toxic stew of mendacity, prevarication and surprising incompetence.”

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DOL, Attys Fired After Claiming Trump Tied Quashed Oracle Suit
U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Eugene Scalia has fired a top DOL investigator who claimed the agency decided not to pursue its $400 million pay bias case against tech giant Oracle because the company is led by an ally of President Donald Trump, the investigator’s whistleblower attorney said Monday.

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MoFo Nabs Former DOJ Fraud Chief As DC-Based Partner
A decade-plus veteran of the U.S. Department of Justice, who spent the last four years in its securities-focused leadership, has just joined Morrison & Foerster as a partner.

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Facebook Names 1st VP Of Civil Rights

Facebook on Monday said it has tapped a former White House and U.S. Department of Justice attorney to establish and oversee its new civil rights organization, acting on a recommendation made to the social media giant last year by an audit committee.

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Trump-Appointed Mass. Atty Eyes Move To Private Practice

Massachusetts U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling said Monday he plans to travel the well-worn path from federal prosecutor to the defense bar early this year, and will likely step down before he is formally asked to do so by the incoming Biden administration.

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Mylan, Pfizer Fight Remote Testimony In EpiPen Trial

Drugmakers Pfizer and Mylan told a federal judge it wouldn't be right to give blanket permission for livestreamed testimony in an upcoming trial in the EpiPen antitrust multidistrict litigation.

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Calif. Sees Highest Bar Exam Pass Score In Over A Decade

More than 60% of test-takers passed California's October bar exam, the highest pass rate in 12 years, after the Golden State lowered the score required to pass the exam and — in response to COVID-19 — delayed the test and administered it online for the first time.

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There are no active watches, warnings or advisories.
FBI Warns Of Extremist Actions In DC And State Capitals. In an “exclusive” report, Yahoo! News (1/11, Dickson, 10.87M) reports, “Federal authorities are warning state and local law enforcement about threats of possible violence by right-wing extremists at a series of protests planned for later this month in Washington and in state capitals, according to an FBI document obtained by Yahoo News.” According to Yahoo! News, “The situational information report, produced by the Minneapolis field office of the FBI, is based on information provided by what it describes as ‘collaborative sources,’ and was issued the week before a mob of Trump supporters violently stormed the U.S. Capitol. It addresses concerns about rallies that the far-right boogaloo movement plans to hold in cities across the country on Jan. 17.”

ABC News (1/11, Katersky, Darough, 2.44M) reports, “Starting this week and running through at least Inauguration Day, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols and at the U.S. Capitol, according to an internal FBI bulletin obtained by ABC News.” The FBI “has also received information in recent days on a group calling for ‘storming’ state, local and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event President Donald Trump is removed from office prior to Inauguration Day. The group is also planning to ‘storm’ government offices in every state the day President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump. The FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January; the bulletin read, ‘They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment, a huge uprising will occur.’”

Law & Crime (1/11, Klasfeld) reports, “The day that Twitter permanently suspended outgoing President Donald Trump’s account, the company justified that action in part because of chatter observed on and off their platform of a ‘proposed secondary attack’ of the U.S. Capitol and its analogues in all 50 states on Jan. 17, three days before Inauguration Day.” Law & Crime adds, “Though it is unclear why organizers chose that date, national security reporter Marcy Wheeler noted that the 17th letter of the alphabet is ‘Q,’ a rallying cry for conspiracy theorists who believe in an apocalyptic war against a shadowy cabal of Democratic pedophiles and Satanists.”

The CBS Evening News (1/11, lead story, 4:35, O’Donnell, 4.42M) reported, “The FBI has issued an urgent law enforcement bulletin saying groups are planning armed protests at the US Capitol and at state capitals ahead of President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration. The FBI says there are also threats against Mr. Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, along with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.” CBS’ Catherine Herridge: “Senior US official tells CBS News there is growing evidence tonight a coordination and premeditation among some protesters as the FBI warns more violence is possible in the days ahead. In a bulletin sent to law enforcement today, the FBI warns extremists are calling for demonstrations, some armed, and storming federal, state, and local courthouses if President Trump is removed from office early. Every FBI office is now focused on preventing a repeat of last week’s takeover of the US Capitol.”

Pierre Thomas said on ABC World News Tonight (1/11, story 4, 1:35, Muir, 7.64M), “Federal authorities [are] warning of more potential uprisings.... Intelligence [is] pointing to an unnamed armed group calling for the ‘storming’ of government buildings and courthouses if President Trump is removed before January 20.” The FBI says the group “is also planning attacks in DC the day of Biden’s inauguration.” District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (D): “If I’m scared of anything, it’s for our democracy, because we have a very extreme faction in our country that are armed and dangerous.” Thomas: “DC’s mayor [is] requesting that all large-scale public events be canceled until at least January 24.”

Pete Williams said on NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 9, 1:40, Holt, 6.27M) that the Secret Service will “begin the period of beefed-up inaugural security six days earlier than planned starting Wednesday. That means a perimeter of no-scale fence around the Capitol, security checkpoints with metal detectors, streets closed down for several blocks, and tens of thousands of police and federal agents ready to respond to violence. ... National Guard troops, too, with the military now considering whether they should be armed. The FBI is warning police nationwide that armed protests are being discussed on social media for every state’s capital by week’s end, with more violence possible if Congress takes action against President Trump.”

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The AP (1/11, Long, Baisamo, Kunzelman) reports the “internal FBI bulletin warned, as of Sunday, that the nationwide protests may start later this week and extend through Biden’s Jan. 20 inauguration, according to two law enforcement officials. ... Investigators believe some of the people are members of extremist groups, the officials said.” USA Today (1/11, Miller, Bacon, 12.7M) reports “an official with knowledge of a bulletin...said authorities also have been circulating a poster publicizing the events with the words, ‘When democracy is destroyed refused to be silenced.’ The poster for Jan. 17 calls for ‘ARMED MARCH ON CAPITOL HILL & ALL STATE CAPITOLS.’” The Washington Post (1/11, Davies, 10.52M) reports, "Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry
Hogan (R) and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) held a joint call on Monday to discuss planning for the 59th presidential inauguration and agreed to discourage all in-person attendance in the interest of public safety.

CNN (1/11, Cohen, Wild, 89.21M) reports, “The FBI is also tracking reports of various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the presidential inauguration,” the bulletin states. “Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.” CNN adds, “The government, meanwhile, held Continuity of Government Operations – a standard practice in the event that someone tries to disrupt the transition that took on new urgency in light of threats surrounding this year’s inauguration. According to a senior administration official, the interagency rehearsal aimed to ensure a seamless chain of command in the event of a national emergency in the days leading up to the inauguration and on that day itself. Monday’s rehearsal focused heavily on ‘readiness in the event that somebody tries to disrupt or stop the inauguration,’ the official said.”

Fox News (1/11, Singman, 23.99M) reports, “In a statement to Fox News, the FBI said that they do not comment on ‘specific intelligence products,’ but said that 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,’ the FBI said. ‘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.’ The FBI ‘added: ‘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.’”

NBC News (1/11, Winter, Blankstein, 4.91M) reports, “The memo includes information provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Defense Department; U.S. Park Police; and the U.S. Marshals Service, among other agencies, according to the official. Some of the information came from social media, some from open sources and some from other sources of information.”

The New York Daily News (1/11, Sommerfeldt, 2.51M) reports, “Far-right extremists are calling on Trump supporters to ‘storm’ the U.S. Capitol again and stage ‘armed protests’ at state government buildings across the country,” according to the FBI. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/11, 1.46M) says the bulletin “was issued Dec. 29 and reportedly warns state and local law enforcement about possible violence from right-wing extremists. The report was produced by the FBI’s Minneapolis field office and based on information provided by what it describes as ‘collaborative sources.’” Reuters (1/11, Rosenball), the Wall Street Journal (1/11, Gurman, Volz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), Politico (1/11, 6.73M), and The Hill (1/11, Klar, 5.86M) also report.

Federal Officials Pursuing At Least 150 Suspects In Capitol Attack. The New York Times (1/11, Benner, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that law enforcement officials say that the Justice Department and the FBI, “grappling with the fallout from the widespread government failure to protect” the Capitol, “embarked on a nationwide manhunt to track down” those who attacked the building. Officials say that “Investigators are pursuing more than 150 suspects for prosecution.” However, the Capitol Police allowing most of the rioters to leave “created a major obstacle for federal investigators, who must now fan out and look for them across the country.” Additionally, “prosecutors have expressed concerns that the Justice Department is creating a bottleneck by funneling prosecutions through Washington.” Meanwhile, analysts are “scouring intelligence to identify any role that domestic terrorist organizations or foreign adversaries may have played in radicalizing Americans who were among the rioters.”

WTTG-TV Washington (1/11, Watts, 168K) reports, “On Sunday, the FBI said it’s gotten 50,000 tips and the arrests made so far are the ‘tip of the iceberg.’ ‘There are a lot more to come,’ said Steven D’Antuono, assistant director in charge of the FBI’s Washington field office.” D’Antuono “said investigators are looking for everyone in the mob inside the Capitol. When asked about the worst charges a rioter could face, D’Antuono said ‘everything we can possibly look at.’ ‘I know there’s been a lot of information about the Sedition Act out there, that’s probably why you’re asking the question,’ said D’Antuono. ‘We are not closing the book on anything.’”

CNET News (1/11, Keane, 3.77M) reports, “The FBI continued its social media call for help in identifying people involved in last Wednesday’s violence on Capitol Hill. A mob stormed the US Capitol as Congress gathered in the building to certify Joe Biden as the next US president, following months of President Donald Trump making baseless claims that the 2020 election was fraudulent. The FBI is seeking to identify individuals instigating violence in Washington, D.C. We are accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting or violence in and around the U.S. Capitol on January 6,” the bureau posted on Twitter and Facebook on Thursday, with a link to a form on its website. The FBI’s Washington field office and the DC Police Department have since tweeted photos of dozens of suspects.”

CNET News (1/11, Hodge, 3.77M) reports, “The FBI isn’t saying whether it is using facial recognition technology to identify suspects involved in the Capitol attack on Wednesday. Neither are any of the other seven agencies CNET reached out to over the weekend. Even so, facial recognition app Clearview AI has confirmed a spike in searches of its database used by law enforcement. Asked whether the bureau is using either Clearview’s services or its own facial recognition tools, the FBI skirted the
question. "While the FBI does not comment on investigations, as a matter of course, we will utilize a number of different investigative tools to pursue any lead that will further our investigations," the bureau told CNET in an email."

The Hill (1/11, Pitofsky, 5.69M) reports, "The FBI is seeking public assistance in identifying a demonstrator who carried a Confederate flag at the riot that broke out at the Capitol building last week." The Hill adds, "The FBI's Washington Field Office issued the request late Sunday, seeking "the public's assistance in identifying this individual who made unlawful entry into US Capitol on Jan. 6." The man is seen carrying the Confederate flag over his shoulder in several images, in addition to holding the flag in a group of other rioters."

**FBI Arrests Tennessee Man Reportedly Carrying Zip Ties In Capitol.** Charged With: The Tennessee (1/11, Alund, 645K) reports, "Social media sleuthing helped the FBI identify Nashvillian Eric Munchel as a man carrying plastic hand restraints in the US Senate during the Capitol riot last week, according to new details released in a federal arrest affidavit Monday." The Tennessee adds, "According to the affidavit of FBI Special Agent Carlos D. Fontanez, Munchel also admitted he was at the riot." Munchel, 30, "faces charges including knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. Specifically, on or about Jan. 6, Munchel traveled to Washington, D.C., and 'knowingly and willfully joined and encouraged a crowd of individuals who forcibly entered the US Capitol and impeded, disrupted, and distrupted the orderly conduct of business by the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.'"

**Florida Man Seen With Pelosi Lectern Released On $25K Bail.** The AP (1/11, Anderson) reports from St. Petersburg, Florida, "A Florida man spotted carrying a lectern belonging to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office in a widely circulated photo during the Capitol assault was released Monday on $25,000 bail." The AP adds, "A federal magistrate judge in Tampa agreed to the release Monday at a brief hearing for Adam Johnson, 36, from the nearby community of Parrish. Johnson was arrested Friday night on charges of government property theft, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and entering a restricted building without lawful authority, according to an arrest warrant. Johnson has not yet entered a plea to the charges, which were filed in Washington. He has to surrender his passport, observe travel restrictions and adhere to a curfew of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m."

**USA Today (1/11, Munoz, 12.7M) reports, "He's charged with one count of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; one count of theft of government property; and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds." Johnson "was ordered to surrender all firearms and other dangerous weapons and any travel documents including his passport. His travel will be restricted to the Middle District of Florida and Washington, D.C. -- the latter only for court matters. He is also required to submit to substance abuse testing and evaluation as determined appropriate by pretrial services."

**Arizona Man Charged In Capitol Siege.** The Arizona Republic (1/11, Ruelas, 1.05M) reports, "The Phoenix man who took part in the storming of the US Capitol bare-chested and wearing a fur hat with horns faced his first federal court hearing on Monday and was ordered to be held in Phoenix awaiting charges. In Washington, D.C. Jake Angeli, 33, "turned himself in at the Phoenix FBI office on Saturday, as he was aware authorities were looking for him. Angeli, who had made a habit of making a public spectacle at protests and marches in Phoenix, also attracted attention on Wednesday as a mob of Trump supporters rushed past security at the US Capitol." Angeli "wore his familiar costume of the animal-skin hat topped with horns and had his face painted red, white and blue as he wandered with others through the Capitol building." Angeli "was charged with disorderly conduct, violent entry and illegally being on restricted spaces within the Capitol grounds."

**NYPD Probing Officer’s Possible Involvement In Capitol Riot.** The New York Post (1/11, McCarthy, 7.45M) reports, "The NYPD is probing at least one officer who may have attended the deadly riot at the US Capitol last week, Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said Monday. "I can tell you that there is one investigation that is active on one member. There is no name yet released because we don’t know yet if it’s true or not, but I can tell you that anyone committing crimes certainly would have a very short shelf life with the NYPD." Shea said on NY1. An NYPD spokesman “confirmed the probe but had no additional information. ‘We are working with the FBI to see if any allegations that a member of the New York City Police Department may have been involved in the event that marred the Capitol last week,’ the spokesman said.”

**Fox News (1/11, Pagones, 23.99M) reports, "The FBI is counting on the help from New York City’s police department to investigate an officer’s possible involvement in last week’s violent storming of the U.S. Capitol as new reports claim that D.C. officials were warned about online threats prior to the riots." Fox News adds, "An NYPD spokesperson told Fox News on Monday that the department is collaborating with the FBI to probe ‘any allegations that a member of the New York City Police Department may have been involved in the events that marred the Capitol last week.’ These investigations come after unnamed officials in the NYPD and the FBI reportedly warned law enforcement in Washington, D.C. that threats were made online and on social media that indicated a possible attack on the U.S. Capitol building."
Authorities Probing Threatening Facebook Comment Posted During Riot. NJ News (1/11, Shea, 1.47M) reports, "A threat made against U.S. Rep Bonnie Watson Coleman during last week's violent siege at the U.S. Capitol is under investigation by police, the congresswoman's office said Monday." NJ News adds, "The posting was made on the Facebook page of a former Trenton resident and Trump supporter Daryl Brooks, who maintains his account was hacked while he sat on a bus waiting to return from Washington, D.C. that day. The post has since been deleted, but was preserved and posted on Twitter by a Washington journalist, Olivia Nuzzi. 'I'm inside the capital now it's time for the revolution...The showdown is happening now! I'm looking for Bonnie Watson office now!!' the post says."

Inauguration Security "Will Be Tight." The AP (1/11, Jaffe) reports security for the inauguration "will be tight." USA Today (1/11, Brook, 12.7M) reports the Secret Service "expressed confidence Monday in a sprawling plan to secure the presidential inauguration, describing it as a 'zero fail mission.'" The New York Times (1/11, 20.6M) reports that the National Guard "plans to deploy up to 15,000 troops to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration." The Times says "six thousand troops from six states have already arrived," and "by this weekend that number is expected to have grown to 10,000." Nikole Killion reported on the CBS Evening News (1/11, story 3, 200, O'Donnell, 4.42M), "Despite scores of rioters swarming the inaugural platform last week, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are still expected to take the oath of office on the west front of the Capitol." Biden: "I'm not afraid of taking the oath outside."

Reuters (1/11, Hosenball) reports, "In other steps to safeguard the U.S. capital, the National Guard was authorized to send up to 15,000 troops to Washington, and tourists were barred from visiting the Washington Monument until Jan. 24," Reuters adds, "The chief of the National Guard Bureau, General Daniel Hokanson, told reporters he expected about 10,000 troops in Washington by Saturday to help provide security, logistics and communications. He said the number could rise to 15,000 if requested by local authorities." Sen. Chris Murphy, "who said he was sending a letter to the acting secretary of defense on Monday, said it was unclear if the National Guard would be sufficient to protect the nation's capital and that active-duty troops may be needed also."

The Hill (1/11, Beitsch, 5.69M) reports, "The National Park Service has temporarily closed the Washington Monument in response to credible threats to visitors and park resources. The closure, which began Monday, will remain in effect until Jan. 24. "Groups involved in the January 6, 2021 riots at the US Capitol continue to threaten to disrupt the 59th presidential inauguration on January 20, 2021. This includes the set up and execution of inaugural events, which occur in several park areas. In response, the National Park Service will suspended tours," the Park Service wrote on its website. "These temporary closures may be extended if the conditions persist. The National Park Service will reopen areas as it determines that the conditions of concern are no longer present."

Congressmen Call On FAA To Limit Chance Of Civil Unrest On Flights. Reuters (1/11, Shepardson) reports House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio and Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), who oversees an aviation subcommittee, wrote to FAA Administrator Steve Dickson urging the agency "to limit the chance that the nation's commercial airline system could be used as a means of mass transportation to Washington, D.C., for further violence in connection with the inauguration" and to "prevent civil unrest from jeopardizing aviation safety and leading to injury or worse during flight." On Saturday, Dickson said he would "pursue strong enforcement action against anyone who endangers the safety of a flight, with penalties ranging from monetary fines to jail time."

The Washington Post (1/11, Aratani, 10.52M) reports Dickson "issued a warning to air travelers: Causing a safety risk could mean a jail term or a $35,000 fine." Meanwhile, "major airlines said they are continuing to work with law enforcement agencies after stepping up security following violence at the Capitol." Airport officials in the Washington, DC area say there will be an increased police presence, and airlines that serve the region are boosting staffing. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority spokeswoman Christina Sault said, "Passengers should expect to see a heightened law enforcement presence from now through the inauguration." The Transportation Security Administration said the agency will be on "high alert" in the DC region.

USA Today (1/11, Deerwester, 12.7M) reports that Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) has asked the TSA and FBI to place those at the rally on the federal No-Fly List, which is organized by the FBI and enforced at airports by the TSA. Association of Flight Attendants-CWA President Sara Nelson similarly "called for revoking the flight privileges of those involved in the riot as well as in-flight incidents to and from Washington."

Reuters (1/11) reports several viral videos making the rounds on the Internet purporting to show women being taken off planes due to their affiliation with the rally are "false." The videos were taken in 2020 and are not related to last week's events.

States Step Up Security At Capitols. The AP (1/11, Lieb) reports, "State capitols across the nation stepped up security Monday, deploying National Guard units, SWAT teams and extra police officers as several legislatures convened amid
heightened safety concerns.” The New York Times (1/11, MacFarquhar, 20.6M) reports, “Dozens of state capitals will be on alert in the coming days, following calls among a mix of antigovernment organizations for actions in all 50 states” on January 17.

The Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) reports, “Officials in many states had already begun taking steps to increase security and plan for additional violence in response to protests last week. On Monday, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D) announced that he was activating the National Guard to provide support for the Capitol Police in Madison.” The Baltimore Sun (1/11, Wood, 629K) reports, “The Maryland State Police is preparing for the possibility of violence at the State House in Annapolis next week.” The Boston Globe (1/11, 1.04M) reports, “Federal officials in Boston said Monday they have no evidence that armed demonstrators intend to target the Massachusetts State House or other nearby state capitols in the coming days, even as the FBI warns of the potential of protests nationwide.”

The Denver Post (1/11, Schmelzer, 680K) reports, “The police who guard the Colorado Capitol and its vicinity say they are prepared for protests after the FBI warned of plans for armed demonstrations in all 50 state capitals in the days leading up to President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration, though local law enforcement would not provide details on how they are preparing. Denver police said they are aware of efforts to organize two possible protests in the city over the coming week. ‘Due to the sensitivity and potential safety concerns, we do not identify specific events, groups, organizers, etc. in regards to protests, marches, assemblies,’ Denver police spokesman Jay Casillas said Monday.”

The Detroit Free Press (1/11, Boucher, 2.16M) reports, “Michigan State Police are increasing security measures at the state Capitol immediately, following last week’s attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump and reports of armed marches planned for state capitol buildings in coming days.” The Free Press adds, “Michigan State Police public affairs director Shanon Banner said the agency is aware of online efforts to promote these marches. ‘We continually monitor for security threats and maintain situational awareness of what is happening in Michigan and across the country. Our security planning is fluid and adjustments are made as needed, from day to day. Security enhancements that can be put in place include both seen and unseen measures,’ Banner said in a statement emailed Monday afternoon.”

NJ News (1/11, Nelson, 1.47M) reports that New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy “affirmed residents right to protest but asked people to stay home in the coming days amid concerns of more violence, as states grapple with the fallout of last week’s deadly rampage in the nation’s capital. ‘It isn’t just one building or one community’ officials are protecting, Murphy said Monday during a press conference in Trenton. ‘Any public building, any “soft target” as it were, is something that we’re looking very seriously at.’”

NECN-TV Boston (1/11, 85K) reports, “Massachusetts State Police say they’ve received no specific threats at the State House, or any other public venue in Massachusetts, after the FBI sent an alert to law enforcement agencies warning of calling for ‘peaceful armed protest’ planned at all 50 states’ capitols. Additionally, a representative of the FBI’s Boston office told NBC News on Monday that it ‘is not in possession of any intelligence indicating any planned, armed protests at the four state capitols in our area of responsibility, (ME, MA, NH, and RI) from January 17-20, 2021.’ The Boston FBI spokesperson noted, ‘As always, we are in constant communication with our law enforcement partners and will share any actionable intelligence.’”

The Sacramento (CA) Bee (1/11, Stanton, 519K) reports, “One federal law enforcement source said Monday that authorities had no specific information about planned activities at California’s state Capitol, where weekly protests have been staged since election day by supporters of President Donald Trump and his false claims that voter fraud cost him the White House,” but “the source, who was not authorized to speak publicly, confirmed to The Sacramento Bee that FBI field offices nationwide have been alerted to the possibility of violence through Inauguration Day and have set up command posts to interact with state and local law enforcement, including the California Highway Patrol, which has jurisdiction over the state Capitol. ‘The CHP is all over this,’ the source said. ‘The bottom line is, certainly law enforcement is all over this and will be prepared.’”

The Anchorage (AK) Daily News (1/12, Brooks, 461K) reports from Juneau, Alaska, “Additional Alaska State Troopers and police will be stationed at the Alaska State Capitol after the FBI warned local officials about the possibility of armed protests at state capitols and in Washington, D.C., before President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration. The 32nd Alaska Legislature convenes Jan. 19, and the inauguration is the following day.” On Monday, “the Alaska Capitol’s chief security officer sent an email to all legislators and staff, saying the Capitol’s security officers are in contact (with the) FBI, State Troopers Intell Center, local Troopers, JPD and the Alaska National Guard, and are working to increase Security’s presence at the Capitol.” He requested that anyone with information about a specific threat contact the security office.”

Michigan Bans Open Carry Of Guns At Statehouse. The AP (1/11, Nichols) reports the Michigan State Capitol Commission has banned the open carry of guns in the Capitol building in Lansing. Moves to ban weapons at the statehouse “have been pushed since April, when protesters opposed to COVID restrictions enacted by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), ‘some armed with long rifles and other weapons, entered the Michigan Capitol demanding to be allowed onto the floor of a legislative chamber that was closed to the public.” The Detroit Free Press (1/11, Egan, 2.16M) says Michigan “was one of only three states with virtually no firearm regulations or security measures in place for its state Capitol.”
The New York Times (1/11, Gray, 20.6M) reports that the commission, “a four-member body that sets rules and approves maintenance and improvement projects for the building, said they didn’t have the authority to set up the infrastructure for a total ban, which would carry a $1 million price tag, including installing metal detectors and working through the logistics of how those devices would delay access to and from the Capitol.”

Democratic Lawmakers Urge FBI Briefing On Capitol Siege. CNN (1/11, Sands, Herb, Carrega, 89.21M) reports, “The US Capitol Police, FBI, Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security have yet to hold a press conference since Wednesday’s incursion into one of America’s most iconic buildings, prompting calls from lawmakers to call briefings for the public and Congress. ‘It has been five days since the most significant attack on a branch of the United States government since British forces set fire to the U.S. Capitol in 1814, and yet the American public has not heard from federal law enforcement authorities,’ Democratic Reps. Joe Neguse of California and Veronica Escobar of Texas said in a letter Monday.”

CNN adds, “The two House Judiciary Committee members urged federal law enforcement authorities – including the FBI and Departments of Justice and Homeland Security – to immediately hold a briefing for the public, as well as schedule a briefing for members of Congress, to discuss last Wednesday’s riot at the Capitol.”

NBC News (1/11, 4.91M) reports, “Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee are demanding answers from the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security and the FBI on Wednesday’s riot at the Capitol.” Neguse and Escobar “asked acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf and FBI Director Christopher Wray to hold a news conference and briefing to Congress on the events that transpired. ‘After an attack of this magnitude, it is beyond necessary for the American public – and members of Congress – to be well informed and be provided with the facts,’ the lawmakers added.”

Two Capitol Police Officers Suspended For Actions During “Insurrection.” Tom Costello of NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 3, 3:30 Holt, 6.27M) reported that in “a dramatic development, two Capitol Police officers” have been suspended “for their roles in last week’s insurrection. Some officers had been seen taking selfies with rioters or letting them through.” Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH): “I know there were two people suspended. One was the selfie officer and another was an officer who had put a ‘MAGA’ hat on and started directing some people around.” The AP (1/11) reports Ryan “says Capitol Police are looking at everybody involved that could have potentially facilitated the incursion ‘at a big level or small level in any way.’”

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/11, 1.22M) reports, “Ryan said the vast majority of Capitol Police officers bravely defended that Capitol and put their lives on the line to defend Congress members, while its leadership failed to adequately prepare for the incursion where four protesters and one police officer died. He said the resignation of the Capitol Police chief and the House Sergeant at Arms will help reestablish trust in security on Capitol Hill.”

Sund Says Officials Denied Request For National Guard To Be Placed On Standby. The New York Times (1/11, Thrush, Cooper, 20.6M) reports that Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund, “who resigned under pressure last week,” indicated in an interview with the Washington Post that he “requested that D.C. National Guard units be placed on standby in case his small force was overwhelmed by violent protesters last Wednesday, but he was rebuffed by House and Senate security officials and a top Pentagon commander.” According to the Times, Sund “said he made the request two days before Wednesday’s riot after reviewing intelligence that indicated the demonstration would be larger and more violent that previously anticipated — and repeated his request as he watched the rioters attacking his officers.” Sund, “a 25-year veteran of Washington’s Metropolitan Police Department, claimed that six calls for backup during the riot were rejected or delayed.”

According to Reuters (1/11), “Sund’s remarks were in contrast with those from officials in other branches of government, who said after Trump’s supporters stormed into the Capitol building last Wednesday that they could have provided more people to secure it — but no one from the Capitol Police asked.” USA Today (1/11, Bacon, 12.7M) also highlights the interview.

The New York Times (1/11, Hill, Ray, Kozlowski, 20.6M) reports on “how a mob dragged and beat police at the Capitol,” and ABC World News Tonight (1/11, story 3, 3:15, Muir, 7.32M) had further coverage of the “violent assault.” ABC’s Martha Raddatz said “homicide investigators probing the death of Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick have been looking into reports that he may have been hit with a fire extinguisher.” In an editorial, the Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) says Sicknick and fellow officer Howard Liebengood, who “died by his own hand” several days after the assault, “embodied the spirit of patriotism. Their deaths, said former senator and secretary of state John F. Kerry, are ‘a tragic loss of two patriots who spent their careers protecting the halls of democracy.’”

Active-Duty Army Special Forces Officer Under Investigation. USA Today (1/11, Brooke, 12.7M) reports “active-duty Army Special Forces officer” Capt. Emily Rainey “is under investigation for her presence at the Capitol during the riot there on Jan. 6, according to an Army spokesman.” The Army is investigating Rainey’s “presence at the Capitol and what she did there,”
said Maj. Dan Lessard, spokesperson for 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. It is unclear if she violated any laws, he said.

**NYPD Provided DC With Intelligence On Potential Trouble.** Newsday (NY) (1/11, DeStefano, O'Keeffe, 776K) reports, "The New York City Police Department gave Washington law enforcement officials raw intelligence from internet chat rooms that potential trouble was brewing in the days before a mob of President Donald Trump supporters stormed U.S. Capitol building last week, senior law enforcement officials said Monday." Newsday adds, "The information gleaned by the NYPD was sent as a matter of course to U.S. Capitol Police officials and didn't contain any specific threats of people planning to storm the building, said one of the officials, who requested anonymity. According to another official who requested anonymity, the NYPD material didn't contain any 'shocking intelligence' and was material gleaned from rhetoric internet forums and chat rooms used by Right Wing groups and others. 'At no time did the NYPD determine that thousands of people were to storm the [Capitol] building,' the official explained."

**Oregon Man Charged With Shooting At Portland Federal Courthouse.** The Oregonian (1/11, Bernstein, 1.02M) reports that a Beavercreek, Oregon man "is accused of jumping the security fence outside the federal courthouse Friday night and firing a 9mm handgun into plywood covering the facade just days after his arrest outside the state Capitol for allegedly trespassing with a gun." Cody Levi Melby, 39, "pleaded not guilty Monday afternoon in federal court in Portland to a misdemeanor charge accusing him of deprivation of government property." Melby, "a U.S. Army veteran, last week posted a YouTube video of himself standing outside the Oregon Capitol in Salem' and ‘decrying how the 'entire election process was subverted' and how the government's mandate to wear masks and close businesses as a result of the coronavirus had 'wreaked havoc and devastation around our republic. In Portland, two courthouse security officers arrested Melby about 7:30 p.m. Friday."

**Federal Agents Disposed Of Pipe Bombs During Capitol Hill Siege.** The AP (1/11) reports that FBI and ATF agents "were called to the Republican National Committee's office after a pipe bomb was found outside last Wednesday. Agents later identified a second device near the Democratic National Committee's office, and they were very similar, and both were about a foot long with end caps and wiring that appeared to be attached to a timer."

**Treasury Sanctions Ukrainian Lawmakers, Former Officials For Amplifying Biden Allegations.** The AP (1/11, Tucker} reports that on Monday, the Trump Administration "sanctioned more than a half-dozen associates of a Ukrainian lawmaker accused by U.S. officials of interfering in the 2020 presidential election by releasing edited audio recordings of President-elect Joe Biden." The AP says the Treasury Department "already had imposed sanctions on Andrii Derkach, whom U.S. officials have characterized as an 'active Russian agent,' who is accused of having been ‘part of a broader Russian effort to subvert' and how the government's mandate to wear masks and close businesses as a result of the coronavirus had 'wreaked havoc and devastation around our republic. In Portland, two courthouse security officers arrested Melby about 7:30 p.m. Friday."

The New York Times (1/11, Vogel, Varma, 20.6M) reports that the Treasury Department accused the Ukrainians of helping Derkach "spread misleading and unsubstantiated allegations that current and former U.S. officials engaged in corruption, money laundering and unlawful political influence in Ukraine." The agency has taken steps "over the past few years to punish people and groups that it accused of involvement in Russia-linked election interference, even as Mr. Trump, an intended beneficiary of the interference, has continued to downplay Russia's role."
Russia was trying to undermine Biden’s candidacy. Democratic lawmakers have criticized the Administration, in rejecting those intelligence findings, for "pulling its punches" against Russia. The Treasury Department argues it has sanctioned more Russians under Trump than previous administrations. The Washington Post (1/11, Nakashima, Stern, 10.52M) similarly reports that after "Giuliani met with Derkach in Kyiv in December 2019," the IC "warned the White House that Giuliani was the target of a Russian influence operation." Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) commented, "By imposing sanctions on Telizhenko, the Trump administration confirms that Senate Republicans’ year-long investigation was based on Russian disinformation."

The Washington Times (1/11, Meier, 628K) reports, "U.S. intelligence officials have testified that Russia attempted to interfere in the 2020 election, along with China and Iran." FBI Director Christopher Wray "singled out Russia as ‘very active’ in trying to influence the election and ‘denigrate’ President-elect Joseph R. Biden." Former DHS Secretary Wolf "also told a congressional panel in September that attempts to influence the U.S. election run well beyond Russia, with China and Iran also deeply involved."

Illinois House Speaker Suspends Retention Campaign. The AP (1/11) reports that Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan "is ‘suspending’ his campaign for retention of the leadership post." Madigan (D), 78, of Chicago, "issued a statement Monday that began, ‘This is not a withdrawal,’" but "he directed House Democrats to work toward finding a replacement." Madigan "has lost support among House members since he was implicated in a federal bribery investigation involving utility ComEd. Madigan has not been charged with a crime and has denied wrongdoing," but "in a caucus vote Sunday, his support fell short of the 60 votes needed for his retention."

The Chicago Daily Herald (1/11, Pyke, 360K) reports, "The seismic move comes as other Democrats are seeking to oust the Chicago lawmaker after he was connected with an FBI political corruption probe." The Daily Herald adds, "The scandal linked to Madigan broke July 17, 2020, when utility giant ComEd admitted to bribery and colluding with a state official, identified as the speaker, to get laws enabling rate hikes passed in exchange for hiring and awarding contracts to Madigan cronies, the U.S. attorney’s office for the Northern District of Illinois said."

WSJournal Welcomes Madigan’s Political Downfall. A Wall Street Journal (1/11, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) editorial says Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan (D) said Monday he will suspend his efforts to gather the 60 votes he needs for another term as speaker after he won only 51 in a Democratic caucus on Sunday. The Journal places much of the blame for the state of politics in Illinois and the condition of its finances on Madigan, and argues that while his political downfall alone will not save the state, it would be a step in the right direction.

SolarWinds Hackers Linked To Known Russian Spying Tools, Investigators Say. Reuters (1/11, Stubbs) reports "the group behind a global cyber-espionage campaign discovered last month deployed malicious computer code with links to spying tools previously used by suspected Russian hackers, researchers said on Monday." Kaspersky investigators "said the ‘backdoor’ used to compromise up to 18,000 customers of U.S. software maker SolarWinds closely resembled malware tied to a hacking group known as ‘Turla,’ which Estonian authorities have said operates on behalf of Russia’s FSB security service.”

The Guardian (UK) (1/11, 5.53M) reports that Kaspersky’s findings "may provide the first public evidence to support accusations from Washington that Moscow was behind the biggest cyber-raid against the government in years, affecting 18,000 users of software produced by SolarWinds, including US government agencies." However, the cybersecurity firm "cautioned that the code similarities do not confirm that the same group is behind both attacks." The Guardian adds, "Attacks by Turla have been documented from at least 2008, when the group was believed to have infiltrated US Central Command." Turla has also been "implicated in attacks on embassies in a number of countries, ministries, utilities, healthcare providers, and other targets."

US Businesses, Agencies Spending Billions Following SolarWinds Hack. Roll Call (1/11, Ratnam, 130K) reports, "American businesses and government agencies could be spending upward of $100 billion over many months" following the SolarWinds hack. The software is "used by...many Fortune 500 companies and U.S. government departments." Frank Cilluffo, director of Auburn University’s McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security, said, "For a lot of folks, the more they dig, the worse the picture looks." Agencies including the FBI, ODNI, and CISA have "said that the hack appeared to be an intelligence gathering effort," adding in a statement fewer than the original 18,000 clients were "compromised by follow-on
activity on their systems.” Rendition Infosec founder Jake Williams said, “The reality is everybody is spending resources right
now” to discover how far hackers penetrated their networks.

**FBI Investigating If Postcard Sent To FireEye CEO Is Russia-linked.** Reuters (1/11, Bing) reports, “The FBI is
investigating a mysterious postcard sent to the home of” FireEye CEO Kevin Mardia “days after it found initial evidence of a
suspected Russian hacking operation on dozens of U.S. government agencies and private American companies.” It is under
investigation whether “it was sent by people associated with a Russian intelligence service due its timing and content, which
suggests internal knowledge of last year’s hack well before it was publicly disclosed in December.” According to unnamed
sources, the postcard “shows a cartoon with the text: ‘Hey look Russians’ and ‘Putin did it!’”

**Court Documents: FBI Investigating Elliott Broidy’s Hackers.** The Daily Beast (1/11, Rawlsy, 933K) reports
that the perpetrators that dumped a “dossier of top Trump fundraiser Elliott Broidy’s emails in 2018” have “never been officially
identified and according to court documents obtained by The Daily Beast, prosecutors dropped a criminal investigation into the
break-in back in 2018 after a two-month inquiry.” At the time, Broidy “accused Qatar of sending in the cybercrooks.” In December
2018, “Broidy attorney’s wrote that they had first reported the break-in to federal investigators in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los
Angeles on March 22, 2018, two weeks after The New York Times reported that copies of purported emails from his inbox were
sent to the Times and other outlets.” However, “after a series of meetings with Broidy and his attorneys, the FBI announced that
it stayed the investigation and later told Broidy’s legal team that the investigation had been dropped altogether.”

**Gun Background Checks Reach All-Time High In December.** Newsweek (1/11, Fink, 2,67M) reports, “Firearm
background checks in December were higher than they’ve been in any month for the past 21 years, an appropriate culmination
of a year filled with elevated firearm background checks.” According to Newsweek, “Before 2020, the previous record was set in
December 2015 at 3,314,564 background checks for the month, but that was broken first in March, followed by another record in
June. In December, there were 3,937,066 checks, a 34 percent increase from December 2019 that’s likely attributable at least in
part to President Donald Trump’s election loss.” Newsweek adds, “The December spike isn’t entirely surprising, as background
cchecks often skew upward at the end of the year. Since 1998, when the National Instant Criminal Background Check System
(NICS) was put in place, December has had the highest number of background checks except in three instances – 2013, 2014
and 2018 – according to data from the FBI.”

**Democrats Will Move To Impeach Trump If 25th Amendment Is Not Invoked.** David Muir said in the lead
story on ABC World News Tonight (1/11, lead story, 6:25, 7.64M), “House Democrats are now moving forward with an article of
impeachment accusing the President of incitement of insurrection, calling members back to Washington to consider something
that has never been done before: whether to impeach a president for a second time. We have now learned a vote could come as
soon as Wednesday. ... The FBI [is] out tonight with a sobering warning that armed protests are now being planned in all 50 state
capitals and in the nation’s capital this weekend and right through the inauguration next week. A group [is] calling for the storming
of government buildings if the President is removed from office. There are threats tonight against President-elect Joe Biden and
Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, too.” ABC’s Mary Bruce: “House Democrats are now moving quickly to try and remove
Trump from office, introducing a single article of impeachment, charging the President with incitement of insurrection, for ‘inciting
violence against the government of the United States’ by urging his followers to march on the Capitol.” House Speaker Pelosi:
“Sadly, the person that’s running the Executive Branch is a deranged, unhinged, dangerous President of the United States.”

Peter Alexander said on NBC Nightly News (1/11, lead story, 3:05, Holt, 6.27M) that House Democrats are “now poised to
issue a blunt ultimatum to Vice President Pence tomorrow: invoke the 25th Amendment to remove President Trump by
Wednesday, or they will make the President the first ever to be impeached twice.” House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff:
“I think every day he’s in office, he remains a real and present danger to the country.” Alexander: “Pence is said to oppose
implementing the 25th Amendment, so Democrats...introduc[ed] a single article of impeachment, accusing President Trump of
‘inciting violence against the government of the United States.’ The charge right now reads in part, ‘President Trump gravely
derogated the security of the United States and its institutions of government. He therefore betrayed his trust as president.’”

Nancy Cordes said on the CBS Evening News (1/11, story 2, 3:40, O’Donnell, 4.42M), “House Democrats tell us they do
have the votes to impeach the President, but first, they’re going to vote tomorrow to urge the Vice President to push Mr. Trump
out himself. White House sources tell us that Mr. Pence isn’t considering it, and never has.” Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA): “The best way
to heal, to unify, our nation is to hold accountable those who attack our Capitol and those who incited that attack. That begins at
the very top, starting with Donald Trump.”

The AP (1/11, Mascaro, Superville, Jalonick) reports, “Poised to impeach, the House sped ahead Monday with plans to
oust” Trump from office. The AP said in the “stunning final moments” of Trump’s presidency, “Democrats and a growing number
of Republicans declare he is unfit for office and could do more damage after inciting a mob that violently ransacked the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday." House Republican Conference Chair Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) "encouraged House GOP colleagues late Monday to ‘vote your conscience.’ ... She has spoken critically of Trump’s actions, but has not said publicly how she will vote." The Los Angeles Times (1/11, 3.37M) reports, “With 213 Democratic House members signing on as cosponsors by Monday morning and more promising to vote for it, impeachment is assured. A handful of GOP members” including Reps. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) and Peter Meijer (R-MI) “have indicated they’re considering” backing impeachment.

Bloomberg (1/11, 3.57M) reports Republicans on Monday blocked House Majority Leader Hoyer “from fast-tracking a resolution urging Pence and Trump’s Cabinet to use the 25th Amendment to oust Trump.” USA Today (1/11, Grappe, 12.7M) reports Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV) blocked immediate consideration. Mooney “had been among the House Republicans who voted last week not to accept the state-certified election results showing Trump lost reelection.” Pelosi said “rejection of the resolution is enabling Trump’s unhinged, unstable and deranged acts of sedition to continue.” The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/11, Tamari, Seidman) reports the full House will vote on the resolution on Tuesday.

The New York Times (1/11, Fandos, 20.6M) reports, “Moving with exceptional speed, top House leaders began summoning lawmakers still stunned by the attack back to Washington for “a high-stakes 24-hour standoff between two branches of government.” The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Andrews, Ballhaus, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Senate Majority Leader McConnell has said a trial before January 20 is all but impossible, but the Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer “is exploring using an obscure, post-Sept. 11-era authority to reconvene the Senate as the House barrels toward a likely impeachment vote.” Reuters (1/11, Cornel) reports that while “it is unlikely” a Senate trial “would be completed before Trump’s term expires in nine days,” a conviction even after he leaves office would “lead to Trump being barred from holding public office again, ending his potential 2024 presidential bid before it begins.”

CNN (1/11, 99.21M) reports on its website, “Some House Republicans are privately discussing whether to censure President Trump as a way to express their disapproval about the President’s actions without going along with the Democratic effort to impeach him, according to several GOP sources.” But Democratic leaders “have shown no willingness so far to schedule a vote on anything short of impeachment.”

Politico (1/11, Cheney, Ferris, Caygle, 6.73M) reports, “Although some Democrats have voiced worry that impeaching Trump with just days left in his term could hamstring [Biden’s] early weeks in office, momentum has only grown as new and disturbing footage of the violence wrought by the rioters has emerged. That footage included the beating of a Capitol Police officer, yanked out of the building by a crowd of Trump supporters. The officer in the video has not been identified, but it surfaced after the news that at least one officer, Brain Sicknick, died of injuries sustained during the onslaught.”

The New York Times (1/11, Schuessler, 20.6M) reports, “More than 300 historians and constitutional scholars have signed an open letter calling for the impeachment and removal of President Trump, saying his continuation in office after encouraging supporters to march on the U.S. Capitol posed ‘a clear and present danger to American democracy and the national security of the United States.” The AP (1/11) reports the signers include Douglas Brinkley, Ron Chernow, Jon Meacham, Stacy Schiff, and Garry Wills.

Biden Hoping Senate Can Divide Time Between Trump Trial, Work On His Nominees And Agenda. The New York Times (1/11, Fandos, 20.6M) reports that Biden said Monday that he “was exploring ways for Democrats in Congress to advance his agenda while pursuing a second impeachment.” Biden says he has “spoken to House and Senate Democrats about whether it would be possible to ‘bifurcate’ Congressional business, splitting days between impeachment and confirming his nominees and passing his agenda. ‘I haven’t gotten an answer from the Parliamentarian yet,’ the president-elect said.” The Washington Post (1/11, Min Kim, Linskey, Dawsey, 10.52M) reports, “A Senate impeachment trial typically consumes the chamber for weeks, allowing for little other business. Biden has been particularly concerned about Senate confirmation for his Cabinet nominees, and he signaled Monday he was looking for a way around the traditional pace of an impeachment trial.”

Trump Might “Face Legal Jeopardy” Over Wednesday Speech. The New York Times (1/11, Savage, 20.6M) looks at whether Trump may “face legal jeopardy for his incendiary speech before the riot,” writing that “if a grand jury were to be persuaded that Mr. Trump intentionally incited his followers to violence, several statutes could come into play,” including one that “makes it a felony to induce or even try to persuade someone to engage in the criminal ‘use of physical force against property or against the person of another.’”

The Washington Post (1/11, Parker, 10.52M) reports, “As senators and House members trapped inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday begged for immediate help during the siege, they struggled to get through to the president, who – safely ensconced in the West Wing – was too busy watching fiery TV images of the crisis unfolding around them to act or even bother to hear their pleas. ... Even as he did so, Trump did not move to act. And the message from those around him – that he needed to call off the angry mob he had egged on just hours earlier, or lives could be lost – was one to which he was not initially receptive.”
House Legislation Would Limit Future Presidents’ Powers, Require Transparency. The New York Times (1/11, Williamson, 20.6M) reports that “lawmakers and pressure groups are pushing for a wide-ranging overhaul of ethics laws, the likes of which have not been seen since the post-Watergate era, hoping to reconstruct and strengthen the guardrails that Trump plowed through.” Among the changes “embraced by House Democratic leaders are limits on the president’s pardon powers, mandated release of a president’s tax returns, new enforcement powers for independent agencies and Congress, and firmer prohibitions against financial conflicts of interest in the White House.” The Times says “two major pieces of legislation, the Protecting Our Democracy Act and H.R. 1, will be the main vehicles to address the sweep of questionable practices in the Trump era.”

SCOTUS Refuses To Fast-Track Trump Legal Challenges To Biden Victory. The Washington Post (1/11, Barnes, 10.52M) reports, “As expected, the Supreme Court refused Monday to fast-track a batch of challenges to the presidential election filed by President Trump and his allies.” The rejections “came without comment or noted dissent and were formal notifications of what already had become clear.” The Post says that “among the cases the court declined to expedite were Trump v. Biden and Trump v. Boockvar, which challenged the results in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, respectively. Other cases filed by Trump allies objected to the outcomes in Michigan and Georgia.” Reuters (1/11, Hurley) and the Wall Street Journal (1/11, Bravin, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also report.

“Disgruntled” State Department Employee Changed Website To indicate Trump’s Early Exit. Suzz-eed News (1/11) reports, “A disgruntled employee at the State Department changed the biographies of President Trump and Vice President Pence “to say their term was coming to an end on Monday,” according to “two current-serving diplomats with knowledge of the situation.” The president’s biography was changed to read, ‘Donald J. Trump’s term ended on 2021-01-11 19:49:00.'” Secretary of State Pompeo “has ordered an internal investigation into the matter.”
From: theSkimm
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [BULK] Daily Skimm: Where's my white collarless shirt from Fred Segal?
To: 
Sent: January 12, 2021 6:22 AM (UTC-05:00)
Quote of the Day

"An opportunity for people to treat their dogs as they're treating themselves" — Ben & Jerry's on its frozen treats for your furry friend. Get ready for the pup-sicle eyes.

One Way or Another
The Story

Calls for President Trump to leave office are growing louder. Explain.

It's been less than a week since the deadly siege at the US Capitol. Now, House Democrats—who accuse Trump of inciting the mob attack—appear to be pulling out all the stops to try to boot the president before his term ends in eight days. This week, there are two efforts in play to remove Trump from the Oval Office.

Let's hear them.

First up: getting VP Mike Pence to invoke the 25th Amendment. That's the one that allows the VP and Cabinet to remove a president if he's deemed unfit for office. If invoked, the VP would take over. Yesterday, the House tried to unanimously pass a resolution calling on the VP to make it happen. But House Republicans blocked it, arguing an issue "of this magnitude" had to be debated. Today, Dems are taking it to a vote. The measure's expected to pass. And once it does, Pence gets 24 hours to invoke the amendment (something he's unlikely to do) or else.

Or else what?

The House will move forward with the impeachment process against Trump. For the second time in just over a year. While the first one relied on articles of obstruction of Congress and abuse of power, this one has a sole focus: incitement of insurrection. The charge accuses Trump of willfully making statements at a rally that encouraged "imminent lawless action at the Capitol." Including: injuring law enforcement, putting congressional members and Pence at harm, interfering with the election certification process, and carrying out other violent and destructive acts. Lawmakers also pointed to Trump's repeated claims of election fraud and his pressure on state officials to overturn the election results.

And when is this happening?

The House has it scheduled for consideration first thing tomorrow morning. They reportedly have enough support to impeach the president, since a handful of Republicans are also considering it. And under the 14th Amendment, any person "engaged in insurrection" would be banned from holding elected office in the future. The president has yet to speak out on all of this, which may be because he has lost his favorite platform.

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President Trump is on track to become the first president in history to be impeached twice.
While some lawmakers are working around the clock to hold people responsible for last week’s attack, officials are working just as hard to prevent it from happening again. Here’s how they’re taking action:

The FBI...In a memo from this week, the FBI warned law enforcement agencies nationwide of possible armed protests at all 50 state capitol buildings. They could start this weekend and go through Inauguration Day. The memo also states that an armed group may be planning to return to Washington, DC, for an uprising should Congress remove Trump from office. The info was reportedly shared with law enforcement agencies.

The National Guard...After the National Guard’s delayed response to the Capitol Hill riots last week, officials don’t appear to be taking any chances. The National Guard plans to have up to 15,000 of its personnel ready for President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration next week. US Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy had said DC was expecting about 6,200 Guard members last weekend. And they were to remain in the region for at least 30 days.

President Trump...Over the weekend, DC’s mayor asked Trump to declare an emergency in the District. Yesterday, he did. He’s also ordered federal assistance to help reinforce the District’s response efforts ahead of the inauguration.

And Also...This
Where the US is looking abroad...

Cuba. Yesterday, the Trump admin labeled the country a state sponsor of terrorism. In 2015, the Obama admin removed Cuba from the list in an effort to rebuild ties, ending decades of US efforts to isolate the communist island. Now, after restricting travel and bringing sanctions against the country, the Trump admin is reversing one of Obama’s signature foreign policy achievements. Sec of State Mike Pompeo is accusing Cuba of harboring terrorists (like US fugitives from the ’70s) and supporting Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro. But critics say the move is political – designed to undermine the incoming Biden admin’s effort to improve ties with Havana. They also worry it could reduce credibility for the US’s state sponsors of terrorism listing process, which includes only three other countries. A Biden official said the admin will decide what to do based on “national interest.”

- Not the only last-minute move: The announcement comes as the Trump admin says it’s labeling the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen a foreign terrorist organization. And as it lifted a decades-old policy restricting contact between US gov officials and Taiwan.
- Connecting the dots: Both moves raise the temperature on countries the Trump admin has repeatedly put pressure on during his presidency: Iran and China, respectively.
What's talking business...

**Parler.** Yesterday, the conservative-favorite social media platform sued Amazon. Parler’s been under scrutiny for not prohibiting hate speech or disinformation. So Amazon banned it from using its web-hosting services for violating its company rules. Unable to find another host, Parler went dark. And is now arguing the tech giant violated antitrust law, breached its contract, and interfered with its business relations with users. Amazon said there was no merit to the claims, and that Parler was clearly in "violation of our terms of service."

**Twitter.** Yesterday, its shares dropped over 6% as the social media company faces backlash from some lawmakers for its decision to ban @realDonaldTrump. Last week, Twitter was one of a number of companies that started banning or restricting President Trump’s account or those associated with him after the deadly riots on Capitol Hill. But the move is worrying investors about what this could mean for the regulation of social networks. And Twitter’s problems may only get worse. Democrats are taking over the Senate and may be more open to cracking down on Big Tech.

...Oh, and speaking of things experiencing a downfall, Bitcoin is feeling it too.

Who's top of mind in the security space...

**William Burns.** Yesterday, President-elect Joe Biden said he would nominate the former US ambassador as his CIA director. If confirmed, Burns – who’s worked under Republican and Dem admins – would be the first career diplomat to lead the agency. After Trump clashed with the current CIA director, the hope is that having someone who’s close with the next president lead the agency could restore morale.

**Chad Wolf.** Trump’s acting Homeland Security Secretary is the latest admin official to announce he’s leaving early after the Capitol siege last week. The announcement is raising concerns about security in advance of President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration – and about the challenge all these early exits could pose for the Biden transition team.
Who everyone’s talking about...

DeVonta Smith. Yesterday, the Heisman Trophy winner pulled off three touchdowns in the first half to help Alabama take the College Football Playoff National Championship. The 52-24 win over Ohio State came after an undefeated season with one of the best offenses in history. Roll Tide.

...Oh and speaking of football, New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick is sitting out the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

When lasting four seconds can be a good thing...

During exercise.

Skimm Reads
"The Survivors" by Jane Harper

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

It’s not always good to be home. In internationally bestselling author Jane Harper’s new murder mystery, a body washes up on the beach right after Kieran Elliott, his girlfriend, and their baby arrive at the small coastal town where he grew up. The incident stirs up painful memories and threatens to reveal some old secrets. There’s family drama, lots of suspense, and an unforgettable ending. See if you can predict it.
Your phone is pretty much your life these days. So you might want to clean it up. Today's challenge: Reorganize your home screen. Move the apps you don't frequently use — or are trying to use less (hi, Instagram) — into the "App Library." We explain what (and where) that is and more ways to feng shui your screen in our guide. Now get after it, you home screen hero, you.

And take a look at all our past challenges here.

**PS:** *What's the fun in a challenge if there isn't a prize? We've got one for you: Enter here for a chance to join our co-founders Carly and Danielle for a virtual live recording of "Skimm'd from the Couch." They'll be chatting with author Rachel Hollis about reaching your goals and taking care of your mental health.*
Here are our favorite picks to help you take a break today...

1. Newly-launched kicks to help you start 2021 on the right foot. These best-selling, 2020 Skimm Fave sneakers are now available in a high-top style. They’re crazy comfy and 100% vegan. PS: Skimm’rs get 15% off for a limited time. New year, new shoe.*

2. 21 little ways to have a more organized kitchen. For when you’ve had ‘get organized’ on your resolutions list every single year of your adult life. (Relatable). Here’s what can actually help.

3. Beginner cardio workouts you can do from your living room. PSA: jumping jacks are making a comeback. You heard it here first.

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For when lunch was a banana and a mini candy bar...

Kroger can help you do it better. They’ve got meal planning tips, nutrition advice from expert dietitians, and TONS of great recipes. So you can easily find what works for your lifestyle. Go on.*

For when you need a little oomph...

Your lashes say hi. Lift, lengthen, and volumize them with Lancôme's new Lash Idôle mascara. You'll have a feathery soft, clump-free look for a full 24 hours. Plus, Skimm’rs get 20% off with code SKIMM. Get glam again.*

For when you wanna clean up your beauty routine...

We've got some natural beauty tips to try ASAP. In the first episode of our New Year's refresh video series with Good Morning America and Blue Apron, meteorologist Ginger Zee makes DIY lip balm, under-eye masks, and reusable makeup wipes. Glow on.*

For when you always dreamed of getting paid to shop...

A cash-back credit card kinda does that. This personal finance community recommends one that has a $200 bonus offer, charges 0% interest for a year, and lets you pick which spending category you wanna get 3% back on. Learn more.*

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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.

**Strength in numbers.** He works with Adaptively Abled Amputees, a nonprofit whose mission is to support and inspire those living with limb loss or those with a physical disability to adapt, overcome, and lead active and fulfilling lives. Learn more.

**Making changes.** a vitamin D donation drive benefiting The Magdalen House, a nonprofit helping women in the Dallas/Fort Worth area achieve sobriety and sustain recovery from alcoholism at no cost. Learn more.

*(Some) Birthdays...*

*Paging all members of the Skimm. Reach out here for a chance to be featured.*

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- Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.
FBI Warns Of Extremist Actions In DC And State Capitals.

In an "exclusive" report, Yahoo! News (1/11, Dickson, 10.87M) reports, "Federal authorities are warning state and local law enforcement about threats of possible violence by right-wing extremists at a series of protests planned for later this month in Washington and in state capitals, according to an FBI document obtained by Yahoo News." According to Yahoo! News, "The situational information report, produced by the Minneapolis field office of the FBI, is based on information provided by what it describes as 'collaborative sources,' and was issued the week before a mob of Trump supporters violently stormed the U.S. Capitol. It addresses concerns about rallies that the far-right boogaloo movement plans to hold in cities across the country on Jan. 17."

ABC News (1/11, Katersky, Darrough, 2.44M) reports, "Starting this week and running through at least Inauguration Day, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols and at the U.S. Capitol, according to an internal FBI bulletin obtained by ABC News. The FBI "has also received information in recent days on a group calling for 'storming' state, local and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event President Donald Trump is removed from office prior to Inauguration Day. The group is also planning to 'storm' government offices in every state the day President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump. The FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January," the bulletin read. "They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment, a huge uprising will occur."

Law & Crime (1/11, Klasfeld) reports, "The day that Twitter permanently suspended outgoing President Donald Trump's account, the company justified that action in part because of chatter observed on and off their platform of a 'proposed secondary attack' of the U.S. Capitol and its analogues in all 50 states on Jan. 17, three days before Inauguration Day." Law & Crime adds, "Though it is unclear why organizers chose that date, national security reporter Marcy Wheeler noted that the 17th letter of the alphabet is 'Q,' a rallying cry for conspiracy theorists who believe in an apocalyptic war against a shadowy cabal of Democratic pedophiles and Satanists."

The CBS Evening News (1/11, lead story, 4:35, O'Donnell, 4.42M) reported, "The FBI has issued an urgent law enforcement bulletin saying groups are planning armed protests at the US Capitol and at state capitols ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration. The FBI says there are also threats against Mr. Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, along with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi." CBS' Catherine Herridge: "Senior US official tells CBS News there is growing evidence tonight a coordination and premeditation among some protesters as the FBI warns more violence is possible in the days ahead. In a bulletin sent to law enforcement today, the FBI warns extremists are calling for demonstrations, some armed, and storming federal, state, and local courthouses if President Trump is removed from office early. Every FBI office is now focused on preventing a repeat of last week's takeover of the US Capitol."

Pierre Thomas said on ABC World News Tonight (1/11, story 4, 1:35, Muir, 7.64M), "Federal authorities are warning of more potential uprisings. ... Intelligence [is] pointing to an unnamed armed group calling for the 'storming' of government buildings and courthouses if President Trump is removed before January 20. The FBI says the group 'is also planning attacks in DC the day of Biden's inauguration.' District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (D): 'If I'm scared of anything, it's for our democracy, because we have a very extreme faction in our country that are armed and dangerous.' Thomas: 'DC's mayor [is] requesting that all large-scale public events be canceled until at least January 24.'

Pete Williams said on NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 9, 1:40, Holt, 6.27M) that the Secret Service will "begin the period of beefed-up inaugural security six days earlier than planned starting Wednesday. That means a perimeter of no-scale fence around the Capitol, security checkpoints with metal detectors, streets closed down for several blocks, and tens of thousands of police and..."


federal agents ready to respond to violence. ... National Guard troops, too, with the military now considering whether they should be armed. The FBI is warning police nationwide that armed protests are being discussed on social media for every state's capital by week's end, with more violence possible if Congress takes action against President Trump.”

The AP (1/11, Long, Balsamo, Kunzelman) reports the "internal FBI bulletin warned, as of Sunday, that the nationwide protests may start later this week and extend through Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration, according to two law enforcement officials. ... Investigators believe some of the people are members of extremist groups, the officials said." USA Today (1/11, Miller, Bacon, 12.7M) reports "an official with knowledge of a bulletin...said authorities also have been circulating a poster publicizing the events with the words, 'When democracy is destroyed refused to be silenced.' The poster for Jan. 17 calls for 'ARMED MARCH ON CAPITOL HILL & ALL STATE CAPITOLS.'" The Washington Post (1/11, Davies, 10.52M) reports, "Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) held a joint call on Monday to discuss planning for the 59th presidential inauguration and agreed to discourage all in-person attendance in the interest of public safety.”

CNN (1/11, Cohen, Wild, 89.21M) reports, "The FBI is also tracking reports of 'various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the presidential inauguration,' the bulletin states.

'Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.'” CNN adds, "The government, meanwhile, held Continuity of Government Operations - a standard practice in the event that someone tries to disrupt the transition that took on new urgency in light of threats surrounding this year's inauguration. According to a senior administration official, the interagency rehearsal aimed to ensure a seamless chain of command in the event of a national emergency in the days leading up to the inauguration and on that day itself. Monday's rehearsal focused heavily on 'readiness in the event that somebody tries to disrupt or stop the inauguration,' the official said.”

Fox News (1/11, Singman, 23.99M) reports, "In a statement to Fox News, the FBI said that they do not comment on 'specific intelligence products,' but said that 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,' the FBI said. '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.'” The FBI "added: '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.'”

NAC News (1/11, Winter, Blankstein, 4.91M) reports, "The memo includes information provided by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Defense Department; U.S. Park Police; and the U.S. Marshals Service, among other agencies, according to the official. Some of the information came from social media, some from open sources and some from other sources of information.”

The New York Daily News (1/11, Sommerfeldt, 2.51M) reports, "Far-right extremists are calling on Trump supporters to 'storm' the U.S. Capitol again and stage 'armed protests' at state government buildings across the country,” according to the FBI. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/11, 1.46M) says the bulletin "was issued Dec. 29 and reportedly warns state and local law enforcement about possible violence from right-wing extremists. The report was produced by the FBI's Minneapolis field office and based on information provided by what it describes as 'collaborative sources.'” Reuters (1/11, Hosenball), the Wall Street Journal (1/11, Gurman, Volz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), Politico (1/11, 6.73M), and The Hill (1/11, Klar, 5.69M) also report.

HuffPost: House Democrats Briefing On Three Plots Against Lawmakers. HuffPost (1/12, Fuller, 363K) reports, "Capitol Police briefed Democrats on Monday night about three more potentially gruesome demonstrations planned in the coming days, with one plot to encircle the U.S. Capitol and assassinate Democrats and some Republicans.” HuffPost adds, "On a private call Monday night, new leaders of the Capitol Police told House Democrats they were closely
monitoring three separate plans that could pose serious threats to members of Congress as Washington prepares for Democrat Joe Biden’s presidential inauguration on Jan. 20.

**Federal Officials Pursuing At Least 150 Suspects In Capitol Attack.**

The *New York Times* (1/11, Benner, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that law enforcement officials say that the Justice Department and the FBI, "grappling with the fallout from the widespread government failure to protect" the Capitol, "embarked on a nationwide manhunt to track down" those who attacked the building. Officials say that "investigators are pursuing more than 150 suspects for prosecution." However, the Capitol Police allowing most of the rioters to leave "created a major obstacle for federal investigators, who must now fan out and look for them across the country." Additionally, "prosecutors have expressed concerns that the Justice Department is creating a bottleneck by funneling prosecutions through Washington." Meanwhile, analysts are "scouring intelligence to identify any role that domestic terrorist organizations or foreign adversaries may have played in radicalizing Americans who were among the rioters."

WTG-TV Washington (1/11, Watts, 168K) reports, "On Sunday, the FBI said it’s gotten 50,000 tips and the arrests made so far are the ‘tip of the iceberg.’ There are a lot more to come,” said Steven D’Antuono, assistant director in charge of the FBI’s Washington field office.” D’Antuono said investigators are looking for every person in the mob inside the Capitol. When asked about the worst charges a rioter could face, D’Antuono said ‘everything we can possibly look at.’ I know there’s been a lot of information about the Sedition Act out there, that’s probably why you’re asking the question,” said D’Antuono. ‘We are not closing the book on anything.’”

CNET News (1/11, Keane, 3.77M) reports, “The FBI continued its social media call for help in identifying people involved in last Wednesday’s violence on Capitol Hill. A mob stormed the US Capitol as Congress gathered in the building to certify Joe Biden as the next US president, following months of President Donald Trump making baseless claims that the 2020 election was fraudulent. The FBI is seeking to identify individuals instigating violence in Washington, D.C. We are accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting or violence in and around the U.S. Capitol on January 6,’ the bureau posted on Twitter and Facebook on Thursday, with a link to a form on its website. The FBI’s Washington field office and the DC Police Department have since tweeted photos of dozens of suspects.”

CNET News (1/11, Hodge, 3.77M) reports, “The FBI isn’t saying whether it is using facial recognition technology to identify suspects involved in the Capitol attack on Wednesday. Neither are any of the other seven agencies CNET reached out to over the weekend. Even so, facial recognition app Clearview AI has confirmed a spike in searches of its database used by law enforcement. Asked whether the bureau is using either Clearview’s services or its own facial recognition tools, the FBI skirted the question. ‘While the FBI does not comment on investigations, as a matter of course, we will utilize a number of different investigative tools to pursue any lead that will further our investigations,’ the bureau told CNET in an email.”

The Hill (1/11, Pitofsky, 5.69M) reports, "The FBI is seeking public assistance in identifying a demonstrator who carried a Confederate flag at the riot that broke out at the Capitol building last week.” The Hill adds, "The FBI’s Washington Field Office issued the request late Sunday, seeking the public’s assistance in identifying this individual who made unlawful entry into US Capitol on Jan. 6. ‘The man is seen carrying the Confederate flag over his shoulder in several images, in addition to holding the flag in a group of other rioters.”

**FBI Arrests Tennessee Man Reportedly Carrying Zip Ties In Capitol.** Charged With The *Tennessean* (1/11, Alund, 645K) reports, “Social media sleuthing helped the FBI identify Nashvillian Eric Munchel as a man carrying plastic hand restraints in the U.S. Senate during the Capitol riot last week, according to new details released in a federal arrest affidavit Monday.” The Tennessean adds, “According to the affidavit of FBI Special Agent Carlos D Fontanez, Munchel also admitted he was at the riot.” Munchel, 30, “faces charges including knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. Specifically, on or about Jan. 6, Munchel traveled to Washington, D.C., and ‘knowingly and willfully joined and encouraged a crowd of individuals who forcibly entered the U.S. Capitol and impeded, disrupted, and disturbed the orderly conduct of
Florida Man Seen With Pelosi Lectern Released On $25K Bail. The AP (1/11, Anderson) reports from St. Petersburg, Florida, “A Florida man spotted carrying a lectern belonging to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office in a widely circulated photo during the Capitol assault was released Monday on $25,000 bail.” The AP adds, “A federal magistrate judge in Tampa agreed to the release Monday at a brief hearing for Adam Johnson, 36, from the nearby community of Parrish. Johnson was arrested Friday night on charges of government property theft, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and entering a restricted building without lawful authority, according to an arrest warrant. Johnson has not yet entered a plea to the charges, which were filed in Washington. He has to surrender his passport, observe travel restrictions and adhere to a curfew of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.”

USA Today (1/11, Munoz, 12.7M) reports, “He’s charged with one count of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; one count of theft of government property; and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” Johnson “was ordered to surrender all firearms and other dangerous weapons and any travel documents including his passport. His travel will be restricted to the Middle District of Florida and Washington, D.C. - the latter only for court matters. He is also required to submit to substance abuse testing and evaluation as determined appropriate by pretrial services.”

Arizona Man Charged In Capitol Siege. The Arizona Republic (1/11, Ruelas, 1.05M) reports, “The Phoenix man who took part in the stormed of the U.S. Capitol bare-chested and wearing a fur hat with horns faced his first federal court hearing on Monday and was ordered to be held in Phoenix awaiting charges in Washington, D.C.” Jake Angell, 33, “turned himself in at the Phoenix FBI office on Saturday, as he was aware authorities were looking for him. Angell, who had made a habit of making a public spectacle at protests and marches in Phoenix, also attracted attention on Wednesday as a mob of Trump supporters rushed past security at the U.S. Capitol.” Angell “wore his familiar costume of the animal-skin hat topped with horns and had his face painted red, white and blue as he wandered with others through the Capitol building.” Angell “was charged with disorderly conduct, violent entry and illegally being on restricted spaces within the Capitol grounds.”

NYPD Probing Officer’s Possible Involvement In Capitol Riot. The New York Post (1/11, McCarthy, 7.45M) reports, “The NYPD is probing at least one officer who may have attended the deadly riot at the US Capitol last week, Police Commissioner Dermot Shea said Monday. ‘I can tell you that there is one investigation that is active on one member. There is no name yet released because we don’t know yet if it’s true or not, but I can tell you that anyone committing crimes certainly would have a very short shelf life with the NYPD,’ Shea said on NY1.” An NYPD spokesman “confirmed the probe but had no additional information. ‘We are working with the FBI to see if any allegations that a member of the New York City Police Department may have been involved in the events that marred the Capitol last week,’ the spokesman said.”

Fox News (1/11, Pegones, 23.99M) reports, “The FBI is counting on the help from New York City’s police department to investigate an officer’s possible involvement in last week’s violent storming of the U.S. Capitol as new reports claim that D.C. officials were warned about online threats prior to the riots.” Fox News adds, “An NYPD spokesperson told Fox News on Monday that the department is collaborating with the FBI to probe ‘any allegations that a member of the New York City Police Department may have been involved in the events that marred the Capitol last week.’ These investigations come after unnamed officials in the NYPD and the FBI reportedly warned law enforcement in Washington, D.C. that threats were made online and on social media that indicated a possible attack on the U.S. Capitol building.”

Authorities Probing Threatening Facebook Comment Posted During Riot. NJ News (1/11, Shea, 1.47M) reports, “A threat made against U.S. Rep Bonnie Watson Coleman during last week’s violent siege at the U.S. Capitol is under investigation by police, the congresswoman’s office said Monday.” NJ News adds, “The posting was made on the Facebook page of a former Trenton resident and Trump supporter Daryl Brooks, who maintains his account was hacked while he sat on a bus waiting to return from Washington, D.C. that day. The post has since been deleted, but was preserved and posted on Twitter by a Washington journalist, Olivia Nuzzi. ‘I’m
inside the capital now it’s time for the revolution...The showdown is happening now! I’m looking for Bonnie Watson office now!!” the post says."

**DC Police Escort Defendants Charged In Capital Riot After Judge Orders Release.**

The *Washington Post* (1/11, Alexander, 10.52M) reports, "A group of arrestees freed to await trial for allegedly refusing to leave the U.S. Capitol grounds Wednesday evening were released from detention near D.C. police headquarters through a door that funneled them away from media, demonstrators and supporters." The Post adds, "Hours after a mob of hundreds of men and women broke into the Capitol building, groups of people were arrested for violating curfew and refusing to leave the grounds of the building. After spending Wednesday night into Thursday morning in holding cells in the Central Cell Block underneath D.C. police headquarters, the 30 or so individuals had virtual hearings Thursday in front of a D.C. Superior Court judge. The judge ordered the majority to be released from custody, barring them from the District while their cases remain active and assigning June court dates."

**Inauguration Security "Will Be Tight."**

The AP (1/11, Jaffe) reports security for the inauguration "will be tight." *USA Today* (1/11, Brook, 12.7M) reports the Secret Service "expressed confidence Monday in a sprawling plan to secure the presidential inauguration, describing it as a 'zero fail mission.'" The *New York Times* (1/11, 20.6M) reports that the National Guard "plans to deploy up to 15,000 troops to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration." The Times says "six thousand troops from six states have already arrived," and "by this weekend that number is expected to have grown to 10,000." Nikole Killion reported on the *CBS Evening News* (1/11, story 3, 2:00, O'Donnell, 4.42M), "Despite scores of rioters swarming the inaugural platform last week, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are still expected to take the oath of office on the west front of the Capitol." Biden: "I'm not afraid of taking the oath outside."

Reuters (1/11, Hosenball) reports, "In other steps to safeguard the U.S. capital, the National Guard was authorized to send up to 15,000 troops to Washington, and tourists were barred from visiting the Washington Monument until Jan. 24." Reuters adds, "The chief of the National Guard Bureau, General Daniel Hokanson, told reporters he expected about 10,000 troops in Washington by Saturday to help provide security, logistics and communications. He said the number could rise to 15,000 if requested by local authorities." Sen. Chris Murphy, "who said he was sending a letter to the acting secretary of defense on Monday, said it was unclear if the National Guard would be sufficient to protect the nation's capital and that active-duty troops may be needed also."

The Hill (1/11, Beitsch, 5.69M) reports, "The National Park Service has temporarily closed the Washington Monument in response to credible threats to visitors and park resources. The closure, which began Monday, will remain in effect until Jan. 24. 'Groups involved in the January 6, 2021 riots at the US Capitol continue to threaten to disrupt the 59th presidential inauguration on January 20, 2021. This includes the set up and execution of inaugural events, which occur in several park areas. In response, the National Park Service will suspend tours,' the Park Service wrote on its website. 'These temporary closures may be extended if the conditions persist. The National Park Service will reopen areas as it determines that the conditions of concern are no longer present.'"

Congressmen Call On FAA To Limit Chance Of Civil Unrest On Flights. Reuters (1/11, Shepardson) reports House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio and Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), who oversees an aviation subcommittee, wrote to FAA Administrator Steve Dickson urging the agency "to limit the chance that the nation's commercial airline system could be used as a means of mass transportation to Washington, D.C., for further violence in connection with the inauguration" and to "prevent civil unrest from jeopardizing aviation safety and leading to injury or worse during flight." On Saturday, Dickson said he would "pursue strong enforcement action against anyone who endangers the safety of a flight, with penalties ranging from monetary fines to jail time."

The *Washington Post* (1/11, Aratani, 10.52M) reports Dickson "issued a warning to air travelers: Causing a safety risk could mean a jail term or a $35,000 fine." Meanwhile, "major airlines said they are continuing to work with law enforcement agencies after stepping up security following violence at the Capitol." Airport officials in the Washington, DC area say there will be an
increased police presence, and airlines that serve the region are boosting staffing. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority spokeswoman Christina Saul said, “Passengers should expect to see a heightened law enforcement presence from now through the inauguration.” The Transportation Security Administration said the agency will be on “high alert” in the DC region.

USA Today (1/11, Deerwester, 12.7M) reports that Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) has asked the TSA and FBI to place those at the rally on the federal No-Fly List, which is organized by the FBI and enforced at airports by the TSA. Association of Flight Attendants-CWA President Sara Nelson similarly “called for revoking the flight privileges of those involved in the riot as well as in-flight incidents to and from Washington.”

Reuters (1/11) reports several viral videos making the rounds on the Internet purporting to show women being taken off planes due to their affiliation with the rally are “false.” The videos were taken in 2020 and are not related to last week’s events.

States Step Up Security At Capitols. The AP (1/11, Lieb) reports, “State capitals across the nation stepped up security Monday, deploying National Guard units, SWAT teams and extra police officers as several legislatures convened amid heightened safety concerns.” The New York Times (1/11, MacFarquhar, 20.6M) reports, “Dozens of state capitals will be on alert in the coming days, following calls among a mix of antigovernment organizations for actions in all 50 states” on January 17.

The Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) reports, “Officials in many states had already begun taking steps to increase security and plan for additional violence in response to protests last week. On Monday, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D) announced that he was activating the National Guard to provide support for the Capitol Police in Madison.” The Baltimore Sun (1/11, Wood, Campbell, 629K) reports, “The Maryland State Police is preparing for the possibility of violence at the State House in Annapolis next week.” The Boston Globe (1/11, 1.04M) reports, “Federal officials in Boston said Monday they have no evidence that armed demonstrators intend to target the Massachusetts State House or other nearby state capitol in the coming days, even as the FBI warns of the potential of protests nationwide.”

The Denver Post (1/11, Schmelzer, 660K) reports, “The police who guard the Colorado Capitol and its vicinity say they are prepared for protests after the FBI warned of plans for armed demonstrations in all 50 state capitals in the days leading up to President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration, though local law enforcement would not provide details on how they are preparing. Denver police said they are aware of efforts to organize two possible protests in the city over the coming week. ‘Due to the sensitivity and potential safety concerns, we do not identify specific events, groups, organizers, etc. In regards to protests, marches, assemblies,’ Denver police spokesman Jay Casillas said Monday.”

The Detroit Free Press (1/11, Boucher, 2.16M) reports, “Michigan State Police are increasing security measures at the state Capitol immediately, following last week’s attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump and reports of armed marches planned for state capitol buildings in coming days.” The Free Press adds, “Michigan State Police public affairs director Shannon Baner said the agency is aware of online efforts to promote these marches. ‘We continually monitor for security threats and maintain situational awareness of what is happening in Michigan and across the country. Our security planning is fluid and adjustments are made as needed, from day to day. Security enhancements that can be put in place include both seen and unseen measures,’ Baner said in a statement emailed Monday afternoon.”

NJ News (1/11, Nelson, 1.47M) reports that New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy “affirmed residents right to protest but asked people to stay home in the coming days amid concerns of more violence, as states grapple with the fallout of last week’s deadly rampage in the nation’s capital. ‘It isn’t just one building or one community’ officials are protecting, Murphy said Monday during a press conference in Trenton. ‘Any public building, any “soft target” as it were, is something that we’re looking very seriously at.’”

NECN-TV Boston (1/11, 35K) reports, “Massachusetts State Police say they’ve received no specific threats at the State House, or any other public venue in Massachusetts, after the FBI sent an alert to law enforcement agencies warning of calling for ‘peaceful armed protest’ planned at all 50 states’ capitols. Additionally, a representative of the FBI’s Boston office told NBC News on
Monday that there is not in possession of any intelligence indicating any planned, armed protests at the four state capitals in our area of responsibility. (ME, MA, NH, and RI) from January 17-20, 2021. The Boston FBI spokesperson noted, ‘As always, we are in constant communication with our law enforcement partners and will share any actionable intelligence.’

The Sacramento (CA) Bee (1/11, Stanton, 519K) reports, “One federal law enforcement source said Monday that authorities had no specific information about planned activities at California’s state Capitol, where weekly protests have been staged since election day by supporters of President Donald Trump and his false claims that voter fraud cost him the White House,” but “the source, who was not authorized to speak publicly, confirmed to The Sacramento Bee that FBI field offices nationwide have been alerted to the possibility of violence through Inauguration Day and have set up command posts to interact with state and local law enforcement, including the California Highway Patrol, which has jurisdiction over the state Capitol. ‘The CHP is all over this,’ the source said. ‘The bottom line is, certainly law enforcement is all over this and will be prepared.’

The Anchorage (AK) Daily News (1/12, Brooks, 461K) reports from Juneau, Alaska, “Additional Alaska State Troopers and police will be stationed at the Alaska State Capitol after the FBI warned local officials about the possibility of armed protests at state capitols and in Washington, D.C., before President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration. The 32nd Alaska Legislature convenes Jan. 19, and the inauguration is the following day.” On Monday, “the Alaska Capitol’s chief security officer sent an email to all legislators and staff, saying the Capitol’s security officers ‘are in contact (with the) FBI, State Troopers Intel Center, local Troopers, JPD and the Alaska National Guard, and are working to increase Security’s presence at the Capitol.’ He requested that anyone with information about a specific threat contact the security office.”

Michigan Bans Open Carry Of Guns At Statehouse. The AP (1/11, Nichols) reports the Michigan State Capitol Commission has banned the open carry of guns in the Capitol building in Lansing. Moves to ban weapons at the statehouse “have been pushed since April, when protesters opposed to COVID restrictions enacted by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), ‘some armed with long rifles and other weapons, entered the Michigan Capitol demanding to be allowed onto the floor of a legislative chamber that was closed to the public.’ The Detroit Free Press (1/11, Egan, 2.16M) says Michigan "was one of only three states with virtually no firearm regulations or security measures in place for its state Capitol."

The New York Times (1/11, Gray, 20.6M) reports that the commission, "a four-member body that sets rules and approves maintenance and improvement projects for the building, said they didn’t have the authority to set up the infrastructure for a total ban, which would carry a $1 million price tag, including installing metal detectors and working through the logistics of how those devices would delay access to and from the Capitol.”

Democratic Lawmakers Urge FBI Briefing On Capitol Siege. CNN (1/11, Sands, Herb, Carrega, 89.21M) reports, “The US Capitol Police, FBI, Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security have yet to hold a press conference since Wednesday’s incursion into one of America’s most iconic buildings, prompting calls from lawmakers to call briefings for the public and Congress. ‘It has been five days since the most significant attack on a branch of the United States government since British forces set fire to the U.S. Capitol in 1814, and yet the American public has not heard from federal law enforcement authorities,’ Democratic Reps. Joe Neguse of California and Veronica Escobar of Texas said in a letter Monday.” CNN adds, “The two House Judiciary Committee members urged federal law enforcement authorities – including the FBI and Departments of Justice and Homeland Security – to immediately hold a briefing for the public, as well as schedule a briefing for members of Congress, to discuss last Wednesday’s riot at the Capitol.”

NBC News (1/11, 4.91M) reports, “Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee are demanding answers from the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security and the FBI on Wednesday’s riot at the Capitol.” Neguse and Escobar “asked acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf and FBI Director Christopher Wray to hold a news conference and briefing to Congress on the events that transpired. ‘After an attack..."
of this magnitude, it is beyond necessary for the American public – and members of Congress – to be well informed and be provided with the facts,’ the lawmakers added.”

**Two Capitol Police Officers Suspended For Actions During “Insurrection.”**

Tom Costello of *NBC Nightly News* (1/11, story 3, 3:30, Holt, 6.27M) reported that in “a dramatic development, two Capitol Police officers” have been suspended “for their roles in last week’s insurrection. Some officers had been seen taking selfies with rioters or letting them through.” Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH): “I know there were two people suspended. One was the selfie officer and another was an officer who had put a ‘MAGA’ hat on and started directing some people around.” The AP (1/11) reports Ryan “says Capitol Police are looking at everybody involved that could have potentially facilitated the insurrection at a big level or small level in any way.”

The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* (1/11, Eaton, 1.22M) reports, “Ryan said the vast majority of Capitol Police officers bravely defended that Capitol and put their lives on the line to defend Congress members, while its leadership failed to adequately prepare for the incursion where four protestors and one police officer died. He said the resignation of the Capitol Police chief and the House Sergeant at Arms will help reestablish trust in security on Capitol Hill.”

**Sund Says Officials Denied Request For National Guard To Be Placed On Standby.**

The *New York Times* (1/11, Thrush, Cooper, 20.6M) reports that Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund, “who resigned under pressure last week,” indicated in an interview with the Washington Post that he “requested that D.C. National Guard units be placed on standby in case his small force was overwhelmed by violent protesters last Wednesday, but he was rebuffed by House and Senate security officials and a top Pentagon commander.” According to the Times, Sund “said he made the request two days before Wednesday’s riot after reviewing intelligence that indicated the demonstration would be larger and more violent that previously anticipated – and repeated his request as he watched the rioters attacking his officers.” Sund, “a 25-year veteran of Washington’s Metropolitan Police Department, claimed that six calls for backup during the riot were rejected or delayed.”

According to Reuters (1/11), “Sund’s remarks were in contrast with those from officials in other branches of government, who said after Trump’s supporters stormed into the Capitol building last Wednesday that they could have provided more people to secure it – but no one from the Capitol Police asked.” USA Today (1/11, Bacon, 12.7M) also highlights the interview.

The *New York Times* (1/11, Hill, Ray, Kozlowsky, 20.6M) reports on “how a mob dragged and beat police at the Capitol,” and *ABC World News Tonight* (1/11, story 3, 3:15, Muir, 7.32M) had further coverage of the “violent assault.” ABC’s Martha Raddatz said “homicide investigators probing the death of Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick have been looking into reports that he may have been hit with a fire extinguisher.” In an editorial, the *Washington Post* (1/11, 10.52M) says Sicknick and fellow officer Howard Liebengood, who “died by his own hand” several days after the assault, “embodied the spirit of patriotism. Their deaths, said former senator and secretary of state John F. Kerry, are ‘a tragic loss of two patriots who spent their careers protecting the halls of democracy.’”

**Active-Duty Army Special Forces Officer Under Investigation.** USA Today (1/11, Brook, 12.7M) reports “active-duty Army Special Forces officer” Capt. Emily Rainey “is under investigation for her presence at the Capitol during the riot there on Jan. 6, according to an Army spokesman.” The Army is investigating Rainey’s “presence at the Capitol and what she did there, said Maj. Dan Lessard, spokesperson for 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. It is unclear if she violated any laws, he said.”

**Maryland Police Officer Suspended Amid Probe Of Possible Siege Involvement.**

The *Washington Post* (1/11, Wiggins, 10.52M) reports, “The Anne Arundel County, Md., police department has suspended an officer with pay as the agency works with federal authorities to determine what involvement the officer may have had in the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday.” The department “said its Office of Professional Standards is reviewing whether the officer, whose name was not released, violated any agency policies or broke any laws.” The Post adds, “A number of police departments across the country have launched investigations into alleged involvement of their officers in storming past Capitol Police officers and unlawfully entering...
the building. The Anne Arundel County officer is believed to be the first officer in Maryland who has been suspended while being investigated in connection with a deadly riot.

**NYPD Provided DC With Intelligence On Potential Trouble.**

*Newsday (NY) (1/11, DeStefano, O'Keeffe, 776K)* reports, "The New York City Police Department gave Washington law enforcement officials raw intelligence from internet chat rooms that potential trouble was brewing in the days before a mob of President Donald Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol building last week, senior law enforcement officials said Monday." Newsday adds, "The information gleaned by the NYPD was sent as a matter of course to U.S. Capitol Police officials and didn't contain any specific threats of people planning to storm the building, said one of the officials, who requested anonymity. According to another official who requested anonymity, the NYPD material didn't contain any 'shocking intelligence' and was material gleaned from rhetoric internet forums and chat rooms used by Right Wing groups and others. 'At no time did the NYPD determine that thousands of people were to storm the Capitol,' the official explained."

**PROTESTS**

**Oregon Man Charged With Shooting At Portland Federal Courthouse.**

The *Oregonian* (1/11, Bernstein, 1.02M) reports that a Beavercreek, Oregon man "is accused of jumping the security fence outside the federal courthouse Friday night and firing a 9mm handgun into plywood covering the facade just days after his arrest outside the state Capitol for allegedly trespassing with a gun." Cody Levi Melby, 39, "pleaded not guilty Monday afternoon in federal court in Portland to a misdemeanor charge accusing him of depredation of government property." Melby, "a U.S. Army veteran, last week posted a YouTube video of himself standing outside the Oregon Capitol in Salem" and "decried how the 'entire election process was subverted' and how the government's mandate to wear masks and close businesses as a result of the coronavirus had 'wreaked havoc and devastation around our republic.' In Portland, two courthouse security officers arrested Melby about 7:30 p.m. Friday."

**COUNTER-TERRORISM**

**Federal Agents Disposed Of Pipe Bombs During Capitol Hill Siege.**

The *AP* (1/11) reports that FBI and ATF agents "were called to the Republican National Committee's office after a pipe bomb was found outside" last Wednesday. Agents later identified a second device near the Democratic National Committee's office, and they "were very similar, and both were about a foot long with end caps and wiring that appeared to be attached to a timer."

**Explosive-Building Materials Found In California Home.**

The *Stockton (CA) Record* (1/11, 85K) reports that the FBI and the San Joaquin Explosive Ordnance Disposal team searched Monday the home of James Towles, who was found to be transporting an item "resembling a small explosive" after a car accident on Sunday. The agents found materials "used to build explosives," and Towles "was booked into the San Joaquin County Jail on multiple charges: possession of explosives, felony hit and run with injury, possession of cocaine, and possession of an illegal weapon."

*KOVR-TV Sacramento, CA (1/11, 46K)* reports Towles is also "suspected of throwing an explosive device at a church at Alpine and Delaware avenues following an argument between two groups of people at a church event."

Also reporting are *KTXL-TV Sacramento, CA (1/11, 79K)* and *KCRA-TV Sacramento (CA)* Sacramento, CA (1/11, Staff, 253K).

**Continuing Coverage: FBI Investigating Tennessee Bombing.**

with an RV containing unidentified explosives about 6:30 a.m. on Second Avenue North outside an
AT&T switch facility.” The FBI is supporting the investigation.

**Terror Designation For Yemen Rebels Sparks Concern Over Humanitarian Impact.**

The AP (1/11, Michael) reports the Trump Administration’s “decision to designate Yemen’s Iranian-
backed rebels as a terror organization sparked confusion in aid agencies and warnings from the
United Nations and senior Republicans on Monday that it could have a devastating humanitarian
impact on a conflict-wracked nation facing the risk of famine.” The designation is to take effect the
day before Joe Biden takes office, and “several aid groups pleaded for Biden to immediately
reverse the designation.”

The Hill (1/11, Kelly, 5.69M) says lawmakers from both parties “are pushing back” on the
decision, “criticizing the move as having a disastrous impact on delivering lifesaving assistance to
people suffering under the worst humanitarian crisis ever.” The New York Times (1/11, Jakes,
Hubbard, 20.6M) reports that while Secretary of State Pompeo said officials were “planning to put
in place measures” to ensure the aid continues, it “failed to assure a number of lawmakers,
diplomats and aid groups who accused the administration of rushing to issue the policy before
President Trump leaves office next week, and said clear-cut legal protections should have been
enacted in tandem with the terrorism designation to prevent another barrier to assisting one of the
world’s poorest states.”

**Sources: Pompeo To Accuse Iran Of Al Qaeda Links In Tuesday Speech.**

Reuters (1/11, Pamuk, Spetnlick) reports that Secretary of State Pompeo “plans to use newly
declassified U.S. intelligence on Tuesday to publicly accuse Iran of ties to al Qaeda, two people
familiar with the matter said.” In a speech to the National Press Club, he is “expected to offer
details on allegations that Iran has given safe haven to al Qaeda leaders and support for the
group, the sources said, despite some skepticism within the intelligence community and
Congress.” The Secretary of State “has accused Iran of links to al Qaeda in the past but has not
provided concrete evidence.” President-elect Joe Biden’s advisers “believe the Trump
administration is trying to make it harder for him to re-engage with Iran and seek to rejoin an
international deal on Iran’s nuclear program.”

**Libyan Gets Life Sentence For 2020 England Stabbing Spree.**

Reuters (1/11) reports, “A man who fought for a Islamist militant group as a teenager in Libya was
jailed for the rest of his life on Monday” for a stabbing spree in June 2020. The Libyan, Khalri
Saadallah, stabbed “three men and attacked others in the park in the southern English town of
Reading on a balmy summer evening on June 20.” Saadallah “later told police that what he had
done was ‘Jihad’ and he would go to paradise as a result, Judge Nigel Sweeney said.” After
pleading guilty, his defense team argued “he was suffering from a mental disorder,” but “the judge
rejected this and said he had made rude attempts to portray himself as ‘mad’ in police
interviews.” Also reporting is the AP (1/11, Lawless).

**Trump Re-Designates Cuba As A State Sponsor Of Terrorism.**

Reuters (1/11, Spetnlick) reports the Trump Administration announced Monday that “it was
returning Cuba to the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism, a move that could complicate any
efforts by the incoming Biden administration to revive Obama-era detente with Havana.”
Secretary of State Pompeo said Cuba was being returned to the list for “repeatedly providing
support for acts of international terrorism” by sheltering US fugitives and Colombian rebel leaders.
Pompeo said in a statement, “With this action, we will once again hold Cuba’s government
accountable and send a clear message: the Castro regime must end its support for international
terrorism and subversion of U.S. justice.” The AP (1/11, Goodman) says the action was “one of
several last-minute foreign policy moves that the Trump administration is making before Biden
takes office Jan. 20.”

The Washington Post (1/11, Hudson, Faiola, DeYoung, 10.52M) the move “reverses a
signature policy move of the Obama administration,” and the New York Times (1/11, Crowley,
Augustin, Semple, 20.6M) says the "last-minute foreign policy stroke...will complicate the incoming Biden administration's plans to restore friendlier relations with Havana."

The Miami Herald (1/11, Gómez Torres, Wilner, 647K) reports a Biden transition team official "said the incoming administration" has "taken note of these last minute maneuvers." The official said, "The transition team is reviewing each one, and the incoming administration will render a verdict based exclusively on one criterion: the national interest."

The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Gordon, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) quotes Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, saying, "It is essential that the State Sponsor of Terrorism list be used judiciously to maintain its seriousness and integrity, and that a country is never added to the list unless it meets the legal standard... I urge President-elect Biden to add the reversal of today's foreign-policy failure to his long 'to do' list when he takes office."

CNN (1/11, Picheta, Hansler, 89.21M) reports that Pompeo accused Cuba "of reneging on its commitments made when President Barack Obama took them off the list of state sponsors of terrorism in 2015." The Caribbean nation "rejoins just three other countries on the list of state sponsors of terrorism - Iran, North Korea and Syria." Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla tweeted Monday, "We condemn the hypocritical and cynical designation of #Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism, announced by the US. The political opportunism of this action is recognized by all who have an honest concern about the scourge of terrorism and its victims."

Also reporting is The Hill (1/11, Conradi, 5.69M).

**Opinion: Biden Must Succeed Where Obama Failed In Closing Gitmo.**

Mohamedou Ould Salahi, a human rights activist former Guantanamo Bay detainee who was "never charged with any crime" writes in an op-ed in Newsweek (1/11, 2.67M) that President-elect Biden will have "another chance to repair the terrible error Guantanamo represents." Because the Obama Administration "tried but failed to close Guantanamo, President Biden will carry a special burden of that error into office."

**COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE**

**Treasury Sanctions Ukrainian Lawmakers, Former Officials For Amplifying Biden Allegations.**

The AP (1/11, Tucker) reports that on Monday, the Trump Administration "sanctioned more than a half-dozen associates of a Ukrainian lawmaker accused by U.S. officials of interfering in the 2020 presidential election by releasing edited audio recordings of President-elect Joe Biden." The AP says the Treasury Department "already had imposed sanctions on Andrii Derkach, whom U.S. officials have characterized as an 'active Russian agent,' who is accused of having been "part of a broader Russian effort to disparage Biden before the election by promoting false claims about his ties to Ukraine." According to the AP, that "effort included meetings between Derkach and President Donald Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, who himself has long pushed unsubstantiated allegations about Biden."

Reuters (1/11, Psaledakis, Satter, Hosenball) quotes Treasury Secretary Mnuchin as saying, "Russian disinformation campaigns targeting American citizens are a threat to our democracy." According to Reuters, Derkach "has been a key figure in promoting unsubstantiated allegations that Hunter Biden improperly used his influence with his father - vice president at the time - to help Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company on whose board he sat, and that Joe Biden improperly pressured Ukraine to fire a top prosecutor who had investigated the firm." Reuters adds, "Some of the individuals blacklisted on Monday, notably former Ukrainian government officials Andrii Telizhenko and Konstantin Kulyk, were reported in news media accounts to be sources for Giuliani, who traveled to Ukraine to try to prod officials there to investigate the Bidens."

CNBC (1/11, Macias, 7.34M) reports that in September, Treasury "imposed sanctions on Derkach, describing him as an 'active Russian agent for over a decade' with close connections to Russian intelligence services." CNBC also reports that, according to the Treasury Department,
Kulyk, "a former prosecutor for the Ukrainian government, worked with Derkach to spread false accusations of international corruption," and Telizhenko, "a former Ukrainian diplomat, orchestrated meetings between Derkach and U.S. individuals to discuss how to propagate false claims."

The New York Times (1/11, Vogel, Verma, 20.6M) reports that the Treasury Department accused the Ukrainians of helping Derkach "spread misleading and unsubstantiated allegations that current and former U.S. officials engaged in corruption, money laundering and unlawful political influence in Ukraine." The agency has taken steps "over the past few years to punish people and groups that it accused of involvement in Russia-linked election interference, even as Mr. Trump, an intended beneficiary of the interference, has continued to downplay Russia's role."

The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Tailey, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the IC warned President Trump that Russia was trying to undermine Biden's candidacy. Democratic lawmakers have criticized the Administration, in rejecting those intelligence findings, for "pulling its punches" against Russia. The Treasury Department argues it has sanctioned more Russians under Trump than previous administrations. The Washington Post (1/11, Nakashima, Stern, 10.52M) similarly reports that after "Giuliani met with Derkach in Kyiv in December 2019," the IC "warned the White House that Giuliani was the target of a Russian influence operation." Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) commented, "By imposing sanctions on Telizhenko, the Trump administration confirms that Senate Republicans’ year-long investigation was based on Russian disinformation."

The Washington Times (1/11, Meier, 626K) reports, "U.S. intelligence officials have testified that Russia attempted to interfere in the 2020 election, along with China and Iran. " FBI Director Christopher Wray "singled out Russia as 'very active' in trying to influence the election and 'denigrate' President-elect Joseph R. Biden." Former DHS Secretary Wolf "also told a congressional panel in September that attempts to influence the U.S. election run well beyond Russia, with China and Iran also deeply involved."

Also reporting are CNN (1/11, Hansler, Gaouette, Cohen, 89.21M), The Hill (1/11, Kelly, 5.69M), Politico (1/11, Forgey, 6.73M), and the Daily Beast (1/11, Hines, 933K).

**Dominion Lawsuit Seeking Damages From Trump Lawyer Could Lead To More Like It.**

The Washington Post (1/11, Riley, 10.52M) reports that Dominion Voting System's lawsuit seeking more than $1.3 billion in damages from pro-Trump lawyer Sidney Powell "could be just the first domino in a chain of lawsuits against Trump allies." In the "unprecedented lawsuit," the company is suing Powell for having "caused significant damage to its reputation and value by spreading unfounded conspiracy theories about it." It is "seeking an injunction to remove all of Powell's statements determined to be false and defamatory." The company's lawyer, Tom Clare, "told reporters last week the lawsuit against Powell ‘is just the first in a series of legal steps.’" R Street Foundation resident senior fellow Paul Rosenzweig said, "The Powell suit is a trial run." Rosenzweig added, "She obviously does not have $1.3 billion dollars. But there are other people, like for example the Trump campaign, who have a lot more money."

**Biden Taps Burns For CIA Director.**

The AP (1/11) reports President-elect Biden has selected William Burns, "a well-known figure in diplomatic circles around the world," to head the CIA - a choice that is "likely to be embraced by the rank and file at the nation's premier spy agency." Burns "had a 33-year career at the State Department under both Republican and Democratic presidents," and "rose through the ranks of the diplomatic corps to become deputy secretary of state before retiring in 2014 to run the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace."

The New York Times (1/11, Barnes, Verma, 20.6M) says Burns "has worked with C.I.A. officers throughout his career, though his experience is as a consumer of intelligence, not as a producer." However, according to the Times, "former agency officials have asserted that the most important quality in a director is not expertise in intelligence, but a relationship with the president and his top national security team, which Mr. Burns has." Fox News (1/11, Blitzer, 23.99M) reports that Biden said in a statement that Burns "shares my profound belief that intelligence must be apolitical and that the dedicated intelligence professionals serving our nation deserve our gratitude.
and respect. Ambassador Burns will bring the knowledge, judgment, and perspective we need to prevent and confront threats before they can reach our shores."

Foreign Policy (1/11, Detsch, Mackinon, Gramer, 323K) says that Biden’s selection of Burns "signals an appetite to break with darker aspects of the CIA’s recent history." USA Today (1/11, Brown, 12.7M) reports that Biden "selected Burns over a field of career intelligence officials, several of whom had come under scrutiny from some Democrats for their involvement in controversial espionage and torture programs previously in their careers."

Reuters (1/11, Hunnicutt, Heavey) reports that it was Burns who "led secret talks that paved the way to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal." Reuters says "the Biden administration would be keen to revive the nuclear deal abandoned by" President Trump.

The Los Angeles Times (1/11, Wilkinson, 3.37M) says Burns is a "surprise pick but one likely to win broad approval within and outside the embattled spy agency." Similarly, the AP (1/11, Lee) says that Burns "is perhaps an unconventional choice for the CIA job that many thought would go to a career intelligence officer." However, "he is also deeply experienced in the kind of cloak-and-dagger secret contacts that is a hallmark of the agency and won plaudits for his analysis and reporting abilities while he served as an American diplomat overseas." CNN (1/11, Zeleny, 89.21M) reports that Biden "was drawn to Burns because of his diplomatic experience and his perceived ability to restore credibility to the intelligence agency in the post-Trump era, people familiar with the matter said, along with his expertise on Russia."

The move was generally well received. For example, The Hill (1/11, Carney, 5.69M) reports that Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) called Burns an "outstanding choice," adding, "He is a well-known, seasoned diplomat and respected figure in the intelligence community. Like outgoing Director Haspel, Burns will be a steady hand at the helm of the CIA. I look forward to supporting his nomination."

NBC News (1/11, Dilanian, Mitchell, 4.91M) reports that Burns’ selection "is drawing praise from veterans of the spy agency, who say the CIA will benefit from his deep foreign policy experience and his long relationship with Biden." For example, former CIA Director Michael Hayden said Burns "is a wonderful choice," while former CIA Director John Brennan also praised him.

The Hill (1/11, Chalfant, 5.69M) says that Burns "would take over at a low point in the relationship between the intelligence community and political leadership. President Trump publicly criticized and in some cases dismissed intelligence personnel for showing independence and has been widely criticized for politicizing the intelligence community."

The Washington Post (1/11, Harris, 10.52M) reports that as CIA director, Burns would not be a member of the Cabinet, and Biden intends for DNI-designate Avril Haines "to serve as the premier intelligence official in his administration. ... On paper, the DNI has long been the leader of the intelligence community, but in practice, it is the CIA director that wields the most influence and controls the most sensitive operations."

In its coverage, NPR (1/11, Chappell, Myre, 3.69M) adds at the end that Biden "is expected to keep in place the directors of the FBI, Christopher Wray, and the National Security Agency, Army Gen. Paul Nakasone."

National Review (1/11, Bernstein, 798K) also reports on the selection, as does Newsweek (1/11, Brennan, 2.67M), NBC News (1/11, Smith, 4.91M), and others.

More Commentary. David Ignatius writes in his column for the Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) that Burns "is an insider player — brainy, reserved, collegial — and loyal to his superiors, sometimes to a fault, as he conceded in his 2019 memoir." Looking at Haspel’s tenure, Ignatius says she “has kept an unusually low profile, disdaining media interviews and trying to avoid clashes with the volcanic Trump. Foreign intelligence chiefs came to see Haspel’s continued tenure as a key indicator that the United States was still a reliable secret partner, despite Trump’s machinations.”

Tom Rogan, in a piece for the Washington Examiner (1/11, 888K), praises the selection and says that it suggests several of Biden’s “aspirations” for the CIA. First, Rogan writes, he “wants an easy Senate confirmation process.” Second, it suggests “that Biden is leaning toward using the CIA more in its core espionage role of an intelligence collector and appraiser, rather than as a coercive...
Fir Weiner writes for the Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) that Burns' selection means Biden intends for American intelligence to serve American diplomacy in a way unseen since the Dulles brothers led those forces in the 1950s. That's an urgent and monumental mission.

**Small DOD IT Staff Sprinted To Allow 1 Million People To Work From Home.**

C4ISR & Networks (1/11, Eversden) reports that on March 19, 2020, "COVID-19 cases in the U.S. had soared 40 percent in 24 hours," and a "few days earlier, the Department of Defense began sending employees home." The outlet says the "race to set up telework for the largest employer in the U.S. – and likely the world – included increasing circuits, upgrading infrastructure, expanding virtual private networks and drastically boosting bandwidth." However, DOD "needed a collaboration platform so employees' work could continue uninterrupted." They created the Commercial Virtual Remote Environment (CVRE) platform "with Microsoft Teams collaboration tools and other Office 365 products that gave employees new telework tools such as chat, video conferencing and document sharing." The seven-member IT staff "sprinted to enable more than 1 million employees to work remotely at once, up from 95,000 on an average day before the pandemic."

**November DOD Memo Announced Changes For Special-operations Units.**

Business Insider (1/11, Atlamazoglou, 2.74M) reports that DOD has announced a decision to "turn the Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office into the Irregular Warfare Technical Support Directorate and to release the irregular-warfare annex to the National Defense Strategy." The directorate's creation was announced in November, elevating "the Pentagon's civilian official overseeing special operations to the same level as a military service chief." The change came as DOD tries to counter Russia and China in a race "for geopolitical influence, economic advantages, and resources," and "irregular warfare is the ideal strategy against the U.S." Irregular warfare "can take place in the gray zone between competition that's below the level of armed conflict and a war that's formally declared." It can also "affect all traditional and non-traditional realms of geopolitical struggle, such as the economic, diplomatic, military, intelligence, law enforcement, and cyber domains."

**EU Commissioner: Storming Of US Capitol To Usher In Tougher Social Media Regulation.**

Reuters (1/11) reports, "The storming of the U.S. Capitol will herald an era of tougher social media regulation, European Union Commissioner Thierry Breton said." Breton said, "Just as 9/11 marked a paradigm shift for global security, 20 years later we are witnessing a before-and-after in the role of digital platforms in our democracy." Breton added, "If there was anyone out there who still doubted that online platforms have become systemic actors in our societies and democracies, last week's events on Capitol Hill." However, Hungary "criticized Twitter for interfering with official accounts after suspending the Budapest government's account in September."

**Swedish Court Sentences Two To Prison For Assaulting Critic Of Chechen Leader.**

The AP (1/11) reports, "A Swedish court on Monday sentenced a man and a woman to 10 years and eight years in prison respectively for attempted murder and accessory to attempted murder in the assault of "a blogger and critic of Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov" in February. The court said the assault was planned and added that 'the victim and the perpetrator had no relationship to each other.'" The critic, Tumso Abdurachmanov, "was assaulted with a hammer by a man who told the Chechen he came from Moscow, the Swedish news agency TT said." Swedish Security Police's counterintelligence unit "said in 'the last five years, other countries' activities and operations on Sweden have intensified.'"

**Opinion: Assange Should Be Released And New Protections For Journalism Should Be Established.**

In an op-ed in NBC News' (1/11, 4.91M) "THINK" newsletter, Jameel Jaffer, inaugural director of
the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, writes that Julian Assange should be released from prison. Jaffer argues the US “should be establishing new protections for journalism, not subjecting it to new constraints.” A recent decision to protect Assange “leaves journalists and publishers at the mercy of prosecutors.”

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Three Puerto Rican Police Officers Killed Following Traffic Stop.
The AP (1/11) reports that three unidentified Puerto Rican police officers “were killed Monday in Puerto Rico’s capital during a routine traffic stop.” Two officers “were shot and the third was run over.” The FBI “told AP that the agency was collaborating with local police but had no plans at present to take jurisdiction of the case.”

FBI Investigating Tennessee Police Officer Suspected Of Murder.
WMC-TV Memphis, TN (1/11, Luther, 31K) reports Memphis Police Director Mike Rallings “says he’s consulting with the FBI to make sure that former Memphis Police Officer Patric Ferguson who worked at the Tillman station, is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.” Ferguson “is accused of kidnapping [Robert] Howard from a Frayser neighborhood, forcing him into the back of his police car while armed with a personal handgun.”

FBI Investigating Maryland Cold Case.
WBAL-TV Baltimore (1/11, Ward, 219K) reports that the FBI is supporting Maryland’s renewed investigation into the death of Charles Carroll, who was found dead of bullet wounds on July 28, 2016. The FBI is offering a $17,000 reward for information.

Texas Man Sentenced Over Sex Trafficking.
KPRC-TV Houston (1/11, Napoli, 562K) reports David Mearis, who “was charged with five separate counts of sex trafficking,” has “been sentenced to life in prison and ordered to pay nearly $1 million in restitution.” Officials “said the evidence heard in court spanned from 2007 through 2016, and four of his victims testified saying he ‘won them over with gifts and kindness before using threats, sexual abuse and physical force to compel them into prostitution.’” A special agent “called Mearis a ‘career pimp’ and said he even ‘stooped to a new kind of low by taking advantage of one of the girls who had a learning disability and the mental capacity of a child.’”

Continuing Coverage: FBI Raids Offices Of Tennessee State Legislators.
The Columbia (TN) Daily Herald (1/11, 15K) reports that the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Tennessee “confirmed that the home of [Representative Todd] Warner was visited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation” as part of their raids on Monday.

Police Successfully Locate Missing Michigan Toddler.
The Southgate (MI) News-Herald (1/11, 37K) reports Justice Lance Kelly, who the Michigan State Police began searching for last Thursday, “has been safely returned to his mother.” Gibraltar Police Chief Matthew Lawyer “said the toddler was reunited with his mother late Friday night.” The FBI supported the search.

California Man Charged With Abduction In Illinois.
WGEL-FM Greenville, IL (1/11) reports Bond County States Attorney Dora Mann “issued a warrant for 42 year old Chandler E. Saso, of Marysville, California for alleged abduction” last Friday. He was located with missing 15 year old Andrea E. Foster on Friday evening through a joint search involving the FBI and the US Marshals Service.

FBI Task Force Investigating Ohio Gangs.
WEWS-TV Cleveland (1/11) reports Assistant Special Agent in Charge Cleveland FBI Todd Krajeck
announced an expansion of the FBI Safe Streets Gang Task Force to include Cleveland gang investigations. FBI, Ohio State Highway Patrol and Cleveland Police “are among those joining forces and resources to focus on gangs.”

**FBI Supporting Anti-Trafficking Investigation In Nebraska.**

KNOP-TV North Platte, NE (1/11) reports about its interview with FBI Supervisory Special Agent John Hallock, who discussed the federal government’s efforts to combat human trafficking.

**Illinois House Speaker Suspends Retention Campaign.**

The AP (1/11) reports that Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan “is suspending” his campaign for retention of the leadership post. Madigan (D), 78, of Chicago, “issued a statement Monday that began, ‘This is not a withdrawal,’ but ‘he directed House Democrats to work toward finding a replacement.’ Madigan “has lost support among House members since he was implicated in a federal bribery investigation involving utility ComEd. Madigan has not been charged with a crime and has denied wrongdoing,” but “in a caucus vote Sunday, his support fell short of the 60 votes needed for his retention.”

The Chicago Daily Herald (1/11, Pyke, 360K) reports, “The seismic move comes as other Democrats are seeking to oust the Chicago lawmaker after he was connected with an FBI political corruption probe.” The Daily Herald adds, “The scandal linked to Madigan broke July 17, 2020, when utility giant ComEd admitted to bribery and colluding with a state official, identified as the speaker, to get laws enabling rate hikes passed in exchange for hiring and awarding contracts to Madigan cronies, the U.S. attorney’s office for the Northern District of Illinois said.”

The Chicago Tribune (1/11, Petrella, Pearson, Munks, 2.03M) reports, “The move was politically calculated, an aide privately acknowledged, as Madigan plays a waiting game. The state has several important issues to resolve, and the new House that gets sworn in Wednesday can’t tackle any of them until a speaker is elected. The longer that process drags on, the greater the pressure on anti-Madigan lawmakers to compromise – which could allow the speaker, a politician known for brokering deals, to recapture the gavel.” The Tribune adds, “The move amounts to a dare by Madigan to any of the other 72 House Democrats to try to cobble together a coalition to oust him, a tall task given the breadth of diversity of the caucus. It’ll take 60 votes to elect a House speaker, and Madigan had 51 during a closed-door vote on Sunday, with the next-closest contender, Rep. Ann Williams of Chicago, getting 18 votes.”

In a piece for the Chicago Sun-Times (1/11, 970K), Mark Brown writes, “Word that Madigan was abandoning his campaign for another term as presiding officer swept across the state Monday morning like a prairie fire whipped by gale force winds,” except “that when the official statement released by Madigan’s office followed minutes later, that’s not quite what he said.” Brown adds, “As is his nature, Madigan left matters ambiguous by announcing he was suspending his candidacy for another term as speaker and inviting his fellow Democrats to ‘find someone, other than me’ to put together the necessary 60 votes, while pointedly prefacing it by saying: ‘This is not a withdrawal.’ Lawmakers were left to supply their own interpretation of the speaker’s words, hardly a first time for any of them. My interpretation? If House Democrats figure out how hard it is to put together a 60-vote majority and give up, they’re welcome to come crawling back to Madigan.”

WSJ welcomes Madigan’s political downfall. A Wall Street Journal (1/11, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) editorial says Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan (D) said Monday he will suspend his efforts to gather the 60 votes he needs for another term as speaker after he won only 51 in a Democratic caucus on Sunday. The Journal places much of the blame for the state of politics in Illinois and the condition of its finances on Madigan, and argues that while his political downfall alone will not save the state, it would be a step in the right direction.

**US Charges Former Florida Health Executive With Bribery, Extortion, Money Laundering.**

WPLG-TV Miami (1/11, Selig, 271K) reports from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, “A former Broward
Health purchasing director was in federal court Friday and stands accused of giving lucrative government contracts to vendors in exchange for bribes, prosecutors say. Brian Bravo, 46, is also accused of directing bribe money to various bank accounts in an attempt to conceal the crimes. Bravo, of Pembroke Pines, worked as the hospital system’s corporate procurement officer and director of materials management for about a decade, and from 2008-2015, investigators say Bravo engaged in a kickback scheme with vendors that provided products and services to Broward Health, including health care products, linens, compression sleeves, and printer repairs. During that time, two of the vendors and a consultant for two other vendors made illegal kickback payments totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars to Bravo in order to secure tens of millions of dollars of business from Broward Health.

Florida Man Accused Of Fraudulently Obtaining $420K In PPP Loans.

Fox News (1/11, Genovese, 23.99M) reports that prosecutors have filed a criminal complaint against a nurse in Florida who allegedly "fraudulently obtained and laundered $420,000 in coronavirus relief funds." According to the complaint, "Giraldo Caraballo received a loan from the Paycheck Protection Program on behalf of his company, Professional Skills Inc., after lying on his application." When Caraballo "applied for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan in June," he "claimed that the company had four employees and that the company’s gross revenue between February 2019 and January 2020 was about $180,000," but only "six days later, he applied for a Paycheck Protection Program and reported having 28 employees and an average monthly payroll of $168,000, which prosecutors say is untrue."

The Miami Herald (1/11, Neal, 647K) reports Caraballo "was arrested Friday after federal prosecutors charged him with fraud in obtaining COVID-19 relief loans, then using them to pay for his Mercedes-Benz SUV and child support, among other expenses." After receiving "$474,900 in loans, prosecutors say Giraldo Caraballo didn’t pay his employees at Professional Skills," as the company "has no employees and no payroll expenses, despite what he claimed in his applications." Last June, "the Small Business Administration put $50,900 into Professional Skills’ account and Caraballo applied for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan." In the application, "he claimed Professional Skills grossed $168,000 a month and had 28 employees, so needed $420,000 for payroll." The Herald adds, "The complaint says Caraballo received that $420,000 as well as, a week later, another $4,000 on the EIDL loan."

The Daily Caller (1/11, Devlin, 375K) also reports.

Emails Show Former Ohio Utility Regulator Was Involved With Writing Tainted Nuclear Bill.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/11, Tobias, 1.22M) reports from Columbus, Ohio, "While serving as Ohio’s top utilities regulator, former Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Chairman Sam Randazzo worked to amend a controversial nuclear bailout bill to hurt renewable energy projects while helping a former client that had just lost a major court case, recently released emails show." The Plain Dealer adds, "Records released by the Ohio House last month show Randazzo in emails to House staff suggested wording revisions to an early version of House Bill 6, which now is at the center of a federal corruption probe, along with other minor later changes to the bill language," but "they also show Randazzo helped develop new language for the bill to make it harder for wind energy projects to get exceptions to ‘setback’ rules requiring a certain amount of distance between windmills and adjoining properties."

Ohio Regulators Order Pause To Nuclear Bailout Fees. The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/11, Tobias, 1.22M) reports from Columbus, Ohio, "State regulators have ordered a pause on the $1.70 million in annual new fees created through the controversial House Bill 6, following a judge’s recent ruling in a lawsuit brought by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and officials in Cincinnati and Columbus.” The Ohio Air Quality Development Authority “will formally suspend the charges, $150 million of which would bail out two financially troubled Ohio nuclear plants owned by a former FirstEnergy subsidiary, during a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, the agency’s executive director wrote in a recent letter to officials with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,” which "on Dec. 30 acted to prevent the new fee from going into effect while the legal challenge continues."
Both agencies cited a Dec. 21 ruling from a Franklin County judge who, ruling on the lawsuit from Yost and two Ohio cities, ordered the fees be blocked from going into effect.

**About 300 Businesses Received PPP Loans Of $99 Or Less.**

The *New York Times* (1/11, Cowley, 20.6M) reports while the average recipient received just over $100,000 from the Paycheck Protection Program, "roughly 300 businesses...received loans of $99 or less." The Times cites several examples of businesses that received the "tiny sums," and says they were "equally frustrating for the banks and other lenders that made the government-backed loans. For each, they were paid 5 percent of the value - meaning they collected just pennies on the smallest loans, far less than they cost to make." The Times adds that the "profusion of minuscule loans is yet another illustration of how the relief program's hastily constructed rules sometimes led to absurd outcomes."

*After Stimulus Payments, Fewer Than Four In Ten Americans Could Afford A $1,000 Emergency Expense.*  *USA Today* (1/11, 12.7M) reports that according to Bankrate.com, "fewer than four in 10 Americans could handle an unexpected $1,000 expense such as a medical bill or car repair," even "after the federal government has seeded the economy with trillions in stimulus funding, ranging from stimulus payments to extra unemployment aid." The number of Americans "who could handle an unexpected $1,000 expense is slightly down from the year before - 39% in the most recent survey compared with 41% a year earlier, the survey of more than 1,000 people in mid-December found."

**Pilgrim's Pride Reaches Deal To Settle Some Price-Fixing Allegations.**

The *Wall Street Journal* (1/11, Bunge, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports chicken producer Pilgrim's Pride Corp. has reached a $75 million agreement with a group of poultry buyers to settle allegations of price-fixing. The proposed civil settlement would be the largest to date in the four-year battle over collusion among chicken companies. Pilgrim's said other lawsuits filed by major supermarket and restaurant chains are ongoing. The Journal also reports that the Justice Department filed criminal price-fixing and bid-rigging charges against 10 poultry-industry executives, including two former Pilgrim's chief executives last year.

**CYBER DIVISION**

**SolarWinds Hackers Linked To Known Russian Spying Tools, Investigators Say.**

*Reuters* (1/11, Stubbs) reports "the group behind a global cyber-espionage campaign discovered last month deployed malicious computer code with links to spying tools previously used by suspected Russian hackers, researchers said on Monday." Kaspersky investigators "said the 'backdoor' used to compromise up to 18,000 customers of U.S. software maker SolarWinds closely resembled malware tied to a hacking group known as 'Turia,' which Estonian authorities have said operates on behalf of Russia's FSB security service." Costin Raiu, head of global research and analysis at the cybersecurity firm, "said there were three distinct similarities between the SolarWinds backdoor and a hacking tool called 'Kazuar' which is used by Turia."

*The Guardian (UK)* (1/11, 5.53M) reports that Kaspersky's findings "may provide the first public evidence to support accusations from Washington that Moscow was behind the biggest cyber-raid against the government in years, affecting 18,000 users of software produced by SolarWinds, including US government agencies." However, the cybersecurity firm "cautioned that the code similarities do not confirm that the same group is behind both attacks." The Guardian adds, "Attacks by Turia have been documented from at least 2008, when the group was believed to have infiltrated US Central Command." Turia has also been "implicated in attacks on embassies in a number of countries, ministries, utilities, healthcare providers, and other targets."

Reporting similarly is the *Financial Times* (1/11, Subscription Publication, 1.48M).

*US Businesses, Agency See Spending Billions Following SolarWinds Hack.*  *Roll Call* (1/11, Ratnam, 130K) reports, "American businesses and government agencies could be spending upward of $100 billion over many months" following the SolarWinds hack. The software is "used
by...many Fortune 500 companies and U.S. government departments.” Frank Ciluffo, director of Auburn University’s McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security, said, “For a lot of folks, the more they dig, the worse the picture looks.” Agencies including the FBI, ODNI, and CISA have “said that the hack appeared to be ‘an intelligence gathering effort,’” adding in a statement fewer than the original 18,000 clients were “compromised by follow-on activity on their systems.” Rendition Infosec founder Jake Williams said, “The reality is everybody is spending resources right now” to discover how far hackers penetrated their networks.

**FBI Investigating If Postcard Sent To FireEye CEO Is Russia-linked.** *Reuters* (1/11, Bing) reports, “The FBI is investigating a mysterious postcard sent to the home of FireEye CEO Kevin Mandia “days after it found initial evidence of a suspected Russian hacking operation on dozens of U.S. government agencies and private American companies.” It is under investigation whether “it was sent by people associated with a Russian intelligence service due its timing and content, which suggests internal knowledge of last year’s hack well before it was publicly disclosed in December.” According to unnamed sources, the postcard “shows a cartoon with the text: ‘Hey look Russians’ and ‘Putin did it!”’

**Court Documents: FBI Investigating Elliott Broidy’s Hackers.**

The *Daily Beast* (1/11, Rawnsley, 933K) reports that the perpetrators that dumped a “dossier of top Trump fundraiser Elliott Broidy’s emails in 2018” have “never been officially identified and according to court documents obtained by The Daily Beast, prosecutors dropped a criminal investigation into the break-in back in 2018 after a two-month inquiry.” At the time, Broidy “accused Qatar of sending in the cybercrooks.” In December 2018, “Broidy attorney’s wrote that they had first reported the break-in to federal investigators in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles on March 22, 2018, two weeks after The New York Times reported that copies of purported emails from his inbox were sent to the Times and other outlets.” However, “after a series of meetings with Broidy and his attorneys, the FBI announced that it stayed the investigation and later told Broidy’s legal team that the investigation had been dropped altogether.”

**Wall Street Firms To Reduce Exposure To Companies Banned By US.**

*Reuters* (1/11, John, Galbraith) reports, “Wall Street firms in Hong Kong including Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan on Monday moved to reduce exposure to Chinese telecom companies” such as China Mobile, China Telecom, and China Unicom. The Chinese companies were “named in a U.S. ban on investments in companies Washington considers linked to China’s military.” The Wall Street firms “said in filings to the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong that they were beginning steps to terminate 500 Hong Kong-listed structured products they issued to investors with links to the companies – “whose components include the telecom companies.” The US Office of Foreign Assets Control found the “fund was no longer appropriate for U.S. individuals or companies to invest in.” Last week, OFAC clarified “a November order from U.S. President Donald Trump that banned Americans from investing in Chinese companies that the U.S. considers to have links with China’s military.”

**Canadian General Says Russian Hackers Didn’t Breach Government Computer Systems.**

The *Globe and Mail (CAN)* (1/11, Fife, Chase, 1.09M) reports that Canada’s Chief of the Defence Staff, General Jonathan Vance, announced “government computer systems were not compromised by the massive breach of U.S. government networks and private companies’ systems around the world.” According to US security agencies, “the SVR...carried out ‘most or all of the recently discovered, ongoing cyber compromises of both government and non-governmental networks.’” The Canadian official “told The Globe and Mail the hackers did not breach federal government computer networks, including sensitive military computers.” Gen. Vance added, “But don’t feel too comfortable, because we are attacked, hit, state or non-state sponsored... hundreds of thousands of times a day. Our defences are good, but we have some failures.”

**Cyberspace Solarium Proposes Banks Report On Cyber Incidents Faster.**

*NextGov* (1/11, Baksh) reports, “The Treasury Department’s Office of the Comptroller of the
Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation seek comment on a joint proposal that would expand and hasten reporting requirements for computer security incidents. The Cyberspace Solarium Commission has called for a systematic way for critical private-sector entities to share cyber incidents toward gleanings more information about necessary defensive measures. A provision in the NDAA called for DHS to "study of how to effectively establish such a system," but it was "opposed by major industry groups...who argued it was unnecessary to secure government systems and information, and it was not included in the final bill."

**Hacker Archives Posts From Parler During Capitol Breach.**

USA Today (1/11, Hines, Tyko, 12.7M) reports on a hacker known as @donk_enby on Twitter who archived "every post from Wednesday's Capitol breach before the Parler platform was taken down." The hacker "archived their posts on Parler to help reconstruct the role the social media platform played in the deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol." The website "went dark early Monday after Amazon's web hosting service suspended the company," and "Google and Apple also removed the Parler app from their app stores." Without the hack, "law enforcement would likely have been able to access the data anyway, and experts said the archive does not include information that was not publicly accessible." The hacker said, "only things that were available publicly via the web were archived."

**SolarWinds Response Likely To Be Carried Out Under Biden.**

Brookings Institution (1/11, Chin) reports, in its "Techtank" blog, that the SolarWinds hack is a "highly sophisticated 'supply chain attack' in which foreign hackers accessed a U.S. software company and installed malware in a software update accessible to government agencies, private companies, non-profits, and even major security firms like Microsoft." The Biden Administration "has vowed to make response to SolarWinds 'a top priority from the moment we take office' and invest in cybersecurity infrastructure and personnel, improve private sector partnerships, and work with U.S. allies to take action against parties that carry out cyberattacks." The President-elect "had already nominated several agency leaders who are experienced with cyberattacks," and Congress "is likely to work with Biden on a SolarWinds response."

**NSA Issues First-Ever Cybersecurity Year-End Report For 2020.**

MeriTalk (1/11, Dille) reports that the NSA "issued its first Cybersecurity Year In Review report, highlighting key achievements from 2020 – including encryption work for the Pentagon – and looking ahead to threats for 2021." The Cybersecurity Directorate was launched in October 2019 to "prevent and eradicate’ cyber threats to the United States,” Anne Neuberger, the NSA's Director of Cybersecurity, said, “Our goal is to forge deeper relationships with our U.S. government and industry partners to deliver better outcomes than any of us could achieve alone.” NSA's report "highlights key achievements from the past year, including a push to modernize encryption across DOD. The agency also "highlighted achievements such as supporting the 2020 election security defense effort, development efforts of the COVID-19 vaccine, and the creation of the NSA Cybersecurity Twitter handle, @NSACyber."

**Gun Background Checks Reach All-Time High In December.**

Newsweek (1/11, Fink, 2.67M) reports, “Firearm background checks in December were higher than they’ve been in any month for the past 21 years, an appropriate culmination of a year filled with elevated firearm background checks.” According to Newsweek, “Before 2020, the previous record was set in December 2015 at 3,314,594 background checks for the month, but that was broken first in March, followed by another record in June. In December, there were 3,937,066 checks, a 34 percent increase from December 2019 that’s likely attributable at least in part to President Donald Trump’s election loss.” Newsweek adds, “The December spike isn't entirely
surprising, as background checks often skew upward at the end of the year. Since 1998, when the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was put in place, December has had the highest number of background checks except in three instances – 2013, 2014 and 2018 – according to data from the FBI.

Gun Makers’ Stocks Have Risen Sharply Since Capitol Riots.

USA Today (1/11, Boney, 12.7M) reports sales of firearms were at an all-time high in 2020 “as Americans anticipated the possibility of additional gun control measures under a Joe Biden administration,” and 2021 could be “another banner year” for gun sales “given investors’ reaction to the Capitol riots.” Several major gun manufacturers have seen sharp increases in their stock prices “after rioters incited by President Donald Trump stormed the Capitol building on Wednesday in a bid to halt the certification of Biden as the next president.” Although data on gun sales “in the time since the riots is not yet available, the stock-price increases for gun makers suggest that investors believe 2021 will be another strong year.”

Judge Stays First US Execution Of Female Inmate In 67 Years.

The AP (1/12, Hollingsworth) reports from Mission, Kansas, “A judge has granted a stay in what was slated to be the U.S. government’s first execution of a female inmate in nearly seven decades – a Kansas woman who killed an expectant mother in Missouri, cut the baby from her womb and passed off the newborn as her own.” US District Judge Patrick Hanlon “granted the stay late Monday, citing the need to determine Montgomery’s mental competence, reported the Topeka Capital-Journal. Lisa Montgomery faced execution Tuesday at the Federal Correctional Complex in Terre Haute, Indiana, just eight days before President-elect Joe Biden, an opponent of the federal death penalty, takes office.”

 only Woman On Federal Death Row Seeks Clemency Before Tuesday Execution. The New York Times (1/11, Fuchs, 20.6M) reports attorneys for Lisa M. Montgomery, who is scheduled for execution on Tuesday, “asked the court to declare her incompetent in an effort to block her execution, citing serious mental illness, neurological impairment and complex trauma.” Her case is unusual, as she “is one of relatively few women on death row across the country and the only one facing execution by the federal government.” It also “has focused new attention on whether a defendant’s full life experience should factor into sentencing, with her supporters arguing that she was a victim of long-running sexual abuse and torture who was driven to desperation.”

The Indianapolis Star (1/11, 662K) reports that if Montgomery is executed, she "would be just the third woman executed by the federal government since 1900.”

Democratic Bill Would End Federal Death Penalty. NPR (1/11, Summers, 3.69M) reports on its website that Senate Minority Whip Durbin – who will become Senate Judiciary Chairman when Democrats take control of the chamber next week – and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) are unveiling legislation to end federal capital punishment and require all federal inmates on death row be resentenced. Joe Biden “has said he wants to work with Congress to pass a law to eliminate capital punishment at the federal level and to 'incentivize' states to follow that example.”

Democrats Will Move To Impeach Trump If 25th Amendment Is Not Invoked.

David Muir said in the lead story on ABC World News Tonight (1/11, lead story, 6:25, 7.64M), “House Democrats are now moving forward with an article of impeachment accusing the President of incitement of insurrection, calling members back to Washington to consider something that has never been done before: whether to impeach a president for a second time. We have now learned a vote could come as soon as Wednesday. ... The FBI [is] out tonight with a sobering warning that armed protests are now being planned in all 50 state capitals and in the nation’s capital this weekend and right through the inauguration next week. A group [is] calling for the storming of government buildings if the President is removed from office. There are threats tonight against
President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, too.” ABC’s Mary Bruce: “House Democrats are now moving quickly to try and remove Trump from office, introducing a single article of impeachment, charging the President with incitement of insurrection, for ‘inciting violence against the government of the United States’ by urging his followers to march on the Capitol.”

House Speaker Pelosi: “Sadly, the person that’s running the Executive Branch is a deranged, unhinged, dangerous President of the United States.”

Peter Alexander said on NBC Nightly News (1/11, lead story, 3:05, Holt, 6.27M) that House Democrats are “now poised to issue a blunt ultimatum to Vice President Pence tomorrow: Invoke the 25th Amendment to remove President Trump by Wednesday, or they will make the President the first ever to be impeached twice.” House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff: “I think every day he’s in office, he remains a real and present danger to the country.” Alexander: “Pence is said to oppose implementing the 25th Amendment, so Democrats...introduce[d] a single article of impeachment, accusing President Trump of ‘inciting violence against the government of the United States.’

The charge right now reads in part, ‘President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of government. He therefore betrayed his trust as president.’”

Nancy Cordes said on the CBS Evening News (1/11, story 2, 3:40, O’Donnell, 4.42M), “House Democrats tell us they do have the votes to impeach the President, but first, they’re going to vote tomorrow to urge the Vice President to push Mr. Trump out himself. White House sources tell us that Mr. Pence isn’t considering it, and never has.” Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA): “The best way to heal, to unify, our nation is to hold accountable those who attack our Capitol and those who incited that attack. That begins at the very top, starting with Donald Trump.”

The AP (1/11, Mascaro, Superville, Jalonick) reports, “Poised to impeach, the House sped ahead Monday with plans to oust” Trump from office. The AP said in the “stunning final moments” of Trump’s presidency, “Democrats and a growing number of Republicans declare he is unfit for office and could do more damage after inciting a mob that violently ransacked the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday.” House Republican Conference Chair Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) “encouraged House GOP colleagues late Monday to ‘vote your conscience.’ ... She has spoken critically of Trump’s actions, but has not said publicly how she will vote.” The Los Angeles Times (1/11, 3.37M) reports, “With 213 Democratic House members signing on as cosponsors by Monday morning and more promising to vote for it, impeachment is assured. A handful of GOP members” including Reps. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) and Peter Meijer (R-MI) “have indicated they’re considering” backing impeachment.

Bloomberg (1/11, 3.57M) reports Republicans on Monday blocked House Majority Leader Hoyer “from fast-tracking a resolution urging Pence and Trump’s Cabinet to use the 25th Amendment to oust Trump.” USA Today (1/11, Groppe, 12.7M) reports Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV) blocked immediate consideration. Mooney “had been among the House Republicans who voted last week not to accept the state-certified election results showing Trump lost reelection.” Pelosi said “rejection of the resolution is enabling Trump’s ‘unhinged, unstable and deranged acts of sedition to continue.’” The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/11, Tamari, Seidman) reports the full House will vote on the resolution on Tuesday.

The New York Times (1/11, Fandos, 20.6M) reports, “Moving with exceptional speed, top House leaders began summoning lawmakers still stunned by the attack back to Washington” for “a high-stakes 24-hour standoff between two branches of government.” The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Andrews, Ballhaus, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Senate Majority Leader McConnell has said a trial before January 20 is all but impossible, but the Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) reports Senate Minority Leader Schumer “is exploring using an obscure, post-Sept. 11-era authority to reconvene the Senate as the House barrels toward a likely impeachment vote.”

Reuters (1/11, Cornwell) reports that while “it is unlikely” a Senate trial “would be completed before Trump’s term expires in nine days,” a conviction even after he leaves office would “lead to Trump being barred from holding public office again, ending his potential 2024 presidential bid before it begins.”

CNN (1/11, 89.21M) reports on its website, “Some House Republicans are privately discussing whether to censure President Trump as a way to express their disapproval about the President’s actions without going along with the Democratic effort to impeach him, according to several GOP
sources.” But Democratic leaders “have shown no willingness so far to schedule a vote on anything short of impeachment.”

Politico (1/11, Cheney, Ferris, Caygle, 6.73M) reports, “Although some Democrats have voiced worry that impeaching Trump with just days left in his term could hamstring [Biden’s] early weeks in office, momentum has only grown as new and disturbing footage of the violence wrought by the rioters has emerged. That footage included the beating of a Capitol Police officer, yanked out of the building by a crowd of Trump supporters. The officer in the video has not been identified, but it surfaced after the news that at least one officer, Brain Sicknick, died of injuries sustained during the onslaught.”

The New York Times (1/11, Schuessler, 20.6M) reports, “More than 300 historians and constitutional scholars have signed an open letter calling for the impeachment and removal of President Trump, saying his continuation in office after encouraging supporters to march on the U.S. Capitol posed “a clear and present danger to American democracy and the national security of the United States.” The AP (1/11) reports the signers include Douglas Brinkley, Ron Chernow, Jon Meacham, Stacy Schiff, and Garry Wills.

Biden Hoping Senate Can Divide Time Between Trump Trial, Work On His Nominees And Agenda. The New York Times (1/11, Fandos, 20.6M) reports that Biden said Monday that he “was exploring ways for Democrats in Congress to advance his agenda while pursuing a second impeachment.” Biden says he has “spoken to House and Senate Democrats about whether it would be possible to ‘bifurcate’ Congressional business, splitting days between impeachment and confirming his nominees and passing his agenda. ‘I haven’t gotten an answer from the Parliamentarian yet,’ the president-elect said.” The Washington Post (1/11, Min Kim, Linskey, Dawsey, 10.52M) reports, “A Senate impeachment trial typically consumes the chamber for weeks, allowing for little other business. Biden has been particularly concerned about Senate confirmation for his Cabinet nominees, and he signaled Monday he was looking for a way around the traditional pace of an impeachment trial.”

Trump Might ”Face Legal Jeopardy” Over Wednesday Speech. The New York Times (1/11, Savage, 20.6M) looks at whether Trump may “face legal jeopardy for his incendiary speech before the riot,” writing that “if a grand jury were to be persuaded that Mr. Trump intentionally incited his followers to violence, several statutes could come into play,” including one that “makes it a felony to induce or even try to persuade someone to engage in the criminal use of physical force against property or against the person of another.”

The Washington Post (1/11, Parker, 10.52M) reports, “As senators and House members trapped inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday begged for immediate help during the siege, they struggled to get through to the president, who – safely ensconced in the West Wing – was too busy watching fiery TV images of the crisis unfolding around them to act or even bother to hear their pleas. … Even as he did so, Trump did not move to act. And the message from those around him – that he needed to call off the angry mob he had egged on just hours earlier, or lives could be lost – was one to which he was not initially receptive.”

House Legislation Would Limit Future Presidents’ Powers, Require Transparency. The New York Times (1/11, Williamson, 20.6M) reports that “lawmakers and pressure groups are pushing for a wide-ranging overhaul of ethics laws, the likes of which have not been seen since the post-Watergate era, hoping to reconstruct and strengthen the guardrails that Trump plowed through.” Among the changes “embraced by House Democratic leaders are limits on the president’s pardon powers, mandated release of a president’s tax returns, new enforcement powers for independent agencies and Congress, and firmer prohibitions against financial conflicts of interest in the White House.” The Times says “two major pieces of legislation, the Protecting Our Democracy Act and H.R. 1, will be the main vehicles to address the sweep of questionable practices in the Trump era.”

SCOTUS Refuses To Fast-Track Trump Legal Challenges To Biden Victory. The Washington Post (1/11, Barnes, 10.52M) reports, “As expected, the Supreme Court refused Monday to fast-track a batch of challenges to the presidential election filed by President Trump and his allies.” The rejections “came without comment or noted dissent and were formal notifications of what already had become clear.” The Post says that “among the cases the court declined to
Trump Blamed “Antifa People” For Capitol Attack In Monday Call With McCarthy.

Axios (1/11, Swan, 1.26M) reports, “President Trump on Monday privately – and falsely – blamed “Antifa people” for storming the Capitol” during “a tense, 30-minute-plus phone call” with House Minority Leader McCarthy, Axios says McCarthy “would have none of it, telling the president: ‘It’s not Antifa, it’s MAGA. I know. I was there,’ according to a White House official and another source familiar with the call.”

Twitter, Other Tech Companies See Backlash Over Trump Ban.

On NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 8, 1:45, Holt, 6.27M), Jo Ling Kent reported social media companies are facing growing “pressure...to stop plans for more violence from spreading” with “more than a dozen companies already blocking or restricting President Trump on their platforms,” but the Washington Post (1/11, Romm, 10.52M) reports Amazon, Twitter, “and other tech companies confronted fresh blowback on Monday for banning...Trump and taking action against a wide array of websites.”
Anna Werner reported on the CBS Evening News (1/11, story 4, 2:05, O'Donnell, 4.42M) that "online, conservative backlash over...Trump's ban is growing." Werner that added Secretary of State Pompeo tweeted that the ban is "un-American." Bloomberg (1/11, Turner, 3.57M) reports that "many conservatives said the moves to expunge...Trump from the social networks and take down an app popular with his supporters went too far," as does Reuters (1/11, Warrick, Shankar), which reports Twitter's ban "drew criticism from some Republicans for quelling the president's right to free speech." According to Reuters, "The attention drawn to Twitter increased investors' worries that it could be more exposed to regulation than its bigger rivals Facebook Inc or Google and YouTube-owner Alphabet." Reuters adds, "Other social media platforms, including Facebook, have issued similar bans on Trump, but Monday's fall of as much as 12% in Twitter's stock was much deeper than for any of its peers. Facebook was last down almost 4% and Alphabet lost 2%.

In addition, Bloomberg (1/11, Jenner, Nussbaum, 3.57M) reports German and French officials "attacked" Twitter and Facebook after Trump was "shut off from the social media platforms." Bloomberg reports German Chancellor Angela Merkel "objected to the decisions, saying on Monday that lawmakers should set the rules governing free speech and not private technology companies." Bloomberg adds Merkel's "stance is echoed by" France's Junior Minister for European Union Affairs, Clement Beaune, who "said he was 'shocked' to see a private company make such an important decision. 'This should be decided by citizens, not by a CEO,'" he told Bloomberg TV on Monday. French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire "earlier said that the state should be responsible for regulations, rather than 'the digital oligarchy,' and called big tech 'one of the threats' to democracy.

A Washington Post (1/11, 10.52M) editorial argues that although the President "and his followers say they are victims of anti-conservative discrimination" on the Internet, "their complaints are unconvincing," as it is "legitimate for corporate actors to scrub their sites of speech with the potential to cause harm, such as the explicit plotting that preceded last week's armed insurrection at the Capitol." However, the Post concedes this "has revealed the tremendous power that a handful of private companies wield over the public square," so it argues lawmakers should be responsible for establishing "rules of the road" for the Internet, "and if we want those rules to be enforced fairly, without targeting speech that is merely unpopular, then we should insist that companies put into place systems for transparency, notice and appeal for their decisions.

Parler Sues Amazon For Refusal To Host Its App. Bloomberg (1/11, Dalmetsch, Day, Rosenblatt, 3.57M) reports Parler, "the conservative social media platform whose traffic has surged amid a crackdown on inflammatory content by its rivals, sued Amazon.com Inc. for ending web-hosting service for the site in the wake of rioting at the U.S. Capitol last week." Bloomberg says "the self-described 'microblogging alternative and competitor to Twitter' was taken offline early Monday morning by Amazon's cloud services division." Bloomberg notes that Apple and Google "had withdrawn Parler from their app stores over the weekend. Amazon's action is the equivalent of pulling the plug on a hospital patient on life support," Parler said in a lawsuit filed Monday in federal court in Seattle, seeking an order forcing Amazon Web Services to maintain its account.

The Washington Post (1/11, Tiku, 10.52M) reports Parler "alleges in the lawsuit that Amazon breached its contract by not giving it 30 days notice before dropping service." In addition, Parler "also alleged Amazon was being hypocritical by not taking similar action against Twitter, where violent posts can also appear." According to the Post, "Big Tech abandoned the social media site, known for allowing unfettered speech on its platform, over the weekend after stating concerns the site was not properly moderating posts that could incite violence." Reuters (1/11, Stempel) reports that in its lawsuit, Parler points out that on Twitter, "a recent top-trending tweet demanded to 'Hang Mike Pence.'"

Parler CEO John Matze said on Fox News' Tucker Carlson Tonight (1/11), "What is really interesting is that they all did on the same day, those three without any prior warning. We woke up on Friday thinking business – it is never business as usual on Parler – but at least as close to usual as possible. We were number one on the app store. We had seven million come almost seven million unique people on the app that day. And we get a notice you are in violation of our terms one after the other. We found out first, in some cases not from the companies but from..."
However, the Wall Street Journal (1/11, Schechner, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports a spokesman for AWS argued that the lawsuit has no merit and blamed Parler for not moderating calls for violence against individuals, and the New York Times (1/11, Weise, 20.6M) reports District Judge Barbara J. Rothstein on Monday afternoon “said Parler had not served Amazon with its complaint, as court rules require, and ordered it to do so by 5 p.m. Pacific time,” but the deadline “passed with no updates on the court docket indicating that Parler had served Amazon in time. Amazon told the court it intended to oppose the suit.”

Meanwhile, the AP (1/11, O’Brien) says that although Parler “was booted off the internet...over ties to last week’s siege on the U.S. Capitol,” digital activists had previously made “an archive of its posts, including any that might have helped organize or document the riot.” Bloomberg (1/11, Thomson, 3.57M) suggests that Parler’s users might turn to alternative apps such as Gab, Telegram and Rumble, as does Philadelphia Inquirer (1/11, Melamed), which describes Gab as “the new online hub for the far-right fringe,” but the New York Times (1/11, Frenkel, 20.6M) reports that the social media crackdowns have splintered “fringe groups like armed militias, QAnon conspiracy theorists and far-right supporters of...Trump” onto several smaller websites and apps, which means “attempts at disruption could be harder to predict and could stretch for days – and not just in Washington, D.C.”

Facebook Now Removing Misinformation Tied To “Stop The Steal” Movement. The New York Times (1/11, Isaac, 20.6M) reports Facebook “announced on Monday that it plans to remove content centered around the ‘Stop the Steal’ movement across its platform, as the social network prepares for a potentially quarrelsome presidential inauguration on January 20.” The Times adds Facebook “said it planned to take down any posts, photos or videos containing the phrase ‘Stop the Steal,’ a term commonly associated with Trump supporters attempting to delegitimize the outcome of the 2020 Presidential Election, which was won by” Biden. USA Today (1/11, Guyan, 12.7M) reports the “first Stop the Steal group was formed on Facebook on Nov. 4 and quickly ballooned, reaching 320,000 members before Facebook shut it down,” but similar groups “proliferated even after Facebook began closing them down, prompting Trump supporters to migrate to less restrictive platforms such as Parler as they organized last week’s Washington rally.”

Meanwhile, Politico (1/11, Hendel, 6.73M) reports Facebook “said the additional step is needed due to real threats of violence still at play among Trump backers who believe Biden’s election was illegitimate.” The Hill (1/11, Failey, 5.69M) also reports Facebook “said its team will be working around the clock to enforce its policies around the coming inauguration of...Biden,” and “said it will continue its pause on ads in the U.S. pertaining to politics or the elections in the meantime.” The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Needleman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provides similar coverage.

Acting DHS Secretary Wolf Resigns, Gaynor Succeeds Him.

The AP (1/11, Fox) reports Acting DHS Secretary Wolf “abruptly resigned Monday, leaving the post ahead of schedule as the nation faces a heightened terrorism threat from extremists seeking to reverse the election.” The AP says Wolf’s announcement “was perplexing. It came less than a week after he pledged to remain in office and just 10 days before” Joe Biden’s inauguration. Wolf “cited a legal challenge to his leadership as a reason for his resignation, but that had surfaced months ago.” The New York Times (1/11, Kanno-Youngs, 20.6M) reports Wolf told DHS that he “would be stepping down on Monday night in part because of court rulings that invalidated some of the Trump administration’s immigration policies, citing the likelihood that Mr. Wolf was unlawfully appointed to lead the agency.”

USA Today (1/11, Johnson, 12.7M) reports Wolf “joined several former and current administration officials in denouncing the president’s supporters who violently forced their way into the Capitol building” last week. However, White House spokesman Judd Deere “said the withdrawal had no correlation to Wolf’s statement.” The Washington Post (1/11, Miroff, 10.52M) reports FEMA Administrator Gaynor will serve as acting secretary until the inauguration. Gaynor “will be the agency’s sixth chief under Trump, twice the number to serve under any previous...
Among the other sources with brief, straightforward reports on Wolff's exit are Reuters (1/11, Hesson), Bloomberg (1/11, Strohm, 3.57M), the Wall Street Journal (1/11, Hackman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), the New York Post (1/11, Bowden, 7.45M), the New York Daily News (1/11, Sommerfeldt, 2.51M), Axios (1/11, Allen, Rummier, 1.26M), Politico (1/11, Seligman, 6.73M), and The Hill (1/11, Chalfant, 5.69M).

First Lady, Breaking Silence About Riot, Complains About Criticism Of Her.

The New York Times (1/11, Karni, 20.6M) reports that, in what will likely be the last public statement she makes as First Lady, Melania Trump, "after remaining silent for five days following the riot at the Capitol instigated by her husband," issued a statement condemning the attack, as well as "complaining about how she had been treated." The statement "drew criticism even from some of those who over the years have been willing to give her the benefit of the doubt." The Times says it is "in some ways, a fitting end" to her time as First Lady, giving "more than equal billing to her sense of being portrayed unfairly," given "her listless attitude toward her position and her frustration with how she was covered by the news media."

USA Today (1/11, Yasharoff, 12.7M) reports that Melania Trump wrote, "I find it shameful that surrounding these tragic events there has been salacious gossip, unwarranted personal attacks, and false misleading accusations on me," called for “healing our country and its citizens” and urged Americans to “rise above what divides us.”

The Washington Post (1/11, Yuan, 10.52M) reports Trump’s complains "seemed to be aimed at Stephanie Winston-Wolkoff," who over the weekend wrote in a Daily Beast op-ed that “that Melania Trump is complicit in the president’s actions through her ‘silence and inaction’ and is ‘leaving dead bodies behind.’” Trump’s “essay expressed no acknowledgment of her family’s role in the events of Wednesday,” but did copy several lines from her speech last fall at the Republican National Convention held in the White House Rose Garden.

The Daily Beast (1/11, 933K) called the essay “deeply weird and jarring,” adding that she “seems to praise Trump’s supporters” and “the statement paid tribute to the pro-Trump rioters who died last week before she mentions deceased Capitol Police Officers Brian Sicknick and Howard Liebengood.”

Analyses: GOP Fractured In Wake Of Capitol Riot.

In an analysis, the New York Times (1/11, Goldmacher, 20.6M) reports the Republican Party is "badly fractured from within" even as it enters a period of political powerlessness in Washington. The party has no unifying message or set of principles and is "missing a clear bench of national leaders." However, "the most acute danger for the health of the party, and its electoral prospects to retake the House and Senate in 2022, is the growing chasm between the pro-Trump voter base and the many Republican leaders and strategists who want to reorient for a post-Trump era.” Some party leaders are concerned that Right-wing voters “will abandon the party if it turns on Mr. Trump” but that "more traditional Republicans will sour if it sticks by him." The Times calls it “an ominous sign for the Republicans who want to move past Mr. Trump" that many ambitious Republicans “left the president conspicuously absent from their condemnations of the riot last Wednesday.”

In an analysis, the Washington Post (1/11, Kane, 10.52M) reports “congressional Republicans have yet to mount a coherent response” to the violence, their efforts to do so “complicated by President Trump’s ongoing hold on the vast majority of the party’s voters” as well as the role numerous lawmakers played in validating, repeating and amplifying Trump’s false claims about a stolen election.” The GOP has been “retreating to a tried-and-true playbook: Accusing Democrats of overreaching and dividing the country” with an impeachment, but “no particular effort has emerged as a consensus alternative to impeachment.” However, "there are signs that Republicans will not be able to ride out the post-riot firestorm by arguing about process and civility rather than contending with their own culpability in stoking the mob," as “many GOP lawmakers are openly calling for a reckoning” and a “rising tide of corporate donors” say that those who supported challenges to the electoral college are persona non grata.
NYTimes Analysis: GOP Legislators Fanned Flames Prior To Capitol Riot.

The New York Times (1/11, Edmondson, Broadwater, 20.6M) reports that prior to the Capitol riot “a handful of Mr. Trump’s most loyal allies in the House,” using “inflammatory, bellicose language to describe the stakes,” urged supporters to come to Washington on Jan. 6 “to make a defiant last stand to keep” President Trump in power. Comments from Reps. Lauren Boebert (R-CO), Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Pete Sessions (R-TX), and Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) “have raised questions about the degree to which Republicans may have coordinated with protest organizers.” In response, some House Democrats are “pushing to invoke Section 3 of the 14th Amendment, added after the Civil War, which disqualifies people who ‘have engaged in insurrection or rebellion’ against the United States from holding public office.”

GOP AG Group Robocalled Supporters Urging Protesters To Come To DC.

The Washington Post (1/11, Salcedo, 10.52M) reports that in “the latest incident leaving GOP officials fending off criticism over their culpability in Wednesday’s riots,” the Rule of Law Defense Fund, an arm of the Republican Attorneys General Association, sent out robocalls the day before the violence that urged supporters to come to Washington “to fight” Congress over President Trump’s baseless election fraud claims.” While “several GOP attorneys general have distanced themselves from the robocalls, insisting they didn’t know about the campaign,” the watchdog group Documented “reported that the website promoting the ‘March to Save America,’ rally...showed the Rule of Law Defense Fund among the organizations listed as participants.” Additionally, “Democratic attorneys general also noted that Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who furthered Trump’s baseless fraud claims in a failed lawsuit, spoke at the rally.”

In Wake Of Capitol Violence, Corporations Cutting Donations To GOP.

The AP (1/11, Boak, Slodysko, Krisher) reports, “Corporate America is quickly distancing itself from President Donald Trump and his Republican allies” in the wake of the attack on the Capitol, suspending political donations. The move may deprive “Republicans of public backing from business groups who until recently were the heart of the GOP’s political brand.” However, it is “unlikely to deliver a serious blow to Republicans in Congress who voted to overturn Biden’s win,” as “such contributions account for just a small fraction of the overall fundraising picture.” Additionally, “most companies are only suspending their giving for several months, leaving ample time to ramp up donations before the 2022 elections.”

Reuters (1/11, Sullivan, Shepardson) reports that the announcements that “they would cut off campaign contributions to those who voted last week to challenge” Joe Biden’s victory, made by Dow, AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, American Express, Airbnb, Best Buy, and Mastercard, among others, “are a sign that some corporate donors, which typically spread their money widely around Capitol Hill, are re-assessing their strategy.” However, “it is unclear whether their decisions will have a lasting impact.”

Bloomberg (1/11, Korte, Allison, 3.57M) reports, “The rapid retreat of financial support played out in an unprecedented series of announcements” that “came from nearly every sector.” The moves “could have broader implications for corporate lobbying and campaign financing,” as many companies said put “all contributions – not just those to the objecting Republicans – on pause, for durations of several months to two years.”

The New York Times (1/11, Kelly, Flitter, Goldmacher, 20.6M) reports that announcements are signals “to lawmakers that there are growing political and public relations risks to their actions.” Politico (1/11, Isenstadt, Schneider, Meyer, Warmbrodt, 6.73M) reports that beyond the lost money, the GOP is “confronting the prospect of losing the support of white-collar company workers and executives who are infuriated over the insurrection.” Meanwhile, “senior Republicans are trying to gauge how far-reaching the boycott will be,” as Republican lobbyists, while “fuming over the Capitol uprising...are also concerned that Democrats will push through an agenda that cuts against them.”

Additional coverage includes the Wall Street Journal (1/11, Mullins, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), Axios (1/11, 1.26M), and The Hill (1/11, Brufke, Gangitano, 5.69M).
Trump Reportedly “Gutted” By PGA’s Decision To Pull Championship From Bedminster.

The Week (1/11, 2.17M) reports, “Following the deadly Capitol riot last week, President Trump has faced defiance from his own vice president and Republican lawmakers, a slew of resignations within his administration, getting booted from his favorite method of mass communication, and a looming congressional impeachment. But it appears the PGA’s decision to move the 2022 PGA Championship from Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, New Jersey, may have upset the president as much as anything else.” A “source close to the White House” told Maggie Haberman of the New York Times “that Trump is ‘gutted’ by the move, and while he’s angry about the House moving forward with impeachment (for an unprecedented second time), his reaction to losing the tournament was a ‘different order of magnitude.’”

Trump Brand Taking Hits In Wake Of Capitol Attack. The New York Times (1/11, Lipton, Protess, Eder, 20.6M) reports, “The mob attack on Congress last week by Mr. Trump’s supporters has spurred a reckoning for the Trump Organization by businesses and institutions such as the PGA’s announcement. Hospitality analysts say that the Trump brand “may not fully recover from the fallout from the violence. However, Trump’s cycling through many lines of business “revealed his ability to camouflage his wares and capitalize on opportunities, even when his name appeared irreparably tarnished.” Meanwhile, Trump Organization executives say “they planned on cashing in on Mr. Trump’s global fame with overseas branding deals.” Reuters (1/12, Sims) also reports the Times revealed Deutsche Bank, the President’s biggest lender, “will not do business in the future with...Trump or his companies in the wake of his supporters’ assault on the U.S. Capitol.”

Giuliani Faces Disbarment Complaint.

The New York Times (1/11, Feuer, 20.6M) reports New York State Senate Judiciary Chairman Brad Hoyman “made a formal request on Monday to the state court system to begin the process of stripping” Rudolph Giuliani of his law license over his role in the “violent insurrectionist attack” on the US Capitol. Hoyman wrote that the assault on the Capitol was “the foreseeable culmination of increasingly outrageous lies and disinformation being peddled by Mr. Giuliani” and others. He warned, “A failure to hold a member of our ranks accountable for seditious acts and exhortations of violence is a failure to” safeguard both the public and the reputation of the profession.

The Washington Post (1/11, Jacobs, 10.52M) reports the New York State Bar Association said it has received “hundreds of complaints in recent months” about Giuliani and is investigating whether to expel him. Politico (1/11) reports, “The bylaws of the Bar Association prevent membership for anyone who advocates the overthrow of the United States government or of any state or locality by force or illegal means.” It would not affect Giuliani’s ability to practice law in the state.

Sen. Collins Recounts Experience As Rioters Stormed Capitol.

Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), in an op-ed in the Bangor (ME) Daily News (1/11, 178K), recounts her experience in the Capitol when rioters stormed it. After returning and working early into the morning to certify the election results, Collins was “saddened and outraged” at the violence but “also felt a sense of pride that the Congress had not been intimidated and that we had completed our constitutional duty.” She concludes, “It had been more than 200 years since the Capitol was last attacked during the War of 1812, but once again, the forces of democracy had prevailed.”

US Seven-Day Average Of COVID Deaths At 3,249.

The New York Times (1/11, Delkic, Tompkins, 20.6M) reports the US “seven-day average of coronavirus-related deaths has broken past 3,000 a day, reaching 3,249 on Sunday. And the cumulative total of virus deaths surpassed 375,000 on Monday.” The Times says an average of 254,866 new daily cases “have been reported over the past week, 38 percent more than two weeks earlier.” On NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 6, 1:45, Holt, 6.27M), Miguel Almaguer reported the “feared holiday surge is here.” Almaguer added, “Hospitals in the heartland are driving patients 8 hours into Kansas for an open bed,” and the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention "says 438,000 Americans could die by month's end."

Reuters (1/11, Canipe) says California "was the state with the most deaths at 3,315 in the week ended Jan. 10, or about eight out of every 100,000 people, up 44% from the prior week, according to a Reuters analysis of state and county reports." The AP (1/11, Thompson) reports, "California's coronavirus catastrophe reached a staggering new level Monday as Johns Hopkins University data showed the nation's most populous state has recorded more than 30,000 deaths since the pandemic started nearly a year ago." The AP adds, "It took California six months to record its first 10,000 deaths. But in barely a month, the total rose from 20,000 to 30,000." The AP says that "over the weekend, state officials reported a two-day record of 1,163 deaths." On the CBS Evening News (1/11, story 5, 2:00, O'Donnell, 4.42M), Jonathan Vigliotti said California's death toll is "expected to more than double to 70,000 by the First of April."

However, Bloomberg (1/11, Levin, 3.57M) reports the pace of hospitalizations from COVID "in the Northeast is showing some preliminary signs of easing, adding to hopeful indicators in the Midwest, where the latest viral wave began." Bloomberg says the number of hospitalizations in the region "was 21,494 as of Sunday, up 0.8% from a week earlier, the smallest seven-day percentage increase since Sept. 25, according to Covid Tracking Project data."

US Expands Vaccination Campaign To Larger, More Diverse Group Of People.

On ABC World News Tonight (1/11, story 5, 2:35, Muir, 7.64M), Matt Gutman reported that in a push to speed up COVID vaccinations, mass vaccination sites opened Monday "at stadiums across the country, from Phoenix to San Diego, Miami to San Antonio. But some leaving frustrated." On NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 5, 2:00, Holt, 6.27M), Stephanie Gosk reported that in some places, the vaccine rollout "hasn't gotten off to a great start. Phone lines ring busy. Websites are crashing."

The AP (1/11, Pane, Nieberg) reports that the US is "entering the second month of the biggest vaccination drive in history with a major expansion of the campaign, opening football stadiums, major league ballparks, fairgrounds and convention centers to inoculate a larger and more diverse pool of people." The AP adds, "After a frustratingly slow rollout involving primarily health care workers and nursing home residents, states are moving on to the next phase before the first one is complete, making shots available to such groups as senior citizens, teachers, bus drivers, police officers and firefighters."

The Washington Post (1/11, Sun, Johnson, Rowland, Stanley-Becker, Goldstein, Sellers, McGinley, 10.52M) says "health departments and hospital executives are struggling to compensate for decentralized planning, complaining that they were not given enough money to prepare for missions that are becoming increasingly urgent as the coronavirus pandemic reaches new peaks." According to the Post, "The delayed and disjointed vaccine rollout is the product of poor coordination between the federal government and the 50 states and additional jurisdictions tasked with carrying out the most ambitious immunization campaign in history." The Post adds, "With these problems thwarting the rollout, it is clear the United States has not learned from its fractured pandemic response and risks repeating some of the same errors."

However, Bloomberg (1/11, Levin, 3.57M) reports the number of vaccine doses administered in the US "rose by 1.25 million Monday, a record daily gain amid what's been an otherwise slow rollout of the shots." Reuters (1/11, Caspari, Whitcomb) reports, "Nearly 9 million Americans had been given their first COVID-19 vaccination dose as of Monday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said, as states scrambled to step up inoculations that have yet to slow the roaring pandemic." Reuters adds Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) on Monday "sought permission from the Trump administration to directly purchase 100,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, writing to HHS Secretary Azar, "We remain ready to accelerate distribution to get does into arms."

DC, Northern Virginia Begin Second Phase Of Vaccinations Targeting Older Residents. The Washington Post (1/11, Olivo, Fadulu, Wiggins, 10.52M) reports the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia "moved into their next phases of coronavirus vaccinations Monday, targeting older residents and other vulnerable populations as a post-holiday surge of new infections in the region continued to reach record highs." DC Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) "said the
city will begin vaccinating residents 65 and older, while much of Virginia on Monday began inoculating residents 75 and older." The New York Times (1/11, Bosman, 20.6M) also reports Bowser "urged residents to be vigilant against the virus, noting that the district's hospitals are being strained by coronavirus patients and that the rate of positive virus test results was worryingly high."

De Blasio Says NYC Is In Danger Of Running Out Of Vaccine Doses. Reuters (1/11, Caspani) reports that on Monday, officials in New York "said...that they feared efforts to accelerate the vaccination of people against the novel coronavirus will be hampered by an insufficient supply of doses from the U.S. government." New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) "said he wants to vaccinate 1 million residents, about an eighth of the population, by the end of January," but "so far, about 194,000 people in the city have received at least the first of two doses of a vaccine." According to Reuters, the city "has another 230,000 doses on hand, and is expecting to receive another 100,000 this week." De Blasio is quoted as saying, "We're going to run out of doses in the next few weeks if we don't get more of a supply coming in."

Meanwhile, the New York Times (1/11, McKinley, Ferré-Sadurní, 20.6M) reports New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) on Monday "unveiled his vision of New York's agenda for the year, focused on righting the state's finances and its citizens' health in a moment of profound concern about the nation's well-being." Cuomo "unveiled a seven-point plan for the state, with many of the points touching on the coronavirus and its ramifications." The Wall Street Journal (1/7 Vieckand, Subscription : Publication, 3.42$) provides similar coverage.

Biden Gets Second Vaccine Dose, Pledges To Focus On Accelerating Vaccination Rate.
The AP (1/11, Weissert, Barrow) reports that on Monday, Joe Biden "received his second dose of the coronavirus vaccine...three weeks after getting his first one with television cameras rolling in an attempt to reassure the American public that the inoculations are safe." The AP adds that "in comments to reporters after his shot, Biden said he has confidence in his COVID-19 medical team to hit ambitious vaccination rate targets after he takes office on Jan. 20," and "also called the current rate of thousands of people dying daily because of the pandemic 'beyond the pale.'" The AP also reports Biden "said he has a virtual meeting later Monday with his virus team and planned to outline more of his pandemic response plan on Thursday," while the Trump Administration this week "will give Biden transition officials their first direct access to certain regular meetings tied to the government's coronavirus vaccine development effort, Operation Warp Speed, a senior administration official told" Politico (1/11, Cancryn, 6.73M).

However, Politico (1/11, Cancryn, Pager, 6.73M) says that Biden is "frustrated with the team in charge of plotting his coronavirus response, amid rising concerns that the federal government will fall short of its promise of 100 million vaccinations in the first 100 days, according to people familiar with the conversations." Politico adds Biden "has expressed criticism on multiple occasions to groups of transition officials – including one confrontation where Biden conveyed to Covid coordinator Jeff Zients and his deputy, Natalie Quillian, that their team was underperforming." Furthermore, "transition officials described encountering a litany of challenges and a lack of long-term planning by the Trump administration." However, NIAID Director Fauci, whom Biden has asked to be his chief medical adviser on coronavirus, told Politico that the "unprecedented effort to vaccinate the entire country" will "absolutely" be a challenge, but "it can be done." The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Leary, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provides similar coverage.

BioNTech Now Expects To Produce 2B Doses Of Pfizer Vaccine This Year.
Reuters (1/11, Burger) reports that Pfizer partner BioNTech "has boosted the 2021 delivery target for their COVID-19 vaccine to 2 billion doses, up from 1.3 billion previously, as they add new production lines and as more doses can be extracted per vial." Reuters adds, "Special syringes known as low dead space syringes allow for extraction of six vaccine doses from a standard vial, instead of the usual five, avoiding wasting unused liquid left in a syringe. That would result in 1 billion people getting the designated two-dose regimen, BioNTech said on Monday." Bloomberg (1/11, Kresge, Griffin, 3.57M) reports that last week, the EU "sealed a deal to double its supply of Pfizer-BioNTech shots to as many as 600 million, while the U.S. has locked in a total of 200 million
No Evidence Of Homegrown Coronavirus Strain Or Surge Of Other Variants.

The Washington Post (1/11, Achenbach, Bellerwete, Shaban, 10.52M) reports, “Mutations in the novel coronavirus and the sudden appearance of the highly contagious United Kingdom variant have become a top concern of scientists and public health officials in the United States, who are vowing to improve the spotty surveillance of the pathogen as it adapts to its human host and potentially becomes a more elusive target for vaccines.” Infectious disease experts “say there is no evidence the massive winter surge that is killing thousands of people a day in the United States is linked to the U.K. variant or to a homegrown strain.” On NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 7, 1:35, Holt, 6.27M), Richard Engel reported a Japanese strain on Monday “was just confirmed.”

Watson Coleman Tests Positive For COVID After Sheltering At Capitol With Maskless Republican Lawmakers.

The Washington Post (1/11, Itkowitz, 10.52M) reports Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ) on Monday announced she “tested positive for the coronavirus after taking shelter in a room with other lawmakers, some of whom refused to wear masks, during last week’s violent takeover of the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob.” The Post adds Watson Coleman “said she believes she contracted the virus while in protected isolation during the riot.”

In an interview with the New York Times (1/11, Cochrane, 20.6M) cited as part of an article suggesting that “the riot on Wednesday may have started a coronavirus superspreader event, fueled by the mob that roamed through the halls of Congress and unmasked Republicans who jammed into cloistered secure rooms,” Watson Coleman “said after taking a rapid antigen test on Monday, she was isolating and awaiting the results of a more accurate laboratory P.C.R. test.” The Times adds Watson Coleman “began to feel symptomatic within the last 24 hours, and was experiencing ‘mild, cold-like symptoms,’ including a cough and a raspy sore throat.”

Politico (1/11, Maldonado, 6.73M) reports the lawmaker “tweeted late Wednesday afternoon that, on her doctor’s advice, she was en route to a hospital for monoclonal antibody treatment.” The Hill (1/11, Hellmann, 5.69M) reports Watson Coleman “is 75 and a cancer survivor, putting her at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness.” ABC World News Tonight (1/11, story 7, 0:25, Muir, 7.32M) and NBC Nightly News (1/11, story 4, 0:15, Holt, 6.27M) provided similar coverage in brief reports.

Biden Criticizes Republicans Who Refused To Wear Masks At Capitol. Bloomberg (1/11, Jacobs, 3.57M) reports Joe Biden on Monday “told reporters he was ‘appalled’ to learn that some Republican members of Congress refused to wear masks while hiding with colleagues from a mob that overran the Capitol on Wednesday.” Biden said, “It’s irresponsible. It’s not a political issue, it’s an issue of public safety and it’s going to get worse before it gets better.”

Trump Advised Not To Pardon Himself.

Jonathan Karl reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/11, story 2, 1:25, Muir, 7.32M) that if President Trump has been warned by some of his attorneys that if he pardons himself “he could be more vulnerable to civil lawsuits, including from some of those injured in the Capitol riot,” as the pardon would be seen as an admission that he did something wrong. “The President is angry, he has not taken that well, and I am told that he is now saying that he doesn’t want to see pardons for anybody.”

CNN (1/11, 89.21M) reports on its website that multiple sources familiar with the matter say that both White House Counsel Pat Cipollone and then-Attorney General Bill Barr advised Trump not to pardon himself. Sources say that “Barr believes a 1974 Justice Department legal memo finding that the president cannot pardon himself should stand” and that Cipollone has not asked it be reexamined by the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel. While a sitting president can resign the office and then be pardoned by the new president, “two separate sources close to Vice President Mike Pence say it is highly unlikely that Pence would issue a pardon to Trump in this scenario.”
**DC AG: Trump Inaugural Committee Improperly Paid $49,000 Bill For His Company.**

The *Washington Post* (1/11, Fahrenthold, 10.52M) reports District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine (D) added an allegation in his suit against President Trump’s nonprofit 2017 inaugural committee that it improperly paid a $49,000 hotel bill incurred by Trump’s private business after the debt went to a collections agency. “Racine has asked a D.C. Superior Court judge to direct that all of this money -- the $1 million paid to Trump’s hotel, and the $49,000 used to pay off the Trump Organization’s debts -- be given to charity.”

**Administration Misses Deadline For Sending Census Numbers To Congress.**

The *AP* (1/11) reports that the Trump Administration has "missed a deadline for giving Congress numbers used for dividing up congressional seats among the states, as the U.S. Census Bureau works toward fixing data irregularities found during the numbers crunching phase of the 2020 census." The *AP* says that on Sunday, President Trump "missed a deadline for transmitting the apportionment numbers to Congress." Federal law requires the President "to hand over the numbers to Congress showing the number of people in each state within the first week of the start of Congress in the year following a once-a-decade head count of every U.S. resident." However, "there are no penalties for missing the deadline.”

**Politico Analysis: Biden Reluctant To Make Use Of Executive Power, Despite Democratic Pressure.**

*Politico* (1/11, Barron-Lopez, Otterbein, 6.73M) reports that though Democrats are "pressuring President-elect Joe Biden to use executive power to revamp everything from the economy to climate change policy," Biden "has been cool toward taking broad unilateral measures. A self-proclaimed institutionalist, he has stressed his desire to find common ground with Republicans and, in doing so, agitated members of his own party." *Politico* says the "push for sweeping use of executive action has created a strange dynamic within the Democratic Party. Lawmakers are increasingly eager to cede their legislative power to Biden -- but Biden says he doesn’t want it.”

**Federal Investigation Into Manatee With “Trump” Etched On Its Back.**

The *New York Times* (1/11, Diaz, 20.6M) reports the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are investigating after someone etched “Trump” in block letters on a Florida manatee’s back. The Center for Biological Diversity is offering a $5,000 reward for information leading to a conviction "for the cruel and illegal mutilation" of the animal. However, the US Fish and Wildlife Service said that the word appears to have been written in algae and the manatee "did not appear to be seriously injured." *USA Today* (1/11, Aspegren, 12.7M) reports that the harassment is prohibited under the Endangered Species Act.

**WHO Team Studying Pandemic’s Origin Will Finally Arrive In China On Thursday.**

*Reuters* (1/11) reports that Chinese officials announced on Monday that a World Health Organization team "tasked with investigating the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic will arrive in China on Jan. 14." *Reuters* says "lack of authorisation from Beijing had delayed the arrival of the 10-strong team on a long-awaited mission to investigate early infections, in what China’s foreign ministry called a ‘misunderstanding.’" *Reuters* adds that WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus "welcomed the news and said that studies would begin in the central city of Wuhan where the first human cases were identified.”

*China Expands Hebei Lockdowns, Delays Political Conference.* The *AP* (1/11) reports Chinese officials have “expanded” a lockdown for the city of Gu’an effective Tuesday, while Hebei province “delayed the meetings of the provincial People’s Congress and its advisory body that are usually held in February. It wasn’t clear when the meetings would be held.” The *AP* says the province “next to Beijing...is the scene of China’s most serious recent COVID-19 outbreak.”
Indonesia Approves Sinovac's COVID Vaccine.
The New York Times (1/11, Suhartono, Wee, 20.6M) reports Indonesia "authorized on Monday the emergency use of a Covid-19 vaccine made by a private Chinese company, after late-stage clinical data reaffirmed that the shot is effective." Reuters (1/11, Widianto) reports Indonesia was the first country outside China to approve the Sinovac Biotech COVID vaccine, although "a lack of data and varying efficacy rates reported for the vaccine from different countries could undermine public trust in the rollout, according to public health experts." To address these concerns, the AP (1/11, Milko, Tarigan) reports Indonesian President Joko Widodo "said he would be the first person to receive the vaccine." The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Deng, Emont, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provides similar coverage.

UK Could See Worst Of Pandemic Within Next Few Weeks, Health Secretary Warns.
The Washington Post (1/11, Hassan, Noori Farzan, 10.52M) reports that with COVID infections "rising throughout Britain, England’s chief medical officer, Chris Whitty, warned Monday that the next few weeks could be the ‘worst’ of the pandemic, and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson asked the public for ‘maximum vigilance.’" Stricter restrictions "could be necessary if cases continue to rise, he said." However, Bloomberg (1/11, Ross, Ashton, 3.57M) says Johnson "risked undermining his own appeal to the public to stay home and act responsibly when it emerged he had taken a bike ride 7 miles across London on Sunday."

Meanwhile, the AP (1/11, Kirka) reports the UK "opened seven mass vaccination centers Monday as it moved into the most perilous moment of the COVID-19 pandemic, with exhausted medical staff reeling under the pressure of packed hospitals and increasing admissions." Reuters (1/11, Holden) reports the UK is confronting "a new, more transmissible variant of the disease," with "one in 20 people in parts of London now infected, threatening to overwhelm the National Health Service (NHS) as hospitals fill up with patients." The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Colchester, Sugden, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provides similar coverage.

Spain Looks To Speed Up COVID Vaccinations After Snow Delays.
The AP (1/11, Parra) reports that "after delays over New Year’s [related to snow], health authorities in Spain were hoping to speed up vaccination nationwide this week." Slightly more than "50% of the nearly 750,000 doses received by Spain had been given out by Monday, according to the Health Ministry."

Portuguese President Tests Positive For COVID.
Reuters (1/11, Waldere, Demony) reports that just days before an election for a second term, 72-year-old Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa "tested positive for the coronavirus but has so far shown no symptoms, his office said on Monday." Reuters adds Rebelo de Sousa had had "one major presidential debate scheduled for Tuesday, as well as a meeting with health experts to discuss the details of a planned lockdown to be announced on Wednesday, but his office said he had already cancelled all his public appearances."

South Africa Struggling To Cope With COVID Spike.
The AP (1/11, Meldrum, Magome) reports, "South Africa is struggling to cope with a spike in COVID-19 cases that has already overwhelmed many hospitals, as people returning from widespread holiday travel have spread the country’s more infectious coronavirus variant."

Pentagon Has Not Stopped Afghanistan Troop Withdrawal Despite Law Prohibiting It.
Reuters (1/11, Landay, Ali) reports that the Defense Department "told Reuters on Monday" that the US military "has not halted a U.S. troop withdrawal from Afghanistan...despite a new law prohibiting further reductions without the Pentagon sending Congress an assessment of the risks." The Pentagon said in a statement, "Currently, no new orders have been issued which impact the progression of the conditions-based drawdown expected to reach 2,500 (troops) by Jan. 15, 2021." Reuters says the action "will likely anger Republican and Democratic lawmakers opposed to..."
further troop cuts and renew concerns about the outgoing Trump administration’s disdain for Congress, even in its waning days.” Reuters adds, “The White House declined to comment.”

Ghani Acknowledges Afghan Air Force Strike Killed Civilians.

Reuters (1/11, Hakimi) reports that on Monday, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani “expressed grief over the deaths of civilians in an airstrike by the country’s military, a move that came a day after government officials said only Taliban fighters had been killed.” According to Reuters, “Locals in the southern province of Nimroz on Sunday said the airstrike by the Afghan air force had resulted in the deaths of 14 civilians, but government officials denied the claim. Residents later brought the bodies of the deceased to the provincial capital in protest.” Reuters adds that “the death toll from the incident has risen to 18, according to locals,” including “eight children and seven women.”

Kushner Has Briefed Sullivan On Trump’s Middle East Policies.

Axios (1/11, Ravid, 1.26M) reports outgoing US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman “told a closed hearing in the Israeli parliament on Monday” that Jared Kushner has briefed National Security Adviser-designate Jake Sullivan on the Administration’s Middle East policies. Friedman “said Kushner had briefed Sullivan in particular on the Abraham Accords process through which four Arab countries have normalized relations with Israel, according to lawmakers who attended the hearing. Trump’s advisers hope President-elect Biden will continue that process and encourage other countries like Saudi Arabia to sign on.”

Netanyahu Approves 800 New Homes For West Bank Settlers. The Washington Post (1/11, Rubin, 10.52M) reports, “Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday approved the construction of 800 new housing units in Jewish settlements in the West Bank, launching a potentially provocative expansion in the Israeli-occupied territory just days before President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration.” The move immediately drew criticism that Netanyahu, “who has been closely allied with the pro-settler administration of President Trump,” was “needlessly antagonizing Trump’s successor.” Biden “has said he opposes settlement expansion and has clashed with Netanyahu over the issue in the past.”

Armenia, Azerbaijan Agree To Work Together To Develop Nagorno-Karabakh.

The Wall Street Journal (1/11, Simmons, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports while the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed to work together to develop Nagorno-Karabakh, they did not resolve a number of issues that could undermine the success of the peace deal brokered by the Kremlin. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who facilitated talks between Azeri President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan in Moscow Monday said the leaders agreed to take “concrete steps to build economic ties and develop infrastructure projects,” but analysts say several issues remain unsettled, including the role of Russian peacekeepers deployed as part of the cease-fire agreement, the resettlement of displaced people and what will happen to captured fighters.

THE BIG PICTURE

Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
House Plans Trump Impeachment Vote For Wednesday
National Guard Bolsters Washington, DC, Troop Levels To At Least 10,000
Parler, A Platform Favored By Trump Fans, Struggles For Survival
TikTok And Discord Are The New Wall Street Trading Desks
Welcome To The Fake Office Commute (Turns Out People Miss The Routine)

New York Times:
House Sets Impeachment Vote To Charge Trump With Incitement
Justice Dept. Pursues At Least 150 Suspects In Capitol Riot
State Capitals 'On High Alert,' Fearing More Violence
An Urgent Reckoning For The Trump Brand
How White Evangelical Christians Fused With Trump Extremism
Can Andrew Yang Make It In New York City Politics?

Washington Post:
State Capitals Beef Up Security As FBI Warns Of Armed Weekend Protest
Capitol Police Officers' Actions Prompt Suspensions, Investigations
A Promise To Heal A Divided Nation's Wounds
House Finalizing Impeachment Push
As Allies Plead For Help, Trump Kept Watching TV
As Vaccines Arrived, Missteps And Missed Moments

Financial Times:
Angela Merkel Attacks Twitter Over Trump Ban
Dr. Martens Owner Permira Plans IPO Of Cult Bootmaker
Ex-Credit Suisse Chief Tidjane Thiam To Launch Blank Cheque Vehicle

Washington Times:
Trump To Travel To Texas, Tout Border Wall In One Of His Last Official Acts
Black Conservatives Push Back As Biden, Democrats Allege Racism In Capitol Police Response
Lifelong Diplomat Who Backed Iran Diplomacy Picked To Head CIA
House Democrats Release New Impeachment Resolution
Security Concerns Grip DC After FBI Issues Bulletin Warning Of Armed Protests
Big Tech Faces Backlash As Stocks Tumble After Trump Bans

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: Impeachment; Trump-Fallout; Capitol Police; FBI-Violence Warning; Vaccines; Indonesia-Plane Crash; Rep. Coleman-COVID; Honoring Capitol Police Officer Sicknick.
CBS: FBI-Violence Warning; Impeachment; Inauguration; Siege-Social Media Fallout; COVID; Indonesia-Plane Crash; Weather Report; Siege-Officer Distracts Mob Away From Senate.
NBC: Impeachment; GOP-Impeachment; Capitol Police; Rep. Coleman-COVID; Vaccines; COVID; COVID Variants; Siege-Social Media Fallout; FBI-Violence Warning; Shipping Returns; Chicago-Child Raises Money For Children's Hospital.

Network TV At A Glance:
Impeachment - 13 minutes, 50 seconds
FBI-Violence Warning - 7 minutes, 50 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: FBI-Violence Warning; Impeachment; Trump-Self Pardon; COVID; Siege-Social Media Fallout
CBS: GOP-Impeachment; Impeachment; FBI-Violence Warning; Chad Wolf Resignation; Mississippi-New State Flag.
FOX: Impeachment; GOP-Impeachment; COVID; San Diego Zoo-Gorillas Test Positive For COVID.
NPR: FBI-Violence Warning; Capitol Police; Melania Trump-Statement; Impeachment; College Football; Stocks.

WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
President Trump — Visits Texas.

Vice President Pence — Leads governors video teleconference on COVID-19 response & recovery.

**US Senate:**

- Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on civilian control of the armed forces — Hearing on ‘Civilian Control of the Armed Forces’, with testimony from U.S. Naval War College Associate Professor Dr Lindsay Cohn; and Congressional Research Service Specialist In International Security Dr Kathleen McInnis

  *Location: Room G50, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 9:30 AM*

- Senate convenes for pro forma session — Senators convenes for pro forma session * Chamber on recess from 7 Jan - 19 Jan

  *Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC; 12:30 PM*

**US House:**

- House debates resolution to remove President Trump — House of Representatives debates H. Res. XX, Calling on Vice President Michael R. Pence to convene and mobilize the principal officers of the executive departments of the Cabinet to activate section 4 of the 25th Amendment to declare President Donald J. Trump incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting President', after Republican Rep. Alex Mooney became the single Member sufficient to object to House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer’s request for Unanimous Consent to bring the resolution up yesterday * House Democrats also introduced articles of impeachment yesterday, for ‘inciting an insurrection’, following the 6 Jan attacks on the U.S. Capitol which followed the president’s remarks at a nearby ‘Stop the Steal’ rally * Chamber previously due to be on recess from 8 Jan - 18 Jan * President Trump, whose term ends 20 Jan, could become the first president to be impeached twice

  *Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC*

**Cabinet Officers:**

- No public schedules released.

**Visitors:**

- No scheduled visitors.

**This Town:**

- NTSB meets virtually to discuss 2018 Dallas natural gas explosion — National Transportation Safety Board meeting, via webcast, to determine the probable cause of a natural gas explosion in Dallas on 23 Feb 2018 that destroyed a single-family home, killing a 12-year-old girl and injuring several others. Two additional homes were destroyed by related natural gas incidents in the days prior * The NTSB board votes on the investigation’s findings, probable cause and safety recommendations as well as any changes to the draft final report (9:30 AM EST) * Followed by virtual media briefing with NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt, via Microsoft Teams Live (2:00 PM EST); 9:30 AM

- U.S. Supreme Court hearing — U.S. Supreme Court hearing, via teleconference: ‘Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski’ (Whether a govt’s post-filing change of an unconstitutional policy moots nominal-damages claims that vindicate the govt’s past, completed violation of a plaintiff’s constitutional right?); 10:00 AM

- FPA hosts press conference with former NSA John Bolton (virtual) — Foreign Press Association hosts press conference with former National Security Advisor John Bolton, via Zoom; 10:00 AM

- World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates — World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates (WASDE), including Monthly Corn Stocks, Monthly Soybean Stocks, and Monthly Wheat Stocks; 12:00 PM

- NPC Virtual Newsmaker with AMA president — NPC Virtual Newsmaker with American Medical Association President Susan Bailey, who discusses lessons learned from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in 2020 and calls upon the incoming Biden administration to provide additional guidance and support for states as they develop programs for vaccine distribution. She also calls for a stronger strategy for testing and production of protective equipment for
physicians, nurses, and all health care workers by 'tapping into the full powers of the Defense Production Act'; 2:00 PM.
Attached: OPE SITREP 111.pdf

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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POLICING & POLICY

Biden To Enter White House Pushing Police Reform

The Washington Post reports, "When he was elected vice president in 2008, Joe Biden called in police officials for meetings during the transition to let them know that he would be their liaison in the Obama administration," and "more than a decade later, Biden won the presidency and his transition team called in police officials for a new round of meetings. This time, the landscape was strikingly different. The nation was shaken by a reckoning over police violence and racial injustice. Biden was arguing for police reform." The Post adds, "Despite everything that had changed, police officials who attended these meetings said Biden has the confidence of many in law enforcement." According to the Post, "Terry Cunningham, deputy executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and an "attendee at a Biden transition meeting, said "we think he's uniquely positioned to connect law enforcement officials and groups pushing for police reform and find common ground. "Biden does still have the respect of the police," said Cunningham, a former police chief in Wallingford, Mass. "I worked with him a lot as vice president. He connected well with law enforcement and civil rights groups."

FBI Warns Of Extremist Actions In DC And State Capitals

In an "exclusive" report, Yahoo! News (1/11, Dickson) reports, "Federal authorities are warning state and local law enforcement about threats of possible violence by right-wing extremists at a series of protests planned for later this month in Washington and in state capitals, according to an FBI document obtained by Yahoo News." According to Yahoo! News, "The situational information report, produced by the Minneapolis field office of the FBI, is based on information provided by what it describes as "collaborative sources," and was issued the week before a mob of Trump supporters violently stormed the U.S. Capitol. It addresses concerns about rallies that the far-right boogaloo movement plans to hold in cities across the country on Jan. 17.

ABC News (1/11, Katersky, Barraugh) reports, "Starting this week and running through at least Inauguration Day, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols and at the U.S. Capitol, according to an internal FBI bulletin obtained by ABC News." The FBI has also received information in recent days on a group calling for "storming" state, local and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event President Donald Trump is removed from office prior to Inauguration Day. The group is also planning to "storm" government offices in every state the day President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump. The FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January," the bulletin read. "They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment, a huge uprising will occur."

States Step Up Security At Capitols. The AP (1/11, Lieb) reports, "State capitols across the nation stepped up security Monday, deploying National Guard units, SWAT teams and extra police officers as several legislatures convened amid heightened safety concerns." The New York Times (2/11, MacFarquhar) reports, "Dozens of state capitals will be on alert in the coming days, following calls among a mix of antigovernment organizations for actions in all 50 states," on January 17. The Washington Post (1/11) reports, "Officials in many states had already begun taking steps to increase security and plan for additional violence in response to protests last week. On Monday, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers [D] announced that he was activating the National Guard to provide support for the Capitol Police in Madison." The Baltimore Sun (1/11, Wood, Campbell) reports, "The Maryland State Police is preparing for the possibility of violence at the State House in Annapolis next week." The Boston Globe (1/11) reports, "Federal officials in Boston said Monday they have no evidence that armed
demonstrators intend to target the Massachusetts State House or other nearby state capitols in the coming days, even as the FBI warns of the potential of protests nationwide.

**Michigan Bans Open Carry Of Guns At Statehouse.** The *AP* (1/11, Nichols) reports the Michigan State Capitol Commission has banned the open carry of guns in the Capitol building in Lansing. Moves to ban weapons at the statehouse "have been pushed since April, when protesters opposed to COVID restrictions enacted by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), some armed with long rifles and other weapons, entered the Michigan Capitol demanding to be allowed onto the floor of a legislative chamber that was closed to the public." The *Detroit Free Press* (1/11, Egan) says Michigan "was one of only three states with virtually no firearm regulations or security measures in place for its state Capitol."

**UK Law Enforcement: Fines “Increasingly Likely” For Coronavirus Lockdown Violators**

*BBC News* (1/11) reports, "It is ‘preposterous’ that anyone could be unaware of the need to follow the coronavirus lockdown rules, the UK’s most senior police officer has said." Metropolitan Police commissioner Dame Cressida Dick "wrote in the Times that Londoners have been hosting raves, house parties and gambling events. The police minister confirmed Dame Cressida’s pledge that rule-breakers are ‘increasingly likely’ to be fined." UK Malthouse "said people have a ‘duty’ to make this lockdown the last one. ‘Current measures should in theory, if we all stick by them, be enough to drive the numbers down so that we can start to move through the geared of fines from mid-February,’ Mr Malthouse told BBC Breakfast."

**Commissioner: British Columbia Police Complaint Processes Need Greater Accessibility**

*The Globe and Mail (CAN)* (1/11, Wells) reports, "Accessibility to British Columbia’s municipal police complaints process can and should be improved, its commissioner says, as the office faces criticism from both legal advocates and the head of Vancouver’s police union." Clayton Pecknold, "who was appointed to the role in 2019, said in an interview he’s aware of criticism over how his office responds to complaints against local police forces and officers. ‘We want to expand our ability to be accessible and our ability to lower the barriers to the police complaints process,’ he said. ‘We absolutely want to improve that. Part of the issue, he said, is making it clear that his office only investigates the 14 municipal police departments in B.C., not the RCMP.” Pecknold’s office “is also grappling with tackling underlying issues in police forces that can lead to misconduct in situations such as street checks and the mishandling of investigations into sexualized violence and relationship violence.”

**US Gun Background Checks Reach All-Time High In December**

*Newsweek* (1/11, Fink) reports, "Firearm background checks in December were higher than they’ve been in any month for the past 21 years, an appropriate culmination of a year filled with elevated firearm background checks." According to *Newsweek*, "Before 2020, the previous record was set in December 2015 at 3,314,594 background checks for the month, but that was broken first in our March, followed by another record in June. In December, there were 3,937,056 checks, a 34 percent increase from December 2019 that’s likely attributable at least in part to President Donald Trump’s election loss." *Newsweek* adds, "The December spike isn’t entirely surprising, as background checks often skew upward at the end of the year. Since 1996, when the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was put in place, December has had the highest number of background checks, except in three instances — 2013, 2014 and 2018 — according to data from the FBI.”
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**CRIME & DRUGS**

**Federal Officials Pursuing At Least 150 Suspects In Capitol Attack**

The *New York Times* (1/11, Brenner, Goldman) reports that law enforcement officials say that the Justice Department and the FBI, "grappling with the fallout from the widespread government failure to protect" the Capitol, "embarked on a nationwide manhunt to track down" those who attacked the building. Officials say that "investigators are pursuing more than 150 suspects for prosecution." However, the Capital Police allowing most of the rioters to leave "created a major obstacle for federal investigators, who must now fan out and look for them across the country." Additionally, "prosecutors have expressed concerns that the Justice Department is creating a bottleneck by funneling prosecutions through Washington." Meanwhile, analysts say "scooping intelligence to identify any role that domestic terrorist organizations or foreign adversaries may have played in radicalizing Americans who were among the rioters."

**NYPD Provided DC With Intelligence On Potential Trouble.** *Newsday NY* (1/11, DeStefano, O'Keefe) reports, "The New York City Police Department gave Washington law enforcement officials raw intelligence from internet chat rooms that potential trouble was brewing in the days before a mob of President Donald Trump supporters stormed U.S. Capitol building last week, senior law enforcement officials said Monday." Newsday adds, "The information gleaned by the NYPD was sent as a matter of course to U.S. Capitol Police officials and didn't contain any specific threats of people planning to storm the building, said one of the officials, who requested anonymity. According to another official who requested anonymity, the NYPD material didn't contain any 'shocking intelligence' and was material gleaned from rhetoric internet forums and chat rooms used by Right Wing groups and others. At no time did the NYPD determine that thousands of people were to storm the [Capitol] building," the official explained.

**Oregon Man Charged With Shooting At Portland Federal Courthouse**

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FBI Warns Of Extremist Actions In DC And State Capitals

In an “exclusive” report, Yahoo! News (1/11, Dickson) reports, “Federal authorities are warning state and local law enforcement about threats of possible violence by right-wing extremists at a series of protests planned for later this month in Washington and in state capitals, according to an FBI document obtained by Yahoo News.” According to Yahoo! News, “The situational information report, produced by the Minneapolis field office of the FBI, is based on information provided by what it describes as ‘collaborative sources,’ and was issued the week before a mob of Trump supporters violently stormed the U.S. Capitol. It addresses concerns about rallies that the far-right boogaloo movement plans to hold in cities across the country on Jan. 17.”

ABC News (1/11, Katersky, Barbour) reports, “Starting this week and running through at least Inauguration Day, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitals and at the U.S. Capitol, according to an internal FBI bulletin obtained by ABC News.” The FBI “has also received information in recent days on a group calling for ‘storming’ state, local and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event President Donald Trump is removed from office prior to Inauguration Day. The group is also planning to ‘storm’ government offices in every state the day President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump.” The FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January,” the bulletin read. “They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment, a huge uprising will occur.”

States Step Up Security At Capitals. The AP (1/11, Lieb) reports, “State capitals across the nation stepped up security Monday, deploying National Guard units, SWAT teams and extra police officers as several legislatures convened amid heightened safety concerns.” The New York Times (2/11, MacFarquhar) reports, “Dozens of state capitals will be on alert in the coming days, following calls among a mix of antigovernment organizations for actions in all 50 states” on January 17.

The Washington Post (1/11) reports, “Officials in many states had already begun taking steps to increase security and plan for additional violence in response to protests last week. On Monday, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers [D] announced that he was activating the National Guard to provide support for the Capitol Police in Madison.” The Baltimore Sun (1/11, Wood, Campbell) reports, “The Maryland State Police is preparing for the possibility of violence at the State House in Annapolis next week.” The Boston Globe (1/11) reports, “Federal officials in Boston said Monday they have no evidence that armed
demonstrators intend to target the Massachusetts State House or other nearby state capitols in the coming days, even as the FBI warns of the potential of protests nationwide."

**Michigan Bans Open Carry Of Guns At Statehouse.** The [Day] newsletter (1/11, Nichols) reports the Michigan State Capitol Commission has banned the open carry of guns in the Capitol building in Lansing. Moves to ban weapons at the statehouse "have been pushed since April, when protesters opposed to COVID restrictions enacted by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), "some armed with long rifles and other weapons, entered the Michigan Capitol demanding to be allowed onto the floor of a legislative chamber that was closed to the public."

The [Detroit Free Press] (1/11, Egan) says Michigan "was one of only three states with virtually no firearm regulations or security measures in place for its state Capitol."

**UK Law Enforcement: Fines “Increasingly Likely” For Coronavirus Lockdown Violators**

[BBC News] (1/11) reports, "It is ‘preposterous’ that anyone could be unaware of the need to follow the coronavirus lockdown rules, the UK’s most senior police officer has said.” Metropolitan Police commissioner Dame Cressida Dick "wrote in the Times that Londoners have been hosting raves, house parties and gambling events. The policing minister confirmed Dame Cressida’s pledge that rule-breakers are ‘increasingly likely’ to be fined.” Mr Mathhouse “said people have a ‘duty’ to make this lockdown the last one. 'These current measures should in theory, if we all stick by them, be enough to drive the numbers down so that we can start to move through the gears of tiers from mid-February,' Mr Mathhouse told BBC Breakfast.”

**Commissioner: British Columbia Police Complaint Processes Need Greater Accessibility**

The [Globe and Mail (CAN)] (1/11, Wells) reports, “Accessibility to British Columbia’s municipal police complaints process can and should be improved, its commissioner says, as the office faces criticism from both legal advocates and the head of Vancouver’s police union.” Clayton Pecknold, “who was appointed to the role in 2019, said in an interview he’s aware of criticism over how his office responds to complaints against local police forces and officers. ‘We want to expand our ability to be accessible and our ability to lower the barriers to the police complaints process,’ he said. ‘We absolutely want to improve that. Part of the issue, he said, is making it clear that his office only investigates the 14 municipal police departments in B.C., not the RCMP.” Pecknold’s office “also grappling with tackling underlying issues in police forces that can lead to misconduct in situations such as street checks and the mishandling of investigations into sexualized violence and relationship violence.”

**US Gun Background Checks Reach All-Time High In December**

[Newsweek] (1/11, Fink) reports, "Firearm background checks in December were higher than they’ve been in any month for the past 21 years, an appropriate culmination of a year filled with elevated firearm background checks.” According to Newsweek, “Before 2020, the previous record was set in December 2015 at 3,314,594 background checks for the month, but that was broken first in our March, followed by another record in June. In December, there were 3,937,066 checks, a 34 percent increase from December 2019 that’s likely attributable at least in part to President Donald Trump’s election loss.” Newsweek adds, "The December spike isn’t entirely surprising, as background checks often skew upward at the end of the year. Since 1998, when the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was put in place, December has had the highest number of background checks except in three instances — 2013, 2014 and 2018 — according to data from the FBI.”
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The New York Times (1/11, Benner, Goldman) reports that law enforcement officials say that the Justice Department and the FBI "grappled with the fallout from the widespread government failure to protect" the Capitol, "embarked on a nationwide manhunt to track down those who attacked the building. Officials say that 'investigators are pursuing more than 150 suspects for prosecution.' However, the Capital Police allowing most of the rioters to leave "created a major obstacle for federal investigators, who must now fan out and look for them across the country." Additionally, "prosecutors have expressed concerns that the Justice Department is creating a bottleneck by funneling prosecutions through Washington." Meanwhile, analysts are "warning intelligence to identify any role that domestic terrorist organizations or foreign adversaries may have played in radicalizing Americans who were among the rioters."

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Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 11:20 AM
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Thanks Ryan and Bill.

Thanks,

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Rgr, thanks. - Bill

William F. Sweeney, Jr.
Assistant Director in Charge
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From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:54 AM
Cc: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) | Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI)

Subject: RE: concerns

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Cc: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)

Subject: FW: concerns

All,
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Intelligence for leaders.

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with Mariana Alfaro

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On the eve of the inauguration four years ago, Donald Trump likened his 
“movement” to the one that elected President Andrew Jackson. “There hasn’t been 
anything like this since Andrew Jackson,” Trump said. “That was a long time ago!”

Allies such as Rudy Giuliani, Steve Bannon and Newt Gingrich frequently made this 
comparison. The organizer of Trump’s inaugural festivities, Tom Barrack, looked 
into opening up the White House to the general public for a party that would be 
modeled on what Jackson hosted when he became the seventh president. 
“Unfortunately, security concerns are different than they were in 1829,” Barrack said 
in 2017.

When Trump was sworn in, he hung Old Hickory’s portrait prominently in the Oval 
Office, made a pilgrimage to his Nashville estate and blocked plans to replace 
Jackson on the $20 bill with Harriet Tubman.

But Trump will likely be remembered much more in the category of another 19th-
century president from Tennessee. Next week, Trump will become the first president 
to refuse to attend his successor’s inauguration since President Andrew Johnson 
snubbed Ulysses S. Grant in 1869.
Johnson was the first of three presidents to be impeached. Trump is poised to become the first president to be impeached twice.
While Jackson and Trump both ran as populists, Jackson actually practiced what he preached. Google the Bank War if you have never studied that period. On the other hand, Trump has governed more often as a plutocrat than a populist.

Unlike Jackson, who won reelection in a landslide and has an epoch of U.S. history named for him, Johnson left office after one term. He was loathed by a majority of Americans and denied his party’s nomination for a full term.

Historians occasionally debate whether Johnson was the worst president in U.S. history — or just one of the worst two or three. Johnson was a demagogue who played on racial fears as he battled with radical Republicans over Reconstruction. He traveled the country to give long-winded speeches at rallies that oozed with grievance. In one notorious episode, on George Washington’s birthday, Johnson gave a speech in which he referred to himself more than 200 times and described congressmen with whom he disagreed as traitors.

Just like the current lame-duck president, Johnson issued a flurry of scandalous pardons during his final Christmas in the White House.

Ironically, Trump’s presidency is ending with current and former members of his Cabinet turning on him. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao resigned in protest last week after Trump incited an act of insurrection against the legislative branch, which left five dead. John Kelly, the former White House chief of staff and secretary of homeland security, said he would
vote to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Trump if he was still in the Cabinet. Mick Mulvaney, another former Trump chief of staff and the ex-director of the Office of Management and Budget, resigned his position as Trump’s special envoy to Northern Ireland.

Johnson was impeached after firing Edwin Stanton as secretary of war. He had inherited Stanton and the rest of his Cabinet from President Abraham Lincoln. Nervous he would lose reelection in 1864, Lincoln had dumped his first-term vice president, Hannibal Hamlin of Maine, for Johnson, a so-called War Democrat who was then the military governor of Tennessee. The unity ticket was part of an effort to appeal to moderates in the border states, and it achieved its intended goal: Lincoln won reelection by 10 points after the Union victory in Atlanta. He carried Tennessee but lost the neighboring state of Kentucky to George McClellan.

Unlike the teetotaler Trump, Johnson was an alcoholic. He showed up drunk to Lincoln’s second inauguration. One month later, he became the 17th president.

In lieu of a second impeachment, a growing number of constitutional scholars and historians who specialize in the Reconstruction period are suggesting a remedy from 1868 to punish Trump for his role in last week’s events. Section 3 of the 14th Amendment could be used to bar Trump from holding another federal office if he is found to have “engaged in insurrection or rebellion against” the United States. This provision was written largely to prevent Johnson from unilaterally granting blanket pardons to ex-Confederates, without congressional support, that might allow them to run for office again.
More political fallout

"The finding could be accomplished by a simple majority vote of both houses, in contrast to the requirements in impeachment proceedings that the Senate vote to convict by a two-thirds majority," Yale law professor Bruce Ackerman and Indiana University law professor Richard Hasen wrote in a paper.

New details emerge about Trump's initial refusal to act after the mob stormed the Capitol.

"Hiding from the rioters in a secret location away from the Capitol, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) appealed to Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser. Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) phoned Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter. And Kellyanne Conway, a longtime Trump confidante and former White House senior adviser, called an aide who she knew was standing at the president's side," Ashley Parker, Josh Dawsey and Phil Rucker report. "But as
senators and House members trapped inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday begged for immediate help during the siege, they struggled to get through to the president, who — safely ensconced in the West Wing — was too busy watching fiery TV images of the crisis unfolding around them to act or even bother to hear their pleas. ... ‘It took him awhile to appreciate the gravity of the situation,’ Graham said in an interview. ‘The president saw these people as allies in his journey and sympathetic to the idea that the election was stolen.’

‘Trump ultimately — and begrudgingly — urged his supporters to ‘go home in peace.’ But the six hours between when the Capitol was breached shortly before 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon and when it was finally declared secure around 8 p.m. that evening reveal a president paralyzed ... Press officials had begun discussing a statement from Trump around 2 p.m. ... But they were not authorized to speak on behalf of the president and could only take the matter to Chief of Staff Mark Meadows ... [Donald] Trump Jr. headed to the airport for a shuttle flight home to New York. ... An aide called Trump Jr. and suggested he immediately issue a statement urging the rioters to stop. At 2:17 p.m., Trump Jr. hit send on a tweet as he boarded the plane: ‘This is wrong and not who we are,’ he wrote. ... But the president himself was busy enjoying the spectacle. ... “McCarthy did eventually reach Trump, but later told allies that he found the president distracted. So McCarthy repeatedly appeared on television to describe the mayhem, an adviser said, in an effort to explain just how dire the situation was. ... At one point, Trump worried that the unruly group was frightening GOP lawmakers from doing his bidding and objecting to the election results. ... [Around 4 p.m.], the White House was preparing to put out a video address on behalf of the president. ... Trump aides did three takes of the video and chose the most palatable option — despite some West Wing consternation that the president had called the violent protesters ‘very special.’ ... “The following evening, on Thursday, Trump released another video, the closest advisers say he is likely to come to a concession speech. ... His calls for healing and reconciliation were more than a day too late, many aides said. Yet as Trump watched the media coverage of his video, he grew angry. The president said he
wished he hadn’t done it ... because he feared that the calming words made him look weak.”

- In a Monday phone call with McCarthy, Trump falsely accused leftists of being behind the insurrection. McCarthy responded: “It’s not Antifa. It’s MAGA. I know. I was there.” (Axios)
- Shortly before convening a conference call of House Republicans later in the day, McCarthy sent a memo floating several alternatives to impeachment, including a censure resolution, a bipartisan investigative commission and changes to the law governing the counting of electoral votes. On the call with his GOP colleagues, McCarthy said Trump privately agreed that he bore some responsibility for Wednesday’s riot, according to two Republicans who heard his remarks. (Mike DeBonis and Paul Kane)
- New England Patriots Coach Bill Belichick, a key Trump supporter in 2016, announced that he will no longer accept the Presidential Medal of Freedom award from him on Thursday. He said he had agreed to accept the award before last week’s violence. “Above all, I am an American citizen with great reverence for our nation’s values, freedom and democracy,” Belichick said in a statement. (Cindy Boren and Mark Maske)
- Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) holds Trump responsible for inciting the mob. “I called and texted my closest contact at the White House to urge that the president immediately tell the rioters to stop their violence and go home. But Trump completely undercut that message by repeating his grievances and telling the rioters that he knew how they felt,” Collins writes in the Bangor Daily News.
- A narrow majority of Americans — 52 percent — say Trump should be removed from office, and 53 percent say he should resign, per a new Quinnipiac poll. The same survey shows Trump’s job approval rating has fallen to 33 percent, matching his previous all-time low in the aftermath of Charlottesville in 2017.
- A group of 24 former House Republican lawmakers endorsed impeaching Trump. In an open letter, they say “there is no excuse for nor defense of a President of the United States to actively orchestrate an insurrection on a separate but coequal branch of government.”
- William Webster, the former federal judge, FBI director and CIA director, endorses Trump’s impeachment. “I’m a lifelong Republican, but I am an American first,” he writes in an op-ed for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. “Never in
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**Pence and Trump are speaking again.**

“Vice President Pence was in hiding from a violent mob of Trump supporters in the Capitol last Wednesday when the presidential tweet attacking him posted. ‘Mike Pence didn’t have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution,’” Trump tweeted at 2:24 p.m., Dawsey and Parker report. “Trump never called him that day or in the days following to make sure Pence was okay — or to discuss a governmental response to the deadly riots the president incited. ... A senior administration official said Trump and Pence **finally met in the Oval Office on Monday night** and ‘had a good conversation, discussing the week ahead and reflecting on the last four years of the administration’s work and accomplishments.’ Pence is under pressure from Democrats to invoke the 25th Amendment ... but he is not expected to do so, aides said. Trump’s treatment of Pence has reverberated badly in the White House and among campaign aides, many of whom see it as unseemly and unfair. One senior administration official described it as ‘unconscionable, even for the president.’”

**Quote of the day**

> “I've been studying authoritarian regimes for three decades, and I know the signs of a coup when I see them,” writes Fiona Hill, who formerly served as the senior director for European and Russian affairs on Trump’s National Security Council. (Politico)

**Trump has been advised he potentially could face civil liability connected to his role in encouraging the mob.**

“‘Think O.J.,’ an adviser explained it to Trump, according to one source. It was a reference to O.J. Simpson, who was found not guilty of murdering his ex-wife and a
friend but later faced stiff civil damages after being sued by his ex-wife's family," 
ABC News reports. "Prior to Wednesday, the president and his advisers had been 
discussing a self-pardon – something that would be both historic and untested in 
American history – in the wake of a phone call with Trump and Georgia election 
officials that was made public. The sources say if the president were to self-pardon, 
it would only strengthen the motivation to bring civil cases against the 45th 
president."

- Trump’s private business failed to pay a $49,000 hotel bill incurred during his 
  2017 inaugural — and then, after the bill went to a collections agency, Trump’s 
  nonprofit inaugural committee improperly agreed to pay the charge instead, 
  according to a new filing from the D.C. attorney general. D.C. Attorney General 
  Karl Racine (D) added this to charge to his lawsuit alleging that Trump wasted 
  donors’ money on an overpriced, barely used ballroom at his own hotel. (David 
  Fahrenthold)

- New York City is considering ending contracts with Trump’s companies that 
  bring him $17 million a year. A spokesman for Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) said 
  the city is looking for ways to stop the Trump Organization from operating a 
  carousel, two ice rinks and a golf course in city parks. (Fahrenthold and 
  Jonathan O’Connell)

- Companies linked with the Trumps, including Deutsche Bank, the president’s 
  largest lender, are seeking distance from him and his businesses. (NYT)

- Chemical company Dow will not donate to any member of Congress who 
  objected to the certification of the presidential vote. (Popular Information)

- Twitter purged more than 70,000 accounts affiliated with QAnon following the 
  riot. (Tony Romm and Elizabeth Dwoskin)

- Parler filed a lawsuit against Amazon Web Services, just hours after the social 
  media network was taken offline when Amazon pulled support. Amazon 
  founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post. (Rachel 
  Lerman and Nitasha Tiku)

- Citing concerns over “censorship,” a North Idaho Internet provider blocked 
  Facebook and Twitter from being accessible over its WiFi service after the two 
  social media giants blocked Trump. While these social media platforms are 
  allowed to ban the president because he violated their terms of service, the 
  WiFi provider — which also serves parts of Spokane, Wash. — may have 
  violated a state-level net neutrality law. (KREM2)
• Only one person showed up to a pro-Trump protest outside Twitter’s headquarters in San Francisco. The building was empty, with Twitter employees working from home because of the pandemic, but there was still heavy police presence to protect against a mob that never materialized. (Verge)
• Facebook told employees Monday to avoid wearing or carrying company-branded clothing and other items in public following the company’s suspension last week of Trump’s account and its more recent crackdown on content mentioning “Stop the Steal.” (The Information)
• House Democrats will look into social media’s role in the riot as part of a broader inquiry into disinformation. (Tony Romm)

**Rudy Giuliani could be disbarred.**

The New York State Bar Association will consider expelling Trump’s personal lawyer, and a state lawmaker is seeking his disbarment after inflammatory comments during a rally preceding last week’s deadly insurrection. “In a statement Monday, the bar association said it has received ‘hundreds of complaints in recent months’ about the former New York mayor and his failed bid to help Trump overturn his loss,” Shayna Jacobs reports. “Mr. Giuliani’s words quite clearly were intended to encourage Trump supporters unhappy with the election’s outcome to take matters into their own hands,’ a spokeswoman for the group, Susan DeSantis, said in the statement. ... New York state Sen. Brad Hoylman, a Democrat who represents parts of Manhattan, filed a formal complaint to an appellate court related to ‘rampant and egregious violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct’ and Giuliani’s ‘complicity’ in inciting last week’s violence. ... Speaking to a charged crowd of thousands near the White House on Wednesday, Giuliani said: ‘If we’re wrong, we will be made fools of, but if we’re right, a lot of them will go to jail. So let’s have trial by combat!”

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**More law enforcement fallout**
Several Capitol Police officers suspended, and more than a dozen are under investigation.

“Eight separate investigations have been launched into the actions of Capitol officers,” Aaron Davis, Rebecca Tan and Beth Reinhard report. “In one of the cases, officers had posted what Capitol Police investigators found to be messages showing...
support for the rally on Wednesday that preceded the attack on the complex, including touting Trump's baseless contention that the election had been stolen through voter fraud. ... Investigators in another instance found that a Capitol officer had posted ‘inappropriate’ images of Biden on a social media account. ... House and Senate lawmakers have called for investigations into the security failures ... On Monday, Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio), whose committee has financial oversight of the Capitol Police, told reporters in a video conference call that one of those suspended was captured in images of the riot that went viral online. The photo appears to show a Capitol officer allowing or even posing for a rioter to take a picture with the officer. ... The other officer who was suspended was seen outside the complex wearing a red Make America Great Again baseball cap at the time rioters were surrounding the Capitol, Ryan said.”

**Chad Wolf resigns as acting homeland security secretary.**

“Wolf, who was overseas in the Middle East last week during the siege, attributed his decision to ‘recent events’ and court rulings that have challenged the legality of his appointment by the Trump administration to run the department,” Nick Miroff and Carol Leonnig report. “In a statement to Department of Homeland Security staff, Wolf said he was ‘saddened to take this step,’ having previously announced plans to remain on the job through the end of the Trump administration. ... Chase Jennings, a DHS spokesman, said Wolf will remain at the department in his Senate-confirmed role as undersecretary for strategy, policy and plans. ...”

“Several lawmakers have called for hearings to question why Wolf and DHS failed to anticipate threats posed by Trump’s followers ... In one of his final moves as acting secretary Monday, Wolf announced that the U.S. Secret Service would take over security preparations for the inauguration on Wednesday, six days ahead of schedule ... Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, called Wolf’s decision to step down Monday ‘questionable.’ ‘He has chosen to resign during a time of national crisis and when domestic terrorists may be planning additional attacks on our government,’ Thompson said.”

**Up to 15,000 National Guard members could be deployed to D.C.**
for the inauguration.

That announcement was made “as lawmakers questioned the military's ability to respond quickly to domestic crises and urged a crackdown on possible extremists in its ranks,” Dan Lamothe reports. “A contingent of 340 D.C. National Guard members had been activated ahead of the riot ... But the guardsmen were unarmed and mostly on traffic duty in other parts of the District, in a limited mission that city officials had approved. Once the riot began, lawmakers and D.C. officials pleaded with defense officials to send National Guard members to help, but none arrived for hours as details were finalized ... Defense officials have since activated thousands of National Guard members, with 6,000 in the city as of Monday, said Army Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson, the chief of the National Guard Bureau. Up to 10,000 are expected to be deployed by Saturday, with the possibility for even more on the streets by the inauguration on Jan. 20, he said. ... The National Guard members will carry weapons based on discussions with the FBI, police and other agencies.”

The FBI warns that armed far-right extremist groups plan to march on state capitals this weekend.

“The memo is something of a raw intelligence product, compiling information gathered by the bureau and several other government agencies,” Tim Craig, Holly Bailey and Matt Zapotosky report. "Some of it is unverified, and the threat is likely to differ significantly from place to place, though the memo said there were plans in all 50 state capitals ... But the data points it highlights for law enforcement are nonetheless troubling — including that there was information suggesting people might storm government offices, or stage an uprising were Trump to be removed from office. ... On Monday, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D) announced that he was activating the National Guard to provide support for the Capitol Police in Madison. ... In Arizona, officials had erected a double-layer chain-link fence around the Capitol complex in Phoenix. ... Washington Gov. Jay Inslee (D) called up 750 National Guard troops to help protect the Capitol, where the legislature kicked off its annual session Monday.”

“Another right-wing group stormed the state capitol in Salem, Ore., trying to break into the building while legislators met for a special session on Dec. 21. The capitol's
locked doors kept the crowd at bay — until Republican state Rep. Mike Nearman coolly walked through an exit and held the doors open as far-right demonstrators raced inside,” Katie Shepherd reports. “On Monday, after surveillance video showing Nearman’s role in the incursion became public, his colleagues stripped his committee assignments, restricted his access to the capitol building, and fined him for the damage caused by the crowd after he opened the door. ... Few Republicans have publicly criticized Nearman.”

**In a call last night, Capitol Police briefed House members on three potential plots.**

“The first is a demonstration billed as the ‘largest armed protest ever to take place on American soil.’ Another is a protest in honor of Ashli Babbitt, the woman killed while trying to climb into the Speaker’s Lobby during Wednesday’s pro-Trump siege of the Capitol. And another demonstration, which three members said was by far the most concerning plot, would involve insurrectionists forming a perimeter around the Capitol, the White House and the Supreme Court, and then blocking Democrats from entering the Capitol — perhaps even killing them — so that Republicans could take control of the government,” HuffPost reports. “It was pretty overwhelming,’ one member said. ... Lawmakers were told that the plot to encircle the Capitol also included plans to surround the White House — so that no one could harm Trump — and the Supreme Court, simply to shut down the courts. ... All of these plots may never materialize. The Capitol Police have established a new perimeter with fencing and razor wire ... But while Capitol Police assured members they were prepared for these terrorist plots, there was obvious concern from a number of lawmakers.”

**D.C. leaders issue urgent pleas for Americans to stay away next week.**

”'If I'm scared of anything it’s for our democracy,’ D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said at a Monday news conference, responding to a reporter who asked if she feared what might happen on Inauguration Day. ‘Because we have factions in our country . . . that are armed and dangerous,’” Emily Davies reports. “Bowser, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) held a joint call on Monday to discuss planning for the 59th presidential inauguration and agreed to discourage
all in-person attendance in the interest of public safety. ... One online post cited by Alethea Group, an anti-disinformation organization, has called for an ‘ARMED MARCH ON CAPITOL HILL & ALL STATE CAPITOLS.’ Others have discussed a ‘Million Militia March’ on Inauguration Day. ... Bowser, who said she will be briefed by the FBI daily on threats to the city, warned that demonstrations across the country may mean states will rethink their ability to lend help. That could be especially dangerous at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has hamstrung the city’s emergency response teams. On average, the D.C. fire department is operating with a 10 percent reduction in staffing from coronavirus infection and exposure.”

- Bowser banned indoor dining and forced museums to remain closed until two days after the inauguration, a fiat intended to both curb the pandemic’s spread but also make Washington less hospitable to visitors. (Julie Zauzmer)
- The head of the Federal Aviation Administration issued a warning to unruly passengers flying in for the inauguration: Causing a safety risk could mean a jail term or a $35,000 fine. Several viral videos showed people like Mitt Romney and Lindsey Graham being heckled at airports last week, and others showed rowdy Trump supporters aboard airliners and refusing to wear masks. (Ian Duncan and Lori Aratani)
- The Justice Department is pursuing at least 150 suspects in connection to their roles in the intrusion. A nationwide manhunt is underway. (NYT)
- Horrific: Someone etched the word “Trump” on a Florida manatee. Wildlife authorities are offering a $5,000 reward for information leading to a conviction. (NYT)

More on the transition
Biden scrambles to prevent impeachment from hampering his first 100 days.

The president-elect called the Senate parliamentarian on Monday to ask whether the chamber could simultaneously hold a trial of Trump and pass urgently needed bills for covid relief. Biden told reporters in Delaware that he asked about how to "bifurcate" the schedule so that his nominees can get confirmed and bills can advance during a morning session before the trial proceeds in the afternoon. Incoming Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) explored other, little-used ways of speeding up Senate action.

"Some officials who have been involved in past impeachment proceedings said it would be difficult, if not impossible, to bifurcate the Senate's work as Biden has
proposed,” Seung Min Kim, Annie Linskey and Dawsey report. “There could be further delays if legal challenges are mounted to determine whether a former president can face impeachment. And Senate Republicans would have little incentive to work with Biden to speed things along and enact his agenda. All those factors are putting enormous pressure on Schumer to decide how to negotiate the political crosscurrents. He said in an interview published Monday that he considered impeaching Trump and executing Biden’s agenda equally important. ...

“The Senate is not scheduled to come into session until Jan. 19 ... That has prompted Schumer to explore an obscure authority that would allow him, along with the current majority leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), to jointly reconvene the Senate in cases of emergency ... But McConnell would have to agree to such a maneuver, and it is far from clear that he would. Aides to McConnell — who had ignored Trump’s calls before Wednesday’s siege and now has no plans to call him back, according to one official — did not immediately respond to requests for comment. ...

“Over the weekend, Schumer quietly advised his fellow Senate Democrats not to take the prospect of impeachment off the table in their interviews and public comments ... In addition, Schumer told senators not to float censure as a potential option for punishing Trump, since most Democrats believe that would let Republicans off the hook by providing a way for them to impose a toothless penalty on Trump. ... Biden and Pelosi discussed impeachment when they spoke Friday, and Biden suggested he was agnostic on whether lawmakers go forward.”

Democratic control of the Senate will allow repeals of last-minute Trump policies.

The Trump “administration put out three to four times its usual volume of rules in recent months, according to estimates by Daniel Pérez, an analyst at George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center,” the WSJ reports. “Such measures, known as midnight regulations, are often vulnerable to rollback by an incoming administration of the opposing party. Agency heads appointed by a new president can scrap rules that have been finalized but not yet published in the Federal Register or delay implementation of ones that have been published but
haven’t taken effect. And they can decline to defend rules challenged in court. But control of both chambers of Congress by the president’s party unlocks an additional tool. The Congressional Review Act, or CRA, allows the Senate and House of Representatives to overturn regulations finalized by the executive branch in the previous 60 legislative days using a fast-track process that requires a simple majority vote. Most other legislation requires 60 votes to clear the Senate.”

Biden has said little publicly about his criminal justice plans.

“Many say that the credibility Biden earned among civil rights leaders as vice president to Barack Obama, combined with his long-standing ties with law enforcement, including his work on the 1994 crime bill, make him well-positioned to bridge divides among law enforcement officials and civilians pushing for change,” per Tim Craig, Mark Berman, Amy Wang, Tom Jackman, Matt Zapotosky, Emily Wax-Thibodeaux and Justin Jouvenal.

- The Biden Justice Department is likely to increase resources for the civil rights division and resume wide-ranging scrutiny of troubled police departments nationwide. (Zapotosky)
- Biden will be the nation’s most pro-LGBTQ president ever and promises an ambitious slate of actions that will go beyond merely reversing Trump’s discriminatory policies. (Wax-Thibodeaux)
- Biden has promised to, essentially, undo the tough-on-crime policies he supported decades ago, but friend and foe alike are skeptical. (Jouvenal)
- Biden could oversee broad changes in federal drug policy, including how law enforcement agencies view drug addiction and classify the use of marijuana. (Craig)

Doug Emhoff, the incoming second gentleman, is stepping away from legal work.

“Political spouses seldom cause a ripple, but sometimes they can be a liability,” Manuel Roig-Franzia reports. "Emhoff presented a more complex set of questions. Over the years, alongside the boilerplate corporate and real estate work, [the lawyer] has sometimes represented heavily regulated companies or firms that might be frowned upon on the left. ... The cases that have gotten the most attention lately, though, have been the quirkiest. He succeeded in shielding an advertising agency
from paying a massive judgment in a case involving the origins of the Chihuahua featured in Taco Bell advertisements. ... The closest parallel for Emhoff may be Marine One, the wife of President George H.W. Bush's vice president, Dan Quayle. She made inquiries about resuming her legal career when her husband took office. 

The coronavirus...
Three House Democrats who tested positive for covid blame GOP colleagues who refused to wear masks.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) prepared for the worst after she was forced to take shelter last week for several hours in a crowded committee room. Many of the GOP members of Congress hiding out with her were not wearing masks, she said, and had refused to accept them from a colleague. After Congress voted to affirm Biden’s victory, she began to quarantine. Sure enough, Jayapal announced late Monday that she has tested positive, joining Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-N.J.). A third lawmaker, Rep. Brad Schneider (D-Ill.), said Tuesday morning that he, too, had tested positive after spending “several hours in a secure but confined location with dozens of other Members of Congress.”

The Trump administration will announce sweeping changes to its vaccination rollout.

New guidelines will make many more doses of the coronavirus vaccine available and urge states to provide shots to anyone 65 years old and older. The changes come days after Biden announced plans to release nearly all the vaccine supply. “The Trump administration has been holding back roughly half the vaccines to ensure sufficient supply for people to get a required second shot. But in draft remarks prepared for a scheduled call Tuesday afternoon with governors and obtained by The Washington Post, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar disclosed the change in plans,” Lena Sun and Laurie McGinley report.

The FDA cycled through three top lawyers Monday in a clash with HHS.

“The unusual sequence began with Trump appointee Stacy Cline Amin abruptly stepping down as chief counsel and the FDA announcing that career civil servant Mark Raza would be her acting replacement. Then, HHS on Monday night announced that Trump political appointee James Lawrence would instead serve as
chief counsel — a move that unnerved health officials as the Trump administration heads into its final week. Two officials said that White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows backed Lawrence as FDA's top lawyer, per Politico. “Three FDA officials said they were bracing for HHS to push through additional last-minute policy changes, noting that HHS on Monday announced new deregulatory policies that were partly steered by Lawrence. The moves, which roll back some of FDA's reviews, were opposed by the agency and its allies.”

The CDC says there's no sign of a homegrown U.S. virus variant.

“Infectious-disease experts say there is no evidence the massive winter surge that is killing thousands of people a day in the United States is linked to the U.K. variant or to a homegrown strain. But they acknowledge their battlefield awareness is limited,” Joel Achenbach, Kim Bellware and Hamza Shaban report. “Some states have minimal capacity to conduct genomic sequencing that allows scientists to trace the random mutations that could give a virus variant some advantage over other strains. Like any virus, this one mutates randomly, and countless variants are in circulation. The increase in the rate of new infections in the United States has been so rapid in recent weeks that scientists cannot rule out the possibility that an undetected variant is accelerating the spread. Other factors may be behind the surge, including holiday gatherings and the lack of adherence in some communities to public health guidelines designed to limit transmission, such as social distancing and wearing masks. ...”

“Nearly 198,000 new coronavirus cases and more than 1,600 deaths were reported Monday in the United States. The seven-day running average for daily deaths has topped 3,200. Nearly 375,000 people have died of the virus in the nation since the beginning of the pandemic. ... The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday its strain surveillance program and its partners are on track to more than double by week's end the number of genomic sequences being uploaded to public databases compared with the sequencing rate in December.”

- The District and much of Virginia moved into their next phases of vaccinations,
targeting older residents and other vulnerable populations. Bowser said the city will begin vaccinating residents 65 and older, while some jurisdictions in Virginia on Monday began making appointments to inoculate residents 75 and older. (Antonio Olivo, Lola Fadulu and Ovetta Wiggins)

- The home of Kentucky Public Health Commissioner Steven Stack was vandalized by coronavirus deniers over the weekend. Gov. Andy Beshear (D) said the incident, which he called a form of intimidation, is under investigation. (Antonia Farzan)

- Three San Diego Zoo gorillas contracted the virus, the first known instance of infection among great apes. The animals were tested after they began coughing. They’re believed to have gotten the virus from an asymptomatic zookeeper. Given the similarities between humans and apes, scientists are worried that the virus could pose a threat to the endangered primates. (Farzan)

- Increased cleaning by people with asthma during the pandemic may be causing flareups of their disease, according to a new study in the Journal of Allergy & Clinical Immunology. (Reuters)

Other news that should be on your radar
Sheldon Adelson listening as Trump delivers remarks at a rally in Las Vegas last February. (Jim Watson/AFP/Getty Images)

- Sheldon Adelson, the billionaire casino tycoon who helped bankroll Trump's
campaigns and Bibi Netanyahu’s comeback in Israel, died at 87 in Malibu, Calif., from complications related to treatment for non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. (Donald Frazier)

- Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer filmed with his knee on George Floyd’s neck and is charged with his murder, will be tried separately from the other officers implicated in the death as the court seeks to lower the risk of coronavirus spread at the courthouse. (Holly Bailey)

- The Alabama football dynasty collected another national title with a 52-24 rout of Ohio State. (Chuck Culpepper and Des Bieler)

- A series of papers questioning climate change were published online without White House approval by Trump appointee David Legates. The papers, which appeared on nongovernment websites, bear the imprint of the Executive Office of the President and say they are copyrighted by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, but they're being disavowed. Legates, a senior official at the NOAA, is a longtime climate skeptic. (Andrew Freedman and Jason Samenow)

- The Trump administration added Cuba to a list of state sponsors of terrorism, reversing a signature move of the Obama administration and hampering Biden’s ability to broker a rapprochement with Havana. (John Hudson, Anthony Faiola and Karen DeYoung)

- Secretary of State Mike Pompeo plans to use newly declassified U.S. intelligence to publicly accuse Iran of having ties to al-Qaeda, as part of a last-minute offensive against Tehran to box in Biden. (Reuters)

- The director of Voice of America ordered the reassignment of a reporter for the international news organization after she sought to ask questions of Pompeo during a VOA-sponsored appearance on Monday. (Paul Farhi)

- The Army moved to oust an officer who made jokes on TikTok about Nazi concentration camps. The officer, 2nd Lt. Nathan Freihofer, has 3.8 million followers on the Chinese-owned platform and has been under investigation for months. (Dan Lamothe)

- In some positive D.C. news: The panda cub at the National Zoo, Xiao Qi Ji, has mastered walking and is now learning how to climb. (Martin Weil)

- Colombia is running out of time to tackle Pablo Escobar’s wildest legacy: Hippos. In the 1980s, the drug kingpin smuggled four hippos from sub-Saharan Africa onto his private country estate. Decades later, dozens of their wild spawn roam the wetlands north of Bogota, the largest invasive species on...
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One of the most infamous Capitol rioters is not eating in prison:

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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [MARKETING] The Daily 202: Trump wanted to be a modern-day Andrew Jackson. He wound up more like Andrew Johnson.
To: Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)
Sent: January 12, 2021 11:46 AM (UTC-05:00)
Keri- FYSA on threads below... we will keep you apprised of the progress on this issue.

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From: "Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 12, 2021 11:42 AM
Subject: FW |
cconcerns
To: "Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)" "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)"
Cc:

Good morning. I have a call scheduled with the team this afternoon.

Hopefully we can

From:
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Cc:
Subject: RE: |
cconcerns

Thanks for sending our way, Howard. I totally understand and we want to do whatever we can to get FOs what they need.

This is where we'll need to help for sure. I believe our teams are in meetings or setting up meetings to discuss that effort.

In the meantime, who would be best to follow up with NY today and make sure we get some feedback from on the information provided below?

From: Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:50 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: FW |
cconcerns
Importance: High

Hi
Sorry about will call back soon. Here is the external version of the sit rep. major differences b/t the internal and external sit reps are the following:

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.

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.”

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Team

Please note the attached external national SITREP distro'd to partners yesterday.

Thank you

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From: SIOC
Date: Jan 11, 2021 11:01 PM
Subject: NC3 DAILY SITREP (U/LES)
To: SIOC CRITICAL INCIDENT T
Cc: SIOC

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

The below message is sent on behalf of the Assistant Director George Beach II:

FBI(21cv558)-3543
Thank you very much Ryan!

On Jan 12, 2021 12:01 PM, "Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)" wrote:
Keri, FYSA on threads below... we will keep you apprised of the progress on this issue.

Good morning. I have a call scheduled with ______ team this afternoon.

Hopefully we can ______

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Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 11:28 AM  
To: Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: ______

From: Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:50 AM  
To: Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)  
Cc:  
Subject: ______
Hi

Good morning. Please see the email below. Can we push for assistance?

Thank you,
Howard

From: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:43 AM
To: Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI)
Cc: Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI) Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: FW: concerns

Travis- I know we are looking at options and messaging to the field potential options and work arounds. Can you have a look at the thread below?

Ryan

From: Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: concerns

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From:
Date: Jan 12, 2021 9:23 AM
Subject: concerns
To: "Farley, Keri E. (NY) (FBI)"
Cc:
Boss,
Please let me know what additional information you would like regarding this. Thanks
[EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [BULK] The Post Most: FBI report warned of 'war' at Capitol prior to riot
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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center Update: Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity, January 2021

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(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) NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION 2021

- (U//LES) As of 1255 on 6 January 2021, U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) reported information regarding two potential pipe bombs discovered at each of the headquarters of the Democratic and Republican National Committees in the Capitol Hill South area.

- (U//LES) As of 1400 on 6 January 2021, Capitol Police reported protestors stormed the U.S. Capitol Building. FBI Police is coordinating with local federal law enforcement partners to gauge what assistance can be deployed. The certification of Electoral College votes has paused while the Capitol is currently on lockdown.

- (U//LES) Multiple law enforcement agencies confirmed reports of a shooting that occurred inside the House Chamber of the U.S. Capitol Building. The female victim was transported and later pronounced deceased.

- (U//LES) As of 1700 on 6 January 2021, the U.S. Capitol Building was cleared by US Capitol Police, US Park Police, FBI, HSI, FPS, ATF, USMS, FBI, DC Metro Police and Virginia State Police.

- (U//LES) Additional law enforcement agencies may respond to provide assistance. Maryland State Police have deployed in support of police operations.

- (U//LES) Protesters are reportedly compliant with police directives to leave the Capitol Building.

- (U//LES) A large crowd remains outside on the west side of the U.S. Capitol Building. Police are gradually widening the perimeter.

- (U//LES) District of Columbia National Guard personnel were deployed to the NCR but are not engaged in law enforcement activity at the Capitol Building.

- (U) As of 1429 on 6 January 2021, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a city-wide curfew for the District effective 1800 until 0700, 7 January.
(U) KENOSHA, WI

(U//LES) On 5 January 2021, the Kenosha County District Attorney’s (KCDA) Office declined to file criminal charges against the police officer who shot Jacob Blake on 23 August 2020.
1900: 6 January 2021

(U) Preventing Violence & Criminal Activity (PVCA)

(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/LES) In Washington D.C. multiple suspicious packages were reported in and around the protest area and two suspicious devices were identified, one near the Republican National Committee building and the other near the Democratic National Committee building.

- (U/LES) Shortly after 1400 on 6 January, the United States Capitol Building in Washington D.C. was breached by several individuals and Capitol Police put out a call for assistance from any available law enforcement officers. At approximately FBI was deployed to the Capitol Building. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Federal Protective Services, and the U.S. Marshal Service have also sent personnel to the Capitol Building to assist.

- (U) As of 1429 on 6 January 2021, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM city-wide curfew for the District effective 1800 until 0700, 7 January.

(U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE
(U) Potential Flashpoints

- As of 1500, there was no threat activity to report.
Partners,

FBI and DHS continue to monitor the ongoing violence in Washington, DC and support our federal and local partners. As we learn of any additional information that has a direct nexus or threat to other cities in the Homeland we will immediately inform our partners. We will also alert partners should there be any follow up national-level communications regarding this incident.

We also encourage folks to monitor SitRoom for pertinent alerts and updates.

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First Amendment Demonstrations in the District of Columbia on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 through Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Due to planned First Amendment Demonstrations in the District of Columbia this week, numerous roads may be closed beginning Tuesday (1/5/21) through Wednesday (1/6/21).

There is a potential for groups with competing agendas to conduct demonstrations. The known assembly point is Freedom Plaza. At this time, there is no credible, violent, or criminal threat against federal personnel or facilities.

The restrictions are concentrated around the White House and parts of the National Mall from Jan 5th to Jan 7th. President Trump has indicated he will make a public appearance on Jan 6th, which remains the primary day of concern for violent protests.

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) reports beginning on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 through Thursday, January 7, 2021, multiple First Amendment demonstrations are expected to occur in the District of Columbia. In conjunction with these demonstrations, there will be parking restriction and potential street closures that motorists should take into consideration: Parking Restrictions.
The following streets will be posted as Emergency No Parking on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. to Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.: 
- H Street from 15th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- I Street from 15th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- Connecticut Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
- Vermont Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
- 15th Street from I Street to K Street, NW (west side of McPherson Square)
- 17th Street from I Street to K Street, NW (east side of Farragut Square)

The following streets will be posted as Emergency No Parking for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.: 
- Constitution Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to 18th Street, NW
- Pennsylvania Avenue from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- E Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- F Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- G Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- I Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- I Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- H Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- H Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
K Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
New York Avenue from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
17th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
(west side of Farragut Square)
15th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
(east side of McPherson Square)
16th Street from K Street, NW to O Street, NW
14th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
13th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
12th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
11th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
10th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
9th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
7th Street from Constitution Avenue, SW to E Street, NW
6th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
4th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
3rd Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
New York Avenue from 18th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
C Street from 18th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
D Street from 18th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
Madison Drive from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
Jefferson Drive from 3rd Street, SW to 15th Street, SW

Street Closures:
On Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the following streets will be restricted to vehicular traffic from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. The decision to restrict vehicles will be based upon public safety and if safe to do so, vehicles will be allowed to enter the restricted area if they are on essential business or traveling to-and-from their residence.

- Constitution Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue to 18th Street, NW
- K Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- I Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- H Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- New York Avenue from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- New York Avenue from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- G Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- G Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- G Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- F Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- F Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- F Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- E Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- E Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- D Street from 5th Street, NW to 9th Street, NW
- D Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
C Street from 3rd Street, NW to 6th Street, NW
C Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
Indiana Avenue from 3rd Street to 5th Street, NW
3rd Street from Independence Avenue, SW to D Street, NW
4th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
4th Street from Indiana Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
5th Street from Indiana Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
6th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
7th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to E Street, NW
9th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
10th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
11th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
12th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
13th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
14th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
15th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
16th Street from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
Vermont Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
Connecticut Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
17th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
Madison Drive from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
Jefferson Drive from 3rd Street, SW to 15th Street, SW
12th Street Tunnel
9th Street Tunnel

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The first three documents are summaries of the civil unrest.
The fourth document is a new law requiring Federal LEOs must wear IDs at protests under new policy.

Thu 1/7/2021 12:03 AM
Location(s): Washington, D.C.
* A Washington, D.C. police official said over 50 people were arrested Wednesday during gatherings in the nation's capital, according to media sources
* Four of the arrests were reportedly related to guns
* As of 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, D.C. police reported approximately 47 curfew-violation arrests
* The official also said two pipe bombs and a cooler with Molotov cocktails were found near Capitol grounds on Wednesday
* Additionally, the D.C. mayor’s office extended its public emergency for 15 days
* The public emergency allows for a curfew to be called at any time

Wed 1/6/2021 11:29 PM
Location(s): Washington, D.C.
* Four deaths total have now been reported within and around U.S. Capitol grounds, media reported Wednesday
* The tally includes deaths from shooting and medical emergencies, according to media
* Fourteen Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers were reportedly injured according to the police department
* A D.C. police official said one officer was seriously hurt after being pulled into the crowd and assaulted, and one has serious facial injuries

* Fire officials also took 13 people to area hospitals on Wednesday from injuries following gatherings around the Capitol

Wed 1/6/2021 9:41 PM
Location(s): Washington, D.C.

* At the request of the U.S. National Guard, a New York state official is deploying 1,000 members of the New York National Guard to Washington, D.C., "to aid and facilitate peaceful transfer of power," the official said in a statement Wednesday

* The troops will be deployed for up to two weeks

* Maryland state troopers and the state’s National Guard were also sent to assist Washington, D.C., law enforcement at the U.S. Capitol Wednesday

* A senior Maryland official was sending 200 state troopers and 500 members of the Guard, according to a spokesman for the official

* Additionally, about 1,100 troops from the D.C. National Guard and 650 from Virginia will deploy in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday night, a National Guard spokesman said

* The spokesman said the D.C. Army and Air National Guard have a combined 2,700 troops
Overview: The US Capitol has been cleared and Congress reconvened at 2000 ET 6 Jan, after protestors breached the US Capitol building. At 0345 ET Congress adjourned after certifying the Electoral College results.

The DC Police Dept announced 14 Metro Police Officers were injured, one seriously. There were four deaths (one shot, one heart attack, and two other medical emergencies) within and around the Capitol grounds on 6 Jan. Approximately 52 people were arrested during the conflict, 26 on Capitol grounds.

The DC Mayor has declared a State of Emergency for a total of 15 days, expiring at 1500 ET on 21 Jan. The Mayor also ordered a District-wide curfew which started at 1800 ET 6 Jan and will continue until 0600 ET 7 Jan. As of 0041 ET, 7 Jan, there have been approximately 40 arrested for curfew violations. DC Metrorail and Metrobus service ended service early on 6 Jan, however normal service will resume today.

The Governor of VA also ordered a citywide curfew for the City of Alexandria and for Arlington County from 1800 ET 6 Jan until 0600 ET 7 Jan. The VA National Guard has been activated to support law enforcement in DC. The Governor of MD has sent State Troopers and has called 500 members of the MDNG up to support law enforcement in restoring order. The Governor of NY has deployed 1,000 members of the National Guard to Washington DC for up to two weeks. The Governor of NJ has deployed 50 State Troopers to assist.

For additional information, refer to the DHS Common Operating Picture and the Homeland Security Information Network.

Distribution: DHS HQ Leadership and Senior Staff; DHS Component Leaders and Operations Centers; White House Situation Room; Federal Interagency Operations Centers, and State and Local Mission Partners.
UNCLASSIFIED /LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

Please find below this morning's summary of civil unrest. Washington, DC and multiple cities throughout the US experienced civil unrest, including many state capitals.

BLUF: There was ONE incident of illegal activity directed at a federal facility where also DHS Law Enforcement officers were deployed. Violent opportunists (VOs) breached and overran portions of the US Capitol building in Washington, DC during a joint session of Congress to certify presidential electoral college voting. FPS and USSS along with numerous law enforcement agencies deployed personnel to assist in securing the building. At least 50 arrests were made. 14 DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers were injured, with no reported DHS LE officers injured. There were no reports of criminal activity directed at federal facilities or federal law enforcement responses in other cities.

As of 0430 EST 7 Jan, there were 1713 (+862) National Guard personnel in GA, WI, and DC activated for civil unrest. The DC National Guard has been fully mobilized to provide law enforcement support. Additional National Guard support from other states, including MD, NY, VA, PA, DE and NJ is being coordinated, which could bring as many as 6,200 additional Guardsmen on order by 9 January. State troopers from VA, MD, and NJ were also deployed to DC to assist.

Washington, DC: At approximately 0800 EST, crowds began forming at the Ellipse and Washington Monument. By 1000 EST the crowd near the Ellipse had grown to 25,000. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) observed and apprehended individuals with weapons on at least two occasions. Following event speeches on the Ellipse, a large group marched to the US Capitol Building where Congress had begun the electoral vote certification process.

At approximately 1330 EST, a large group of agitators pushed through portable crowd control barricades and entered the US Capitol grounds. The group vastly outnumbered US Capitol Police (USCP) and used chemical irritants to help gain access. At 1429 EST, VOs breached the Capitol building, prompting relocation of the Vice President and members of Congress to safe locations.

DHS LEOs (FPS and USSS), DC National Guard (DCNG), VA State Police, and various other LE agencies responded to augment the USCP. At 1800 ET, the USCP Sergeant at Arms announced the U.S Capitol secure. By 2100 all DHS LE personnel, less 6 K-9 teams from the USSS, were released from support.

Soon after the breach began, an agitator who was attempting to access the Speaker's Lobby behind the House chamber via a broken-out entry door sidelight was shot in the neck by a USCP officer. The 35-year-old US Air Force veteran from San Diego, CA later succumbed to her injuries. MPD is currently leading the investigation into the death. Three others died of medical emergencies during the day. At least 14 MPD officers were injured.

MPD reported over 50 arrests during the demonstrations, four of which were on gun charges. Bomb squads responded to render safe two pipe bomb devices discovered outside both the DNC and RNC headquarters. Both were neutralized with controlled detonations. A cooler containing Molotov cocktails was also found on the Capitol building grounds.
Congress reconvened at approximately 2000 EST to complete their joint session after the Capitol building was cleared and an extensive LE presence was established. The White House Security posture was also elevated due to the situation at the Capitol. USCP closed several federal buildings as a precaution.

The DC Mayor ordered a Wednesday night curfew from 1800 to 0600 EST and declared a citywide 15-day state of emergency. She has the option of ordering similar nightly curfews during that period as needed. MPD has made at least 40 additional arrests Wednesday night for curfew violations. The Governor of VA declared a State of Emergency and ordered a Wednesday night curfew for the City of Alexandria and for Arlington County.

**Portland, OR:** About 75 people gathered downtown outside the Justice Center, moved to the Multnomah County Courthouse (across Lownsdale Square from the Hatfield Federal Courthouse) and began trying to pry open the doors. Violent Opportunists then vandalized local businesses in the area by breaking windows.

- PPB gave several warnings before declaring an unlawful assembly.
- No injuries or arrests were reported.
- No federal buildings were impacted, and no federal officers were deployed.
- The FPS force laydown in Portland, OR on Wednesday evening was 42 (n/c).

**Salem, OR:** A group of about 300 gathered at the Oregon Capitol building. After counter-protesters arrived, a few incidents of violence between groups took place. The Salem PD declared an unlawful assembly and dispersed the crowd. SPD reported two arrests were made.

**Olympia, WA:** At approximately 1600 EST, roughly 50 members of a crowd breached the fence to the Governor’s mansion. Washington State Patrol responded, and the crowd became compliant. There were no reports of damage or injury.

**Sacramento, CA:** Several hundred protesters converged on the CA Capitol building during the afternoon. Over 200 Sacramento police (SPD) officers were assigned to the gatherings. SPD arrested eleven members of the crowd for charges related to illegal possession of pepper spray. SPD also reported one demonstrator was assaulted but not injured, and there were no injuries to police officers. A large police presence remained in the area overnight.

As of 6 Jan, there are only two permitted demonstrations scheduled for today with a combined estimate of 25 attendees. FPS, CBP, ICE, USSS, USCG and TSA have identified additional LE officers, but there is currently no request for DHS LE assistance.
Federal LEOs must wear IDs at protests under new policy

A bill passed by the Senate’s veto override last week includes new guidelines for federal officers. https://www.police1.com/federal-law-enforcement/articles/federal-leos-must-wear-ids-at-protests-under-new-policy-wmIFJR1qVlfvlIq/

Section 1064 of the bill specifies that “whenever a member of [...] federal law enforcement personnel provide support to Federal authorities to respond to a civil disturbance, each individual [...] shall visibly display (1) the individual’s name or other individual identifier that is unique to that individual; and (2) the name of the armed force, Federal entity, or other organization by which such individual is employed.” The bill includes an exception for officers working undercover and any employee who wouldn’t normally wear a uniform as part of their official duties.
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Good afternoon,

(U//FOOU) Please see attached NVIRC/VFC SITREP for 1515 hours. The next SITREP will be issued at 1600 hours, unless emerging events occur. Please report any updates or new information to FCPD-NVRIC@fairfaxcounty.gov.

(U//FOOU) Continue to follow your agency’s protocol when documenting suspicious behaviors and report to your local law enforcement immediately. The NVRIC would like to receive a copy of suspicious activity reported to your local enforcement via email FCPDNVRIC@fairfaxcounty.gov < Caution-mailto:FCPDNVRIC@fairfaxcounty.gov >.

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(U//FOUO) IMPACTS TO NORTHERN VIRGINIA FROM JANUARY 6 DC DEMONSTRATIONS: 1520 UPDATE

(U//FOUO) Scope: The NVRIC/VFC SITREP provides situational awareness to public safety partners on events with potential public safety implications for Northern Virginia. These SITREPs will begin at 0800 hours and be issued every two hours unless emerging events require additional reporting. Tracked by HSEC-8, VFC/NVRIC SIN 8. Updates will be provided in bold.

(U) Reporting of Interest

(U//LES) The Capitol is being evacuated. Gunshots were reported inside the Capitol Building, with one civilian injury. Protesters have accessed the Senate and House of Representatives chambers. An explosion was reported at the US Capitol Rotunda. The Federal Protective Service and Secret Service are providing assistance to the Capitol Police.

(U//FOUO) The District of Columbia has enacted a citywide curfew beginning at 1800 hours on January 6 until 0600 hours on January 7.

(U//FOUO) Protesters have attempted to storm the Capitol Building and have breached the Capitol; both the Senate and House of Representatives appear to be in recess. Protesters have removed fences and scaffolding that was in place. CDU units for MPD and US Capitol Police have been deployed. Thus far, protesters have not complied with law enforcement commands to disperse. Protesters are throwing rocks, bottles, and objects at officers; several officers have been injured. Police have deployed OC and pepper balls. The estimated crowd size is 75,000. Nothing is occurring in Northern Virginia at this time.

(U//FOUO) The Cannon House Office Building and James Madison Memorial Buildings have been evacuated due to suspicious packages. The Cannon House Office Building was cleared with no issues.

(U//FOUO) Estimated crowd size in Washington, DC is 25,000-35,000. No impacts to Northern Virginia at this time.
At 0719 hours, a social media posting reported multiple police and Fire-EMS vehicles in Arlington near a “hotel full of Patriots” following a violent screaming match. Local agencies indicate it was not related to the protests and was a vehicular accident.

- New information from Arlington PD indicates there was an altercation involving a group of protestors. A man and his girlfriend brandished a firearm at the group. The group then deployed expandable batons, striking the girlfriend in the head. The armed boyfriend fled from the scene.

Investigation is ongoing.

Please provide any threats or public safety concerns for Northern Virginia to the NVRIC at FCPD-NVRIC@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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(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) ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION AND INAUGURATION 2021

- According to US Park Police (USPP), there were no permitted protests for 21 January.
- (U/FOUO) As of 21 January, National Guard members are actively providing site security for 30 (+1) state capitals. A total of National Guard members are on duty in the NCR, with National Guard members at the US Capitol. National Guard members have been deployed nationally.
- The National Guard intended to draw down the members on duty in NCR by end of day 21 January.

(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 0700 on 21 January, the FBI has received more than 208,799 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 — post/ongoing (within last 12-24 hours) and planned (next 12-24 hours)

(U) Potential Flashpoints by Geographic Location
(U) POST INAUGURATION FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE

(U) Threat To Life

- (U/FOUO) 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) STATE AND LOCAL SURVEY RESPONSES
Please see below the national civil unrest summary for the past 24 hours. Only Portland, OR reported any significant civil unrest activity.

**BLUF:** There was one incident of criminal or illegal activity directed at federal facilities and personnel resulting in minor injuries to DHS LE officers and the defacement of a sign on federal property. DHS LE officers were required to deploy on multiple occasions in Portland, OR.

**Portland, OR:** Beginning around 0000 EST 22 Jan 21, approximately 50-60 protesters in black bloc, shields and helmets converged on the ICE facility and immediately began trespassing onto federal property.
- Initially a crowd of approximately 25 protesters in black bloc gathered at the ICE Facility where several from the crowd immediately began to trespass onto the facility. Within minutes the crowd size increased to 50-60 personnel.
- FPS gave multiple audible warnings to the crowd to disperse before deploying to make targeted arrests. Less than lethal munitions were employed to keep the agitators from converging on the officers.
- The crowd played loud music focused at the facility, while agitators pointed high-powered flashlights at the facility cameras and personnel, and violent opportunists (VOs) threw hard objects. A green laser was used in the area and at least one member of the crowd was seen with a firearm.
- FPS personnel deployed two additional times for targeted arrests of trespassers who failed to depart federal property. Graffiti was identified on the front sign of the ICE facility.
- By 0315 EST (0014 local) the crowd had dispersed.
- Federal officers made a total of six arrests; five for Failure to Comply and one for Interfering with a Police Officer.
- FPS officers sustained minor injuries.

The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) monitored but did not respond. As a result of activities on 20 Jan, the PPB reported 15 people were arrested related to civil disturbances throughout the city. PPB also confiscated a variety of items that could be used as weapons from the subjects.

There are 29,549 (-3,753) National Guard (NG) from 48 states / 3 territories activated for civil unrest:
- A total of 25,985 (+85) NG personnel are in DC to support law enforcement efforts.
- A total of 3,538 (-3,564) NG personnel from 28 states are activated for in-state support.
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* On 31 July an agreement with Oregon State Police to partner with DHS went into effect. The arrests in this column include federal charges made against suspects after review of prior charges from local authorities that were dismissed.

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Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity January 2021

1700 11 JANUARY 2021

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**THREAT and INTIMIDATION RESPONSE GUIDE**

**IN-PERSON THREAT**

A physical IN-PERSON THREAT is when you are in imminent danger because of the close proximity of the person making the threat. You have three options:

1. **Run:** Identify an escape route. Drop any belongings that may slow you down. If possible, help others escape. Call 911.
2. **Hide:** Hide away from view of the threat. Lock doors or block entries. Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain silent until the threat is over.
3. **Fight:** Fighting should be a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the threat. Act with as much physical aggression as possible.

**Verbal IN-PERSON THREAT**

A verbal IN-PERSON THREAT one that does not place the recipient in immediate danger or is intended to be carried out later.

- Walk away or otherwise record the threat exactly as it was communicated.
- Record as many descriptive details as possible about the person who made the threat: name, appearance, skin color, sex, height, weight, hair and eye color, voice, clothing, or any other distinguishing features.
- Report the threat to law enforcement.

**PHONED THREAT**

A PHONED THREAT is a threat received by telephone. You should try to get as much information on the caller and the threat as possible, unless the threat is nearby or may imminently harm you or others.

- Remain calm and do not hang up.
- Keep the caller on as long as possible and try soliciting information to determine whether the threat is specific, realistic, or poses immediate danger to you or others.
- If possible, signal others nearby to listen and notify law enforcement.
- Copy any information from the phone's electronic display.
- Write the exact wording of the threat.
- Record the call if possible.
- Be available to discuss the details with law enforcement personnel.

**ELECTRONIC MESSAGE THREAT**

An ELECTRONIC MESSAGE THREAT is a threat received through direct messaging, email, or social media. It may include threats of blackmail or adverse consequences if the recipient does not comply.

- Do not open an electronic message or attachment from unknown senders.
- Do not communicate on social media with unknown or unsolicited individuals.
- Make sure your security settings are set to the highest level of protection.
- Do not delete the message. Forensic examination may uncover important details.
- Leave the message open on the computer.
- Immediately notify law enforcement.
- Print, photograph, or copy the message, subject line, date, and time.
- Preserve all electronic evidence.

**CYBER ATTACKS**

A CYBER ATTACK can compromise your electronic device and expose personal information.

- Use strong passphrases and do not use the same passphrase for multiple websites.
- Set anti-virus and anti-malware applications to automatically update.
- Apply system and software updates as soon as they become available.
- Apply two-factor authentication.
- Backup data regularly.

If you suspect that you have been a victim of a cyber attack:

- Do not delete or alter your computer systems.
- Immediately contact your financial institutions to protect your accounts from identity theft.
- Change passphrases and monitor accounts for suspicious activity.

If you are in immediate physical danger, call 911. If you experience a threat, please contact your local FBI field office (listings available at www.fbi.gov) or submit a tip via 1-800-CALLFBI (or 1-800-225-5324) or via www.fbi.gov/tips.

You can also make an anonymous tip to the FBI by phone or online.
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Who should I contact if I experience threats or intimidation: local police or the FBI?

- If you or others are in immediate physical danger, call the local police by dialing 911.
- If you experience a threat associated with a federal crime, contact your local FBI field office (listings at www.fbi.gov) by calling 1-800-CALLFBI (or 1-800-225-5324) or via www.fbi.govtips. Examples include threats from an agent of a foreign government, organized crime, or a government official. Your report can be anonymous.
- Not all incidents meet the FBI's investigative threshold. If you are the victim of an incident that does not meet the threshold of a federal crime, you may need to report it to your local police department. Local and state jurisdictions have different thresholds for investigating suspected crimes.

What can I expect if I am interviewed by the FBI?

- An FBI agent can meet with you at an FBI field office or at another location.
- The FBI will ask you to provide as much information as possible about the perpetrator and details of the threat you have experienced.
- The FBI will ask for your contact information to follow-up with you if needed.
- The FBI will attempt to protect your identity and confidentiality.
- If appropriate, an FBI Victim Specialist may be present during the interview to provide information and support, or they may contact you after your interview by phone or mail.

What is the threshold for the FBI to investigate a complaint and/or initiate an investigation?

- The FBI is able to investigate threats that violate US federal law and imply harm or danger to the recipient.
- The ability of the US Government to prosecute individuals for threat-related charges is contingent upon several factors, such as: the quality of the evidence, the ability to identify the individuals who perpetrated the action, the identification of a conspiracy, and/or the ability to arrest the offending individuals.

What can I expect if the FBI initiates an investigation?

- If the FBI believes a federal crime may have been committed, one or more FBI special agents will conduct an investigation. As part of the investigation, the special agents will gather evidence, which may include an interview with you and other victims.
- You may also be asked to describe your experience before a federal grand jury.
- A thorough investigation will be completed. The investigation may take a long time to finish, and you will not be updated on day-to-day case developments. Every effort will be made to tell you about major events in an investigation, such as an arrest or indictment. The FBI is committed to providing such information to you before it is released to the public, when possible. However, the FBI must always be careful not to reveal sensitive information that could hurt the investigation or increase danger to law enforcement.
- An FBI Victim Specialist will be available to provide identified victims with support, information, and referrals for any local resources that may be needed.

Even if reporting the details of how you were threatened or intimidated does not result in an investigation, it will likely assist other victims by helping the FBI track threats and identify trends.

FBI FIELD OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION LISTED BY CITY AND STATE IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.FBI.GOV. IF YOU ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911.
(U) Endnotes

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Thank You.

EAD Sallet and AD Knapp,

Jeff
Copy -- Team is engaged and running it down

Thank You. I just sent you an email on low side regarding threat. Please read asap and let me know response.

FYSA

I am working with FPU

Jeff

Thank you Team.
EAD Sallet and AD Knapp,

Attached is the FBI Police Ops Plan for PVCA, 1/6/21 – 1/7/21.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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To: "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)"  
Cc:  

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Date: December 21, 2020 at 11:13:47 AM EST  
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To: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)
Sent: January 4, 2021 8:46 AM (UTC-05:00)

Happy New Year Paul. Yes I received the Webex invite from Chief Sund and I will be on the call.

Thanks,
Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono
Assistant Director in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington Field Office

On Jan 4, 2021 8:22 AM, "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)" wrote:

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