



May 31, 2022

American Oversight  
C/O Khahilia Shaw  
Suite B255  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005

FOIPA Request No.: 1487359 & 1503371  
Civil Action No.: 21-cv-2728  
Subject: Communications, Directives, and Meetings  
Related to Capitol Riots

Dear Ms. Shaw:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find checked boxes under applicable statutes for the exemptions asserted to protect information exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the processed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely pursuant to applicable exemptions. An Explanation of Exemptions is enclosed to further explain justification for withheld information.

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540 pages were reviewed and 198 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request and the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Although your request is in litigation, we are required by law to provide you the following information:

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Please direct any further inquiries about this case to the Attorney representing the Government in this matter. Please use the FOIPA Request Number and/or Civil Action Number in all correspondence or inquiries concerning your request.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

**Additional Information:**

In response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of Bates Stamped documents, FBI (21-cv-2728)-1 through FBI (21-cv-2728)-540. The enclosed documents represent the first interim release of information responsive to your request.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit [www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records](http://www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records).
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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**From:** SIOC  
**Subject:** SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC  
Jan 5 - 7, 2021  
**To:** HQ-ALL-USERS; WFO FOUO  
**Sent:** January 4, 2021 8:56 AM (UTC-05:00)

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SITUATIONAL AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

**SYNOPSIS:** Multiple street closures and parking restrictions in downtown Washington, DC, may delay your commute to FBI HQ and WFO on January 5 – 7, 2021.

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**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and FBI Police

**SITUATION:** The Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) anticipates multiple street closures and parking restrictions in Washington, DC, on January 5 – 7, 2021, due to First Amendment-protected activities. Motorists should consider alternative routes to avoid increased pedestrian traffic and delays. For additional traffic information, please visit: [twitter.com/DCPoliceTraffic](https://twitter.com/DCPoliceTraffic).

**Street Closures**

On January 5 – 6, the following streets will be restricted/closed to vehicular traffic from approximately 6:00 AM to 11:59 PM. If safe to do so, vehicles will be allowed to enter the restricted areas if individuals are on essential business or traveling to/from their residence.

Constitution Ave from Pennsylvania Ave to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

K St from 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

I St from 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

H St from 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

New York Ave from 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW

New York Ave from 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

G St from 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW

G St from 12<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW

G St from 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

F St from 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW

F St from 12<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW

F St from 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

E St from 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW

E St from 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

D St from 5<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW

D St from 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

C St from 3<sup>rd</sup> St, NW to 6<sup>th</sup> St, NW

C St from 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

Pennsylvania Ave, NW from 3<sup>rd</sup> St, NW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW

Pennsylvania Ave, NW from 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW

Indiana Ave from 3<sup>rd</sup> St to 5<sup>th</sup> St, NW

3<sup>rd</sup> St from Independence Ave, SW to D St, NW

4<sup>th</sup> St from Independence Ave, SW to Pennsylvania Ave, NW

4<sup>th</sup> St from Indiana Ave, NW to E St, NW  
5<sup>th</sup> St from Indiana Ave, NW to E St, NW  
6<sup>th</sup> St from Constitution Ave, NW to E St, NW  
7<sup>th</sup> St from Independence Ave, SW to E St, NW  
9<sup>th</sup> St from Constitution Ave, NW to E St, NW  
10<sup>th</sup> St from Constitution Ave, NW to L St, NW  
11<sup>th</sup> St from Pennsylvania Ave, NW to L St, NW  
12<sup>th</sup> St from Constitution Ave, NW to L St, NW  
13<sup>th</sup> St from Pennsylvania Ave, NW to L St, NW  
14<sup>th</sup> St from Independence Ave, SW to L St, NW  
15<sup>th</sup> St from Independence Ave, SW to L St, NW  
16<sup>th</sup> St from H St, NW to L St, NW  
Vermont Ave from H St, NW to L St, NW  
Connecticut Ave from H St, NW to L St, NW  
17<sup>th</sup> St from Independence Ave, SW to L St, NW  
Madison Dr from 3<sup>rd</sup> St, NW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW  
Jefferson Dr from 3<sup>rd</sup> St, SW to 15<sup>th</sup> St, SW  
12<sup>th</sup> St Tunnel  
9<sup>th</sup> St Tunnel

While MPD does not anticipate street closures on January 5 or 7, or additional street closures on January 6, there is the potential for intermittent street closures.

**No Parking**

January 5 at 6:00 AM to January 7 at 11:59 PM:

H St from 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW  
I St from 15<sup>th</sup> St, NW to 17<sup>th</sup> St, NW  
Connecticut Ave from H St, NW to L St, NW  
Vermont Ave from H St, NW to L St, NW  
15<sup>th</sup> St from I St to K St, NW (west side of McPherson Sq)  
17<sup>th</sup> St from I St to K St, NW (east side of Farragut Sq)

January 5 – 6 from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM:

Constitution Ave from Pennsylvania Ave, NW to 18<sup>th</sup> St, NW  
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Emergency Action Specialist

Watch Commander: SSA

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**From:** SIOC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 3:24 PM  
**To:** HQ-ALL-USERS; WFO FOUO; WFO\_CRITICAL\_INCIDENT  
**Cc:** SIOC  
**Subject:** SIOC NOTIFICATION: SECURITY POSTURE IN WASHINGTON D.C METRO  
**Importance:** High

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& OPERATIONS CENTER**

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**SIOC NOTIFICATION**

**SYNOPSIS:** The following message is being sent on behalf of the FBI Police:

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** FBI Police, Colonel Scott Giroux

**DETAILS:** FBI HQ and WFO are secure. However, the security situation in the DC Metro area is volatile and fluid. FBI employees in the downtown DC area should exercise caution and maintain situational awareness when entering or leaving FBI facilities, or when traveling in the downtown DC area. Due to the pending 6 p.m. curfew being imposed by the Mayor of Washington DC, employees are advised to verify modes of transportation prior to leaving the safety of FBI facilities or departing for their work assignments.

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Emergency Action Specialist | Watch Commander: SSA

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**From:** SIOC  
**Subject:** UPDATE: SIOC NOTIFICATION: SECURITY POSTURE IN WASHINGTON D.C METRO  
**To:** SIOC; HQ-ALL-USERS; WFO FOUO; WFO\_CRITICAL\_INCIDENT  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 5:00 PM (UTC-05:00)  
**Attached:** Connector Lot Directions.pdf

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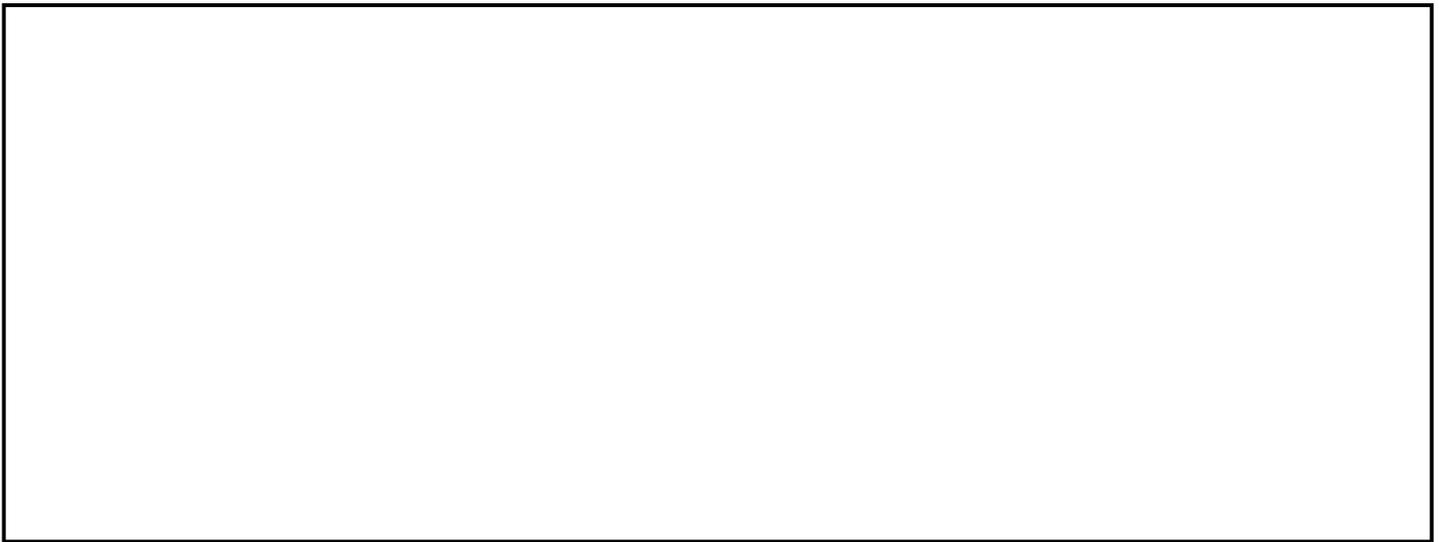
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Strategic Information & Operations Center | FBIHQ, Room 5712 [REDACTED]  
Emergency Action Specialist [REDACTED] Watch Commander: SSA [REDACTED]

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**From:** SIOC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:41 PM  
**To:** HQ-ALL-USERS  
**Cc:** SIOC  
**Subject:** FBI JEH BUILDING ACCESS FOR 01/07/2020

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Access into JEH on January 7, 2021 will be as follow:

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The Visitors Center will remain closed on January 7, 2021. Essential visits must be coordinated with the Access Control Unit which can be reached at [Redacted]

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FBI employees in the downtown DC area should continue to exercise caution and maintain situational awareness when entering and exiting FBI facilities and when traveling around the downtown DC area.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact the Security Operations Center at [Redacted]

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Emergency Action Specialist [Redacted]

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 4:21 PM (UTC-05:00)

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## National Guardsmen pour into D.C. after Capitol overrun by pro-Trump rioters

By Jacqueline Feldscher, Lara Seligman

01/06/2021 04:20 PM EST

More National Guardsmen from D.C., Maryland and Virginia were on their way to Washington on Wednesday to help control pro-Trump rioters who breached the U.S. Capitol.

All members of the D.C. National Guard have been mobilized to help federal law officers control violent protests in Washington, Pentagon spokesperson Jonathan Hoffman said. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser mobilized 350 D.C. National Guard troops on Tuesday in anticipation of the expected riots, but those troops are tasked with crowd control and have not been at the Capitol.

Bowser called the Pentagon after protests unfolded, requesting 200 additional Guardsmen to surround the building, according to a defense official. The Army initially pushed back, because the original agreement stipulated that Guardsmen would not be in contact with civilians in order to avoid politicizing the military, the person said.

The Pentagon came under heavy criticism in June when National Guardsmen helped clear Lafayette Square of peaceful protesters in order for President Donald Trump to stage a photo op in front of a church holding a Bible. On Monday, the Guard announced that its personnel would be unarmed and would not wear body armor.

On Wednesday, after Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy got off the phone with Bowser, he worked with acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller to find a solution. Now all members of the D.C. National Guard will report to the armory within the next four hours.

The Department of Justice will lead the operation, Hoffman said. A second defense official said these Guardsmen will be armed if Bowser approves it.

Washington's neighboring states are also sending personnel to respond to the incidents. Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said on Twitter that members of the state's National Guard as well as 200 Virginia state police will help respond to the riots after consulting with congressional leaders. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan also tweeted that "troopers" are on their way to help local forces "restore order."

Thousands of Trump supporters descended on the capital to protest President-elect Joe Biden's victory after Trump spent weeks making false claims about election fraud. The rioters quickly overwhelmed the Capitol police, breaking into the building and even reaching the Senate floor.

Lawmakers and staff were either evacuated or asked to shelter in place.

Because the District of Columbia is not a state, requests to activate the National Guard must be approved by the Pentagon. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.) said Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley told her the demand for additional troops had been approved by the administration.

"They are already in coordination with DC law enforcement in order to restore order," she said. "Army Secretary McCarthy confirmed the same to House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith."

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**From:** D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fw: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]  
**Sent:** January 3, 2021 10:50 AM (UTC-05:00)

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Sir,  
I asked my team last night to put together [redacted]

[redacted]

Please let me know if you need anything else and I will keep you updated as we get closer to the 6th. [redacted]  
[redacted] Let me know if you have any questions or require any more information.

Regards,  
Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
FBI - Washington Field Office  
[redacted] (mobile)  
[redacted] (office)

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI); [redacted]; Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI); [redacted]; D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI); [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]; [redacted]

**Subject:** FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events

[redacted]

**From:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fw: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events  
**To:** D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 3, 2021 11:25 AM (UTC-05:00)  
Great, thanks for the follow up Steve. I appreciate it.

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On Jan 3, 2021 10:50 AM, "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" [redacted]

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Assistant Director in Charge  
FBI – Washington Field Office

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**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events

[redacted]

**From:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fw:  
**To:** Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 4, 2021 10:15 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks, appreciate the expediency.

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On Jan 4, 2021 9:34 PM, "Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
They have enough reps lately that they should be able to get it together fairly easily

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On Jan 4, 2021 9:31 PM, "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
Terry,

Just seeing this. I worked it through [redacted] but knew he was in contact t with you today.

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Thanka for getting it done.

DB

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On Jan 4, 2021 7:42 PM, "Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
There are a couple of minor format/typo things they will fix before final send out, just wanted to make sure this  
matched commanders intent

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On Jan 4, 2021 7:39 PM, "Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
I am good with the below if you are. They have the POCs for the partners

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From: "Gray, Edward J. (CIRG) (FBI)" [redacted] >  
Date: Jan 4, 2021 7:36 PM  
Subject: Fw:  
To: "Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI)" [redacted] >  
Cc:  
Boss,

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Pending approval we will send with SIOC header to all Divisions and partners.

Thank you - Ed

Edward J. Gray  
Section Chief  
International Operations Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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[redacted] (office)

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From: Downey, Jeffrey R. (CIRG) (FBI) [redacted]

Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 7:32 PM

To: Gray, Edward J. (CIRG) (FBI) [redacted]

Subject:

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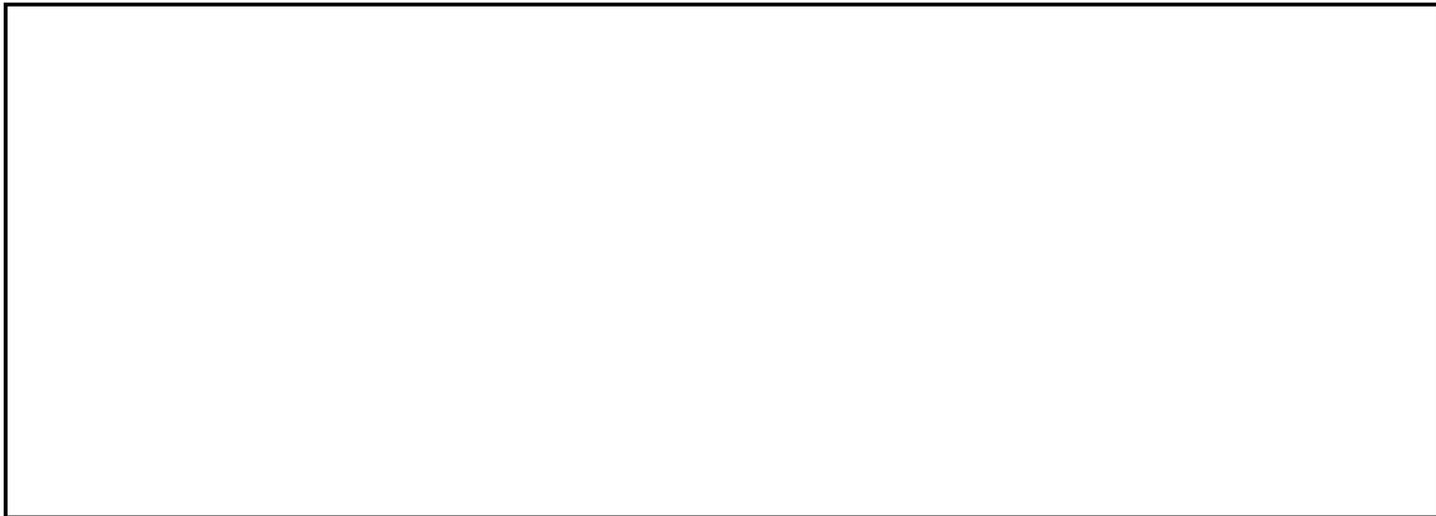
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**From:** Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW [redacted]  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI); Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 3:38 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Any concerns before launch? Thanks.



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National Press and Operations Unit  
FBI Office of Public Affairs*

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**From:** Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: [redacted]  
**To:** Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI); Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI); Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 3:48 PM (UTC-05:00)

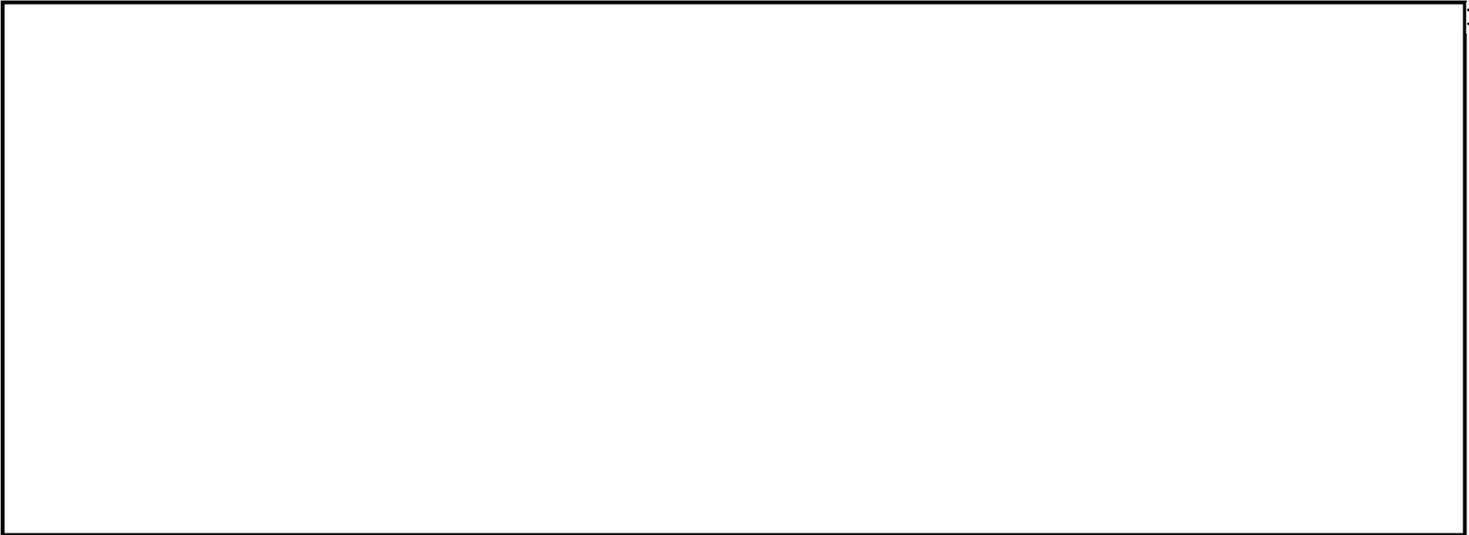
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None from me. Thanks.

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**From:** Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW [redacted]  
**To:** Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI); Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI); Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 3:50 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Good here.

Jill C. Tyson  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Congressional Affairs

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**From:** Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: [redacted]  
**To:** Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI); Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI); Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI); Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 3:51 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Brian,

We are all good with it....please launch...

Regards,  
John

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[redacted] (Desk)

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On Jan 6, 2021 15:38, "Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
Any concerns before launch? Thanks.

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**From:** Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]  
**To:** Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI); Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 3:52 PM (UTC-05:00)

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CID is good with it.

Calvin A. Shivers  
Assistant Director  
Criminal Investigative Division

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[REDACTED] (Office)  
[REDACTED] (Mobile)

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**From:** Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2021 3:38 PM  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); [REDACTED]; Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW [REDACTED]  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: WFO Proposed Statements  
**To:** Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI); Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI); Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI); Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 3:57 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks Brian.

Jill Sanborn  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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**“The FBI has been deployed to assist our U.S. Capitol Police partners as requested in protection of federal property and public safety.”**

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National Press and Operations Unit  
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**Sent:** January 6, 2021 4:07 PM (UTC-05:00)

Per DD approved

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National Press and Operations Unit  
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**From:** Vince Talucci  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Update on Washington DC -- 6:05pm ET - International Association of Chiefs of Police  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 6:05 PM (UTC-05:00)

## **International Association of Chiefs of Police**

The following message was sent to you by **Vince Talucci**

IACP Board of Directors --

I wanted to give you a sense of what's going on in DC -- from our good partners at the FBI's Office of Partner Engagement (OPE) at approximately 4:56pm ET:

OPE reports to our partners the following:

On January 6, 2010 Washington DC became the scene of a number of individual protest gatherings. United States Park Police reported a total of four permitted First Amendment events attracting an unknown number of participants.

At approximately 11:30 AM a large number of persons gathered in the Ellipse area and listened to a speech by POTUS.

At the conclusion of the speech a huge number of persons moved on foot down Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues to the area of the United States Capitol.

At approximately 2:30 PM a large group of protestors moved onto the grounds of the Capitol, some of whom eventually breached several doors and windows and gained entry to, and throughout, the building.

At the present time several hundred protestors remain in the Capitol.

Members of Congress and Staff were removed to positions of safety.

At the present time a coordinated police response consisting of members of the United States Capitol Police, United States Park Police, Metropolitan DC Police, Metro North Police, HSI, Federal Protective Service, US Marshals Service, FBI and Virginia State Troopers are beginning to clear the Capitol.

Although the District of Columbia National Guard was earlier deployed in a limited capacity to assist with traffic control, the request made by the city to deploy National Guard Members to the United States Capitol is still under consideration by DOD.

Open source reporting indicates a woman was shot and seriously injured in the downtown area prior to the action at the Capitol but no details are known with regard to that incident.

Thus far we know of three reports of potential IED devices in the downtown area – two backpack and one possible VBIED. All have been rendered safe or disrupted by FBI SABB and Metro PD Bomb technicians.

We have received reports that the State Capitols of Kansas and Georgia have been breached. We have been able to verify that the report from Kansas is false and that remains the site of otherwise peaceful protests.

Details on the potential breach in Georgia are being determined.

The Mayor has enacted a citywide curfew beginning at 6:00 PM and ending at 6:00 AM tomorrow, January 7, 2021.

Details are still coming in but we anticipate communicating to our partners a SITREP with better detail within the

next 90 minutes.

Although no crowd estimate has been made by the USPP it is evident that a huge number of people remain in the Federal mall area, Penn Quarter neighborhood and downtown District of Columbia.

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**From:** SIOC  
**Subject:** CICC REGARDING [REDACTED]  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Downey, Jeffrey R. (CIRG) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 9:54 PM (UTC-05:00)  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
STRATEGIC INFORMATION & OPERATIONS CENTER

CRITICAL INCIDENT CONFERENCE CALL

Deputy Director David Bowdich requests your participation in a Critical Incident Conference Call (CICC) Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 4:45 PM Eastern Time regarding [REDACTED]

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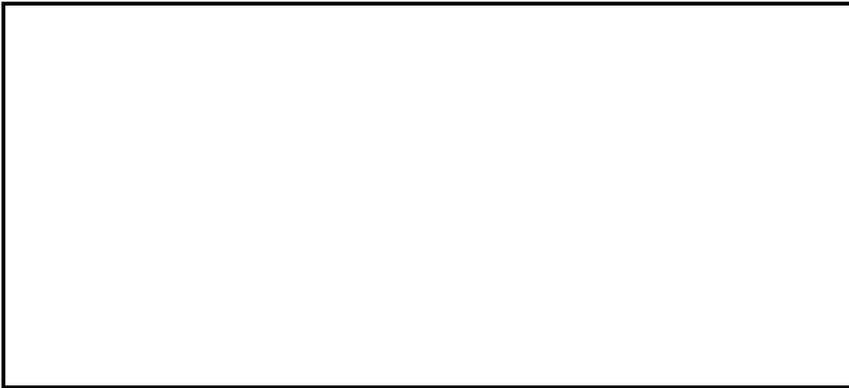
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**Sent:** January 6, 2021 10:37 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Jill,

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Standby...

Regards,  
John

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Assistant Director  
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Thank you, EAD Brown. And boss for the call.

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I appreciate all you are doing operationally and am grateful for the help with Hill inquiries in the midst of it all.

-JCT

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**From:** JRIC  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - (U//~~FOUO~~) JRIC Notification: Protestors Breach US Capitol during Joint Session of Congress - Update  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 1:55 PM (UTC-05:00)  
**Attached:** 210107 ~~FOUO~~ JRIC Notification - Protestors Breach US Capitol during Joint Session of Congress - Update2.pdf

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# (U//FOUO) PROTESTORS BREACH US CAPITOL DURING JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS - UPDATE

JOINT REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER NOTIFICATION

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## II US CAPITOL BREACH



(U) Rioters breaching the US Capitol. Source: New York Times, Getty Images

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## III TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES (TTPs)

## IV LOCAL IMPACT AND OFFICER SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

**From:** [redacted] (NSD)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: Capitol response - DOJ LE numbers  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 2:58 PM (UTC-05:00)

b6 per DOJ/OIP  
b7C per DOJ/OIP

For your awareness.

Best,

[redacted]

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b7C per DOJ/OIP

Acting Chief of Counterterrorism  
National Security Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530

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**From:** [redacted] (NSD)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 12:03 PM

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(ODAG) [redacted] Sherwin, Michael (USADC) [redacted]  
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Sir,

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**FBI** – approx. [redacted] personnel

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FBI response to US Capitol and grounds on Wednesday, January 6, 2021:

[redacted]

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[Redacted]

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**USMS** [Redacted] personnel

b7E per DOJ/OIP

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[Redacted]

**ATF** [Redacted] personnel

b7E per ATF

[Redacted]

**Total DOJ personnel:** [Redacted] personnel

b7E per DOJ/OIP

Best,

[Redacted]

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Thanks [redacted]

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**Subject:** USAO Sherwin phone briefing  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI); Laycock, Stephen C. (IB) (FBI); Jones, Jason A. (OGC) (FBI); Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI);  
[Redacted]  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 4:19 PM (UTC-05:00)

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**To:** Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI); [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Winston, Alvin M.  
(OPA) (FBI) [Redacted]  
(FBI) [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: [Redacted] need approval

FYI --

I don't have a direct quote. But in the sudden phone briefing by Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin he was [Redacted]

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CNN tweet



Ana Cabrera  
@AnaCabrera

JUST IN: Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin says they are looking at all actors involved in the unrest at the US Capitol on Wednesday, including the role President Donald Trump played in inciting the crowd.

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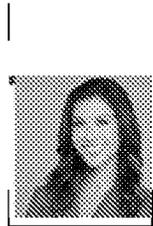
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Thank you Brian.

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CNN tweet



**Ana Cabrera**  
@AnaCabrera

**JUST IN: Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin says they are looking at all actors involved in the unrest at the US Capitol on Wednesday, including the role President Donald Trump played in inciting the crowd.**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** External SITREP- January 7 2021

**To:** [redacted]  
Thompson, Jonathan; [redacted] Lewis, Kwame (DI) (FBI); Lewis, Kwame (DI) (FBI) [redacted]  
[redacted] Talucci, Vince; Cunningham, Terry (IACP); Grever, Louis; Acevedo,  
Art Chief; Cooper, Laura; [redacted] Wagner, Kimberly [redacted]  
[redacted] Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI); Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI);  
Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Carlisle, Travis D. (DI) (FBI); Hardiman, Kellie M. (DI) (FBI); Lewis, Kwame (DI)  
(FBI); Pepper, Amy L. (DI) (FBI); Morales, Emily H. (DI) (FBI); Yager, Howard P. (DI) (FBI); [redacted]  
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**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 4:57 PM (UTC-05:00)  
**Attached:** Jan7SITREPfinal.docx

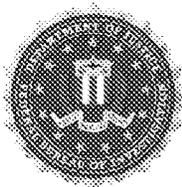
Good evening,

Please find attached the 6 January 2021 National Crisis Coordination Center SITREP related to the violence associated with lawful protests.

Please note that this document is Unclassified//~~Law Enforcement Sensitive~~ (U//LES) and should be shared accordingly with law enforcement, intelligence, and homeland security partners.

Thank you.

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

7 JANUARY 2021

*(U//~~LES~~) 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 1500 EST on 6 January 2021. The following agencies contributed to the development of this SITREP: ATF, DOD, DOJ, DHS, and USMS. Responses provided after the cut-off time will be included in the next SITREP.*

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(U//~~LES~~) Within this legal, and policy framework, the information requested from field offices in this communication is intended to provide timely information to appropriate law enforcement and/or public safety personnel who are authorized to protect facilities, personnel, and the public from imminent threats of violent and/or criminal activity. This document is meant as a summary of significant investigative highlights and NOT as a comprehensive review of ongoing investigations. The information contained in this communication is NOT to be incorporated into any formal or informal written document nor further disseminated without the authorization of the FBI Headquarters, SI/C. Unauthorized use of this information may jeopardize sensitive national security and/or criminal investigations, result in the possible identification and/or physical harm of human sources, or create undue notification into the FBI's interest of intended targets.

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## (U) National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3)

### Executive Summary

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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.*



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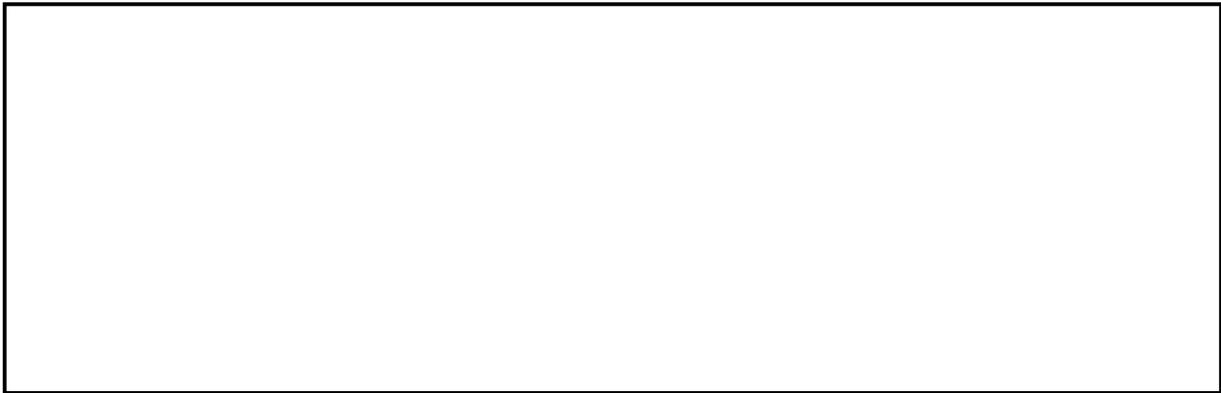
#### (U) NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION 2021

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- (U//~~LES~~) FBI Director Christopher Wray issued a statement regarding the violent activity at the U.S. Capitol Building. The full press release can be found [here](#).
- (U//~~LES~~) As of 1400 on 6 January 2021, Capitol Police reported protesters stormed the U.S. Capitol Building. The certification of Electoral College votes was paused until the building was cleared. The certification resumed at 1950 and was completed at 0340 on 7 January with no further activity.
- (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. The ongoing investigation into the shooting is being conducted by Capitol Police and Metropolitan D.C. Police Department.
- (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. A static perimeter around the Capitol grounds has been established by federal police D.C. National Guard.
- (U//~~LES~~) Additional law enforcement agencies may respond to provide assistance. Maryland State Police have deployed in support of police operations.
- (U) As of 1429 on 6 January, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a city-wide curfew for the District effective 1800; the curfew will continue through 0600 EST 7 January. A State of Emergency has been declared and extended to 15 days
- (U) The FBI has established the following national digital tip line to collect information regarding the events of 6 January: [TIPLINE](#)

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- (U//~~LES~~) The breach of the U.S. Capitol Building and subsequent criminal activities is the subject of an ongoing investigation conducted by the U.S. Capitol Police, other federal law enforcement agencies, and the United States Attorney's Office District of Columbia.

(U) GEORGIA SENATE RUNOFF 2021



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(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.

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0700: 7 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)*

[Redacted]

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### *(U) Past/Ongoing in the last 12 – 24 Hours*

- [Redacted]

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- (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 [Redacted] FBI [Redacted] 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.

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- (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.

- [Redacted]

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- [Redacted]

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## (U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE



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### *(U) Potential Flashpoints*

- (U) As of 1429 on 6 January, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser issued a city-wide curfew for the District effective 1800 on 6 January. MPD initiated over 40 arrests to enforce curfew violations throughout the city; the curfew will continue through 0600 EST 7 January.
- (U) According to open sources, the Governor of Virginia declared a State of Emergency and imposed a curfew in Arlington and Alexandria from 1800, 6 January to 0600, 7 January.



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**From:** Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)  
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**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Wade, Terry (CCRSB) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI); Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI); Beach, George P. (OPE) (FBI); [REDACTED] Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 6:16 PM (UTC-05:00)

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[REDACTED] Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI); Sanborn, Jill (CTD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 6:25 PM (UTC-05:00)

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On Jan 7, 2021 6:16 PM, "Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)" [REDACTED] wrote:  
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**Sent:** January 7, 2021 6:57 PM (UTC-05:00)

We are now getting the same unconfirmed reports as well.  
I will continue to vet it.

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**From:** SIOC  
**Subject:** Road Closures in Washington, DC near FBI HQ Beginning Tuesday, 1/5/2021 through Wednesday, 1/6/2021  
**To:** HQ-ALL-USERS; WFO FOUO  
**Cc:** SIOC  
**Sent:** January 5, 2021 12:41 AM (UTC-05:00)

The below message is sent on behalf of Assistant Director Larissa L. Knapp, Security Division,

**Regarding:** First Amendment Demonstrations in the District of Columbia on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 through Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

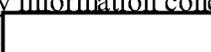
**Details:** Due to planned First Amendment Demonstrations in the District of Columbia this week, numerous roads may be closed in the vicinity of FBI Headquarters, WFO, and other FBI facilities, beginning Tuesday (1/5/21) through Wednesday (1/6/21).

A SIOC Message earlier today, 1/4/21 at 0856 hours, provided detailed street closures and parking restrictions this week (see map of potential road closures provided below). Employees should be aware of the road closures affecting their commutes, follow the guidance of officers directing traffic, and allow extra time to arrive to their destinations. If safe to do so, vehicles will be allowed to enter the restricted areas if individuals are on essential business or traveling to/from their residence.



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There is a potential for groups with competing agendas to conduct demonstrations near FBI facilities. The closest known assembly point is Freedom Plaza located four blocks from FBIHQ. At the moment, the FBI is not aware of any credible, violent, or criminal threat against FBI personnel or its facilities. No changes are planned for access into FBIHQ/JEH. The FBI Police will maintain a heightened security posture and advise of any changes to access into FBIHQ/JEH.

The Security Division request any information concerning traffic or safety in the vicinity of FBIHQ be reported to the Security Operations Center at 

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**From:** SIOC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 4:57 PM  
**To:** HQ-ALL-USERS; CJIS\_ALL [redacted] All  
**Cc:** IR-EXEC-SC-ASC-UC; SIOC  
**Subject:** SIOC NOTIFICATION: SECURITY POSTURE IN WASHINGTON D.C METRO  
**Importance:** High

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SIOC NOTIFICATION

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**SYNOPSIS:** [redacted]  
[redacted]

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** SIOC

[redacted]

Strategic Information & Operations Center | FBIHQ, Room 5712 [redacted]

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From: SIOC  
Subject: CICC REGARDING [redacted]  
To: [redacted]  
[redacted] Camp, Earl D. (SecD) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted]  
Sent: January 6, 2021 9:47 PM (UTC-05:00)  
Attached: Field\_Office\_CICC\_Prep\_Sheet\_02.13.2020.docx, FBIHQ\_CICC\_Prep\_Sheet\_02.13.2020.docx

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CRITICAL INCIDENT CONFERENCE CALL

Deputy Director David Bowdich requests your participation in a Critical Incident Conference Call (CICC) Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 4:45 PM Eastern Time regarding [redacted]

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The CICC will commence with instructions at 4:40 PM Eastern Time. SIOC [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

SIOC contact.

Participants will access the unclassified call at [redacted]

The PIN number is [redacted]

Participant phones will be automatically muted by the conference system. When REQUESTED to speak, the participant should press \*6 to unmute their line, and \*6 again to mute their line. There will be a verbal confirmation and slight delay after using the \*6 feature.

FBIHQ participants who are at the JEH Building are welcome to report to SIOC Room 5712, [redacted] for this conference call.

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The format of the call is as follows:

[redacted]

Please refer to the attached CICC Preparation Cheat Sheet for additional details.

All information and inquiries should be directed to SIOC at [redacted]

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Strategic Information & Operations Center | FBIHQ, Room 5712 | [redacted]

Emergency Action Specialist: [redacted]

Watch Commander: UC [redacted]

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From: SIOC b5 -1  
Subject: CORRECTION - TIME - CICC REGARDING [REDACTED] CORRECTION b7E -5  
To: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Camp. Earl D. (SecD) (FBI)  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Sent: January 7, 2021 10:38 AM (UTC-05:00)  
Attached: Field\_Office\_CICC\_Prep\_Sheet\_02.13.2020.docx, FBIHQ\_CICC\_Prep\_Sheet\_02.13.2020.docx

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CRITICAL INCIDENT CONFERENCE CALL

\*\*\*\*\*TIME HAS BEEN CHANGED, CICC WILL START AT 2:00 PM. ALL OTHER INFORMATION REMAINS THE SAME.

Deputy Director David Bowdich requests your participation in a Critical Incident Conference Call (CICC) b5 -1  
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Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time regarding [REDACTED].

**The CICC will commence with instructions at 1:55 PM Eastern Time. SIOC** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **SIOC contact.**

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The PIN number is [REDACTED]

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Strategic Information & Operations Center | FBIHQ, Room 5712 [REDACTED]

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Emergency Action Specialist:

Watch Commander

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**From:** FBI\_COMMUNICATIONS  
**Subject:** Director Wray's Statement on Violent Activity at the U.S. Capitol Building  
**To:** FBI-ALL  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 1:01 PM (UTC-05:00)

### *Director Wray's Statement on Violent Activity at the U.S. Capitol Building*

Director Wray issued the following statement today regarding the violent activity at the U.S. Capitol Building:

"The violence and destruction of property at the U.S. Capitol building yesterday showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process. As we've said consistently, we do not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc. Such behavior betrays the values of our democracy. Make no mistake: With our partners, we will hold accountable those who participated in yesterday's siege of the Capitol.

Let me assure the American people the FBI has deployed our full investigative resources and is working closely with our federal, state, and local partners to aggressively pursue those involved in criminal activity during the events of January 6. Our agents and analysts have been hard at work through the night gathering evidence, sharing intelligence, and working with federal prosecutors to bring charges. Members of the public can help by providing tips, information, and videos of illegal activity at [fbi.gov/USCapitol](https://www.fbi.gov/USCapitol). We are determined to find those responsible and ensure justice is served."

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**Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)**

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**From:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:26 AM  
**To:** Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI); Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI); Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI); Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI); [redacted]  
**Subject:** [redacted]

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Larissa and SecD,

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[redacted]

Thank You.  
Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet  
Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities  
Executive Assistant: [redacted]

**From:** Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] b6 -1  
**To:** Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI); Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI) b7C -1  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI); D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI); b7E -1, 5  
Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 11:40 AM (UTC-05:00)

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On Jan 6, 2021 11:25 AM, "Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)" [REDACTED] wrote:  
Larissa and SecD,

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[REDACTED]

Thank You.  
Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet  
Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities  
Executive Assistant: [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: [Redacted]

Good Morning All,

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[Redacted]

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

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[Redacted]

Chief, FBI Police  
Office: [Redacted]  
Mobile: [Redacted]  
Unet email: [Redacted]  
FBInet email: [Redacted]



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**From:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2021 11:26 AM  
**To:** Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI) [Redacted] Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI) [Redacted] Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI) [Redacted] Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI) [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] Meador, Stanley M.

(DO) (FBI)

[Redacted]

D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)

Subject

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Larissa and SecD,

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[Redacted]

Thank You.

Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet

Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities

Executive Assistant

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**Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)**

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**From:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:51 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [Redacted]

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Thank you, Chief [Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:40 AM  
**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI) [Redacted]; Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI) [Redacted]; Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI) [Redacted]; Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI) [Redacted]; Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI) [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]; Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]; Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted]; D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI) [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: [Redacted]

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Good Morning All,

b7E -1,5,8

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

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Chief, FBI Police  
Office: [Redacted]  
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**From:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)

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(DO) (FBI) [redacted] D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)  
[redacted]

Subject [redacted]

Larissa and SecD,

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Thank You.  
Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet  
Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities  
Executive Assistant: [redacted]

**D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)**

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**From:** D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:58 AM  
**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI); Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI); Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI); Meador, Stanley M. (DO) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

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Paul, Jeff and company,

[redacted]

Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

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[redacted] (Cell)

**From:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI) [redacted]  
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**Subject:** [redacted]

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Larissa and SecD,

b7E -1,2,5,10

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Thank You.  
Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet

Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities  
Executive Assistant: [REDACTED]

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**D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)**

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**From:** D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 12:52 PM  
**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI); Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI); Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI); Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

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[redacted]

Regards,  
Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

[redacted] (Desk)  
[redacted] (Cell)

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**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

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Paul, Jeff and company,

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[redacted]

Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

[Redacted] Desk)  
[Redacted] Cell)

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(DO) (FBI) <[Redacted]>; D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI) [Redacted]

**Subject:** [Redacted]

Larissa and SecD,

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[Redacted]

Thank You.  
Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet  
Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities  
Executive Assistant [Redacted]

**Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)**

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**From:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

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Thanks Steve.

**From:** D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:58 AM  
**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI) [REDACTED] Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI) [REDACTED] Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

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Paul, Jeff and company,

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Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

[REDACTED] (Desk)  
[REDACTED] (Cell)

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**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Larissa and SecD,



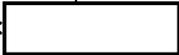
Thank You.

Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet

Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities

Executive Assistant:



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**From:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE [redacted]  
**To:** Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI); Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI); Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI); Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 1:01 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thank you Sir

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On Jan 6, 2021 12:52 PM, "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:

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[redacted]

Regards,  
Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

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**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

Paul, Jeff and company,

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Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

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M. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF)  
(FBI) [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [Redacted]

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Larissa and SecD,

[Redacted]

Thank You.  
Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet  
Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities  
Executive Assistant: [Redacted]

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**From:** D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE [redacted]  
**To:** Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI); Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI); Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI); Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI) [redacted]  
[redacted] Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 1:52 PM (UTC-05:00)

FYI.. [redacted]

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

[redacted] (Desk)  
[redacted] (Cell)

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On Jan 6, 2021 12:51 PM, "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:

[redacted]

Regards,  
Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

[redacted] (Desk)  
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**Subject:** RE [redacted]

Paul, Jeff and company,

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[Redacted]

Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

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M. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF)  
(FBI) [Redacted]  
**Subject:** [Redacted]

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Larissa and SecD,

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[Redacted]

Thank You.  
Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet  
Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities  
Executive Assistant: [Redacted]

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**From:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: [redacted]  
**To:** Catalan, Angel M. (SecD) (FBI); Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI); Cannon, Jeffrey L. (SecD) (FBI); Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** [redacted] Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]  
[redacted] Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 2:46 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thank you.

On Jan 6, 2021 1:52 PM, "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
FYI. [redacted]

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

[redacted] Desk)  
[redacted] Cell)

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On Jan 6, 2021 12:51 PM, "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:

[redacted]

Regards,  
Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

[redacted] Desk)  
[redacted] Cell)

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**Cc:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]; Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI); [redacted] Meador, Stanley M. (DO) (FBI); [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: [redacted]

Paul, Jeff and company,

[Redacted]

Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington Field Office

[Redacted] (Desk)  
[Redacted] (Cell)

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M. (DO) (FBI) [Redacted] D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF)  
(FBI) [Redacted]  
**Subject** [Redacted]

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Larissa and SecD,

[Redacted]

Thank You.  
Jeff

Jeffrey S. Sallet  
Human Resources Branch, Finance and Facilities  
Executive Assistant [Redacted]

**From:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Situational awareness message  
**To:** Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 4:45 PM (UTC-05:00)

Llooks good.

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On Jan 6, 2021 4:37 PM, "Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
Boss -

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**Per your request - below is draft language for immediate dissem**

[redacted]

**From:** Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: Situational awareness message  
**To:** Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Dutton, Jeffrey C. (SecD) (FBI); Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 5:40 PM (UTC-05:00)

So given the recent ones out from SIOC is this one OBE?

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On Jan 6, 2021 4:44 PM, "Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
Lloks good.

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On Jan 6, 2021 4:37 PM, "Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:**  
**To:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 8:38 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Hi Paul,

I am very sorry to bother you but I have just received word that

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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**From:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** (no subject)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 9:02 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Copy [REDACTED] just texted you back.

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On Jan 6, 2021 8:37 PM [REDACTED] wrote:  
Hi Paul,

I am very sorry to bother you but I have just received word that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Conf call  
**To:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 9:18 PM (UTC-05:00)

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Paul,

[Redacted]

Will see you next week.

[Redacted]

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Thank you.

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On Jan 6, 2021 8:01 PM, "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)" [redacted] wrote:  
Copy [redacted] just texted you back.

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On Jan 6, 2021 8:37 PM, [redacted] wrote:  
Hi Paul,

I am very sorry to bother you but I have just received word that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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**From:** Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Conf call  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 12:09 AM (UTC-05:00)

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Copy, thanks [redacted] See you next week.

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On Jan 6, 2021 9:17 PM, [redacted] wrote:  
Paul,

[redacted]

Will see you next week.

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**Cc:** [redacted]  
UCs - Please see below and ensure you [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Please confirm receipt for each unit.

Dave

David J Scott  
Section Chief

[redacted]  
FBIHQ, Room [redacted]  
Desk: [redacted]  
Cell: [redacted]

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**From:** "Greenberg, Jay (CID) (FBI)" [redacted]  
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**To:** "Bujanda, Raul (CID) (FBI)" [redacted] "Scott, David J. (CID) (FBI)" [redacted] "Merrill, [redacted]"

Steven B. (CID) (FBI)" [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] "Dunham, Timothy M. (CID) (FBI)"

"Cohen, Brian M. (CID) (FBI)" [redacted]

All - per the below message. [redacted]

Thanks.

Jay

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From: SIOC [redacted]

Date: Jan 5, 2021 12:41 AM

Subject: Road Closures in Washington, DC near FBI HQ Beginning Tuesday, 1/5/2021 through Wednesday, 1/6/2021

To: HQ-ALL-USERS [redacted] WFO FOUO [redacted]

Cc: SIOC [redacted]

The below message is sent on behalf of Assistant Director Larissa L. Knapp, Security Division,

**Regarding:** First Amendment Demonstrations in the District of Columbia on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 through Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

**Details:** Due to planned First Amendment Demonstrations in the District of Columbia this week, numerous roads may be closed in the vicinity of FBI Headquarters, WFO, and other FBI facilities, beginning Tuesday (1/5/21) through Wednesday (1/6/21).

A SIOC Message earlier today, 1/4/21 at 0856 hours, provided detailed street closures and parking restrictions this week (see map of potential road closures provided below). Employees should be aware of the road closures affecting their commutes, follow the guidance of officers directing traffic, and allow extra time to arrive to their destinations. If safe to do so, vehicles will be allowed to enter the restricted areas if individuals are on essential business or traveling to/from their residence.



There is a potential for groups with competing agendas to conduct demonstrations near FBI facilities. The closest known assembly point is Freedom Plaza located four blocks from FBIHQ. At the moment, the FBI is not aware of any credible, violent, or criminal threat against FBI personnel or its facilities. No changes are planned for access into FBIHQ/JEH. The FBI Police will maintain a heightened security posture and advise of any changes to access into FBIHQ/JEH.

The Security Division request any information concerning traffic or safety in the vicinity of FBIHQ be reported to the Security Operations Center at [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 4:45 PM (UTC-05:00)

CID Family,

I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the response to the violent activities at the Capitol yesterday. [redacted]

[redacted]

Since the unrest has subsided in Washington, DC, and the streets have all reopened [redacted]

[redacted]

Please remain vigilant and continue to be situationally aware when arriving and departing JEH.

Thank you again for your continued flexibility and adaptability during the events of this week.

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**Cohen, Brian M. (CID) (FBI)**

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**From:** Cohen, Brian M. (CID) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 3:24 PM

**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

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**Subject:** Update for CIB personnel

Hi Everyone,

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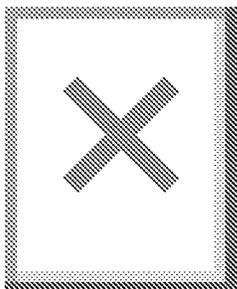
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I will provide relevant updates as appropriate,

Thanks,  
Brian

**From:** The New York Times  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [BULK] The Morning: Rampage at the Capitol  
**To:** Duncan, Ryan W. (CID) (FBI)  
**Sent:** January 7, 2021 6:35 AM (UTC-05:00)

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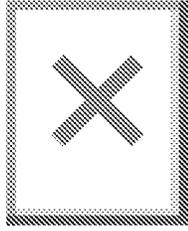


January 7, 2021



By David Leonhardt

**Good morning. A pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol. Members of Congress — after fleeing for their safety — voted to confirm Biden’s victory.**



Supporters of President Trump stormed the Capitol yesterday. Win  
Menace/Getty Images

## **They listened to the president**

Donald Trump has been attacking American democracy for much of his time as president.

He has told repeated lies about voter fraud, undermining people's confidence in elections. He has defied parts of the Constitution. He has spent his final weeks in office pressuring other government officials to overturn the result of an election he lost. He has occasionally encouraged his supporters to commit violence.

Yesterday, hundreds of those supporters decided to take Trump literally.

They fought their way through armed police, smashed windows and stormed the U.S. Capitol to prevent Congress from certifying President-elect Joe Biden's victory. They then spent several hours inside the building, vandalizing offices and the House floor. They injured at least 14 law enforcement officers. Vice President Mike Pence, members of Congress and others fled for their safety.

In the end, the rioters — and Trump — will fail in their effort to keep him in power. At about 3:45 a.m., Congress did confirm Biden's victory. Thirteen days from now, he will take the oath of office and become president of the United States.

But a physical assault on the nation's seat of government is no small thing. And it was not a onetime event. It was a logical extension of the message that Trump has long been telling his supporters — that American democracy is a fraud, that his opponents are traitors and that his allies need to fight back.

"We're seeing more and more citizens expressing openness to violence," Lee Drutman, a political scientist, told me almost three months ago, "as more and more partisan leaders engage in the kinds of dehumanizing rhetoric that paves the way for taking violent action."

Trump, speaking to the protesters at a rally hours before they burst into the Capitol, referred to his political opponents as "bad people" and "the enemy of the people." He described his allies as "warriors" and encouraged them to stop "fighting like a boxer with his hands tied behind his back." He added, "We're going to have to fight much harder."

At the same rally, Rudy Giuliani said that Trump's opponents should go to jail and added, "Let's have trial by combat." And Donald Trump Jr., addressing congressional Republicans who planned to split from his father, said: "We're coming for you, and we're going to have a good time doing it."

After the violence, Trump himself wrote on social media, "These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously and viciously stripped away from great patriots who have been badly & unfairly treated for so long."

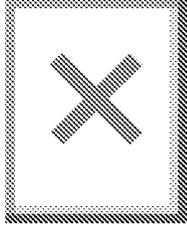
Trump's efforts are failing in large part because a significant number of Republicans have refused to go along with him. But many other high-level Republicans have echoed and encouraged him. Josh Hawley, Ted Cruz and dozens of other members of Congress have fanned voters' anger by promoting Trump's lies about the election. (Here's a list of Congress members who did so yesterday.) They have joined his attempts to undermine the American system of government.

"This is what you've gotten, guys," Senator Mitt Romney, the Utah Republican, yelled as the rioters breached the Capitol yesterday. He was addressing his colleagues who have supported Trump's efforts to overturn the results of the election.

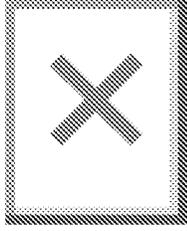
Shortly afterward, uniformed police officers evacuated senators and reporters from the chamber to the basement, before rushing them through underground tunnels to a secure location in a Senate office building. There, Romney saw Jonathan Martin, a Times reporter, and called for Jonathan to come over and talk. In 15 years of covering him, Jonathan said he had never seen Romney so alarmed.

"This is what the president has caused today, this insurrection," Romney, with fury in his voice, said.

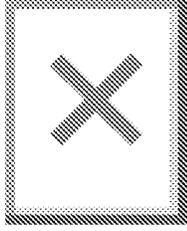
## **THE SCENE, IN PHOTOS**



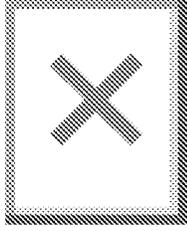
Trump loyalists and the police clashed outside the Capitol. Leah Mills/Reuters



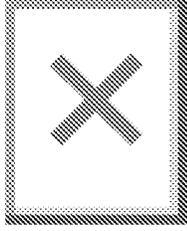
Capitol Police trying to prevent pro-Trump extremists from entering the House chamber. *J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press*



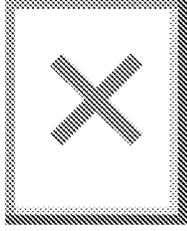
President Trump spoke to his supporters, directing them toward the Capitol. Pete Marovich for The New York Times



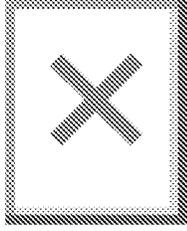
Police officers in riot gear after security was breached at the Capitol. Joseph  
Prezioso/Agence France-Pressa --- Getty Images



Members of Congress ran for cover as pro-Trump extremists tried to break into the House chamber. *Erew Angerer/Getty Images*



A crowd gathered on the west front of the Capitol. Roberto Schmidt/Agence France-  
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Senator Josh Hawley gestured to Trump supporters outside the Capitol. Francis Chung/E&E News and Politico, via Associated Press

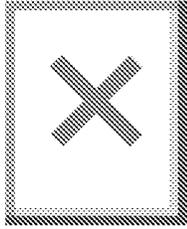
## THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- A woman shot by the police — inside the Capitol, during the mayhem — has died. Washington police said that three other people also died in the area around the Capitol yesterday “from separate medical emergencies.”
- Trump said in a statement early this morning that there would be “an orderly transition” on Jan. 20.
- A bomb squad destroyed a pipe bomb that was found at the Republican National Committee headquarters in Washington. Officials also discovered a suspicious package at the nearby Democratic National Committee office and evacuated it.
- Twitter and Facebook temporarily locked Trump’s accounts, after he had issued statements that mixed praise for the rioters and calls for peace.
- The police appeared unprepared for the onslaught, which Trump loyalists had discussed openly on social media sites like Gab and Parler. Trump initially rebuffed requests to send the National Guard to the Capitol. Pence eventually approved the order.
- Derrick Evans, a newly elected Republican state lawmaker from West Virginia, was part of the crowd that rushed into the Capitol.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- “The incredible show of force that we saw in DC this summer... Where is it?” Abby Phillip, a CNN political correspondent, wrote, referring to the aggressive presence of law enforcement during Black Lives Matter protests.
- Former President George W. Bush said he was “appalled by the reckless behavior of some political leaders since the election and by the lack of respect shown today for our institutions, our traditions and our law enforcement.”
- Angela Merkel, Germany’s chancellor, said: “These pictures made me angry and sad. But I am sure: American democracy will prove to be much stronger than the aggressors and rioters.”
- James Mattis, former defense secretary under Trump, said: “Today’s violent assault on our Capitol, an effort to subjugate American democracy by mob rule, was fomented by Mr. Trump.”
- “Not everyone storming the Capitol is QAnon, but make no mistake: this wouldn’t have happened without QAnon, the politicians and partisan media figures who cynically embraced it, and the platforms that amplified it for years,” Kevin Roose, a Times tech columnist, wrote.
- “This is not dissent,” Biden said in a speech as the chaos was unfolding. “It’s disorder. It’s chaos. It borders on sedition and it must end now.”
- “Storming the capitol was an act of political violence meant to express ownership of the country, regardless of the outcome of any election,” Adam Serwer, a writer at The Atlantic, tweeted. “Its surrender by the capitol police was an affirmation that will encourage further violence.”
- “Today the Confederate flag flew in the United States Capitol,” Heather Cox Richardson, a history professor at Boston College, wrote.

## THE HEADLINES ABROAD



Clockwise, from top left: Frankfurter Allgemeine, Germany; Clarín, Argentina; La Repubblica, Italy; The Chosun Ilbo, Korea; Adresseavisen, Norway; Dainik Bhaskar, India.

How did the media in other countries cover the events?

“Trump supporters attack the heart of American democracy,” Correa de Manhã, in Portugal, reported. Italy’s La Repubblica wrote: “Trump supporters on the attack: weapons in the chamber, Congress in lockdown.” India’s Dainik Bhaskar: “Oldest democracy in crisis.” And France’s Le Figaro: “Capture of the Capitol: The day America’s democracy fractured.”

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## OTHER BIG STORIES

- Jon Ossoff won his Senate campaign in Georgia, giving the Democrats control in both chambers of Congress.
- Biden plans to nominate Judge Merrick Garland for attorney general. Republicans blocked Garland's Supreme Court nomination in 2016.
- It was the deadliest day of the pandemic in the U.S. so far, with more than 3,900 deaths and 255,000 new cases reported. (Delayed reporting from the holidays may have played a role.)
- The federal government will introduce a program this week to administer coronavirus vaccines to high-risk groups, including older people and frontline workers, at pharmacies.
- A court in Lahore, Pakistan, abolished so-called virginity tests for women in sexual assault cases, saying the practice is humiliating and casts suspicion on victims rather than the accused.
- Louisville, where officers killed Breonna Taylor in March, has hired a new leader for its police department: the former Atlanta police chief who resigned after the shooting of Rayshard Brooks.

## MORNING READS

**Animal Planet:** Najin and Fatu are the last two northern white rhinos on Earth. What will we lose when they die?

**From Opinion:** Ezra Klein's debut column for The Times, "Trump Has Always Been a Wolf in Wolf's Clothing."

**Lives Lived:** Albert Roux and his brother, Michel, brought fine dining to a new level in London with the opening of Le Gavroche in 1967. It was the first restaurant in Britain to be awarded one, two and then three Michelin stars. Albert Roux died at 85.

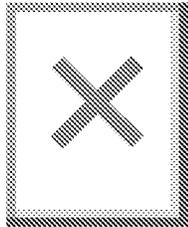
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## PLAY, WATCH, EAT

### WHAT TO COOK



*Andrew Scrivani for The New York Times*

Meatballs are the ultimate comfort food. Try these, fragrant with cumin and coriander.

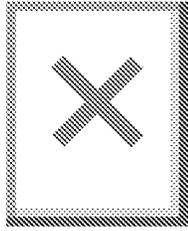
### 52 PLACES

The Times's annual feature — “52 Places to Go” — tried something different this year. Instead of turning to reporters and photographers, it asked readers to talk about their favorite places — near or far — and share photos. You can find it all here.

### LATE NIGHT

The late-night hosts turned serious last night after what happened at the Capitol.

## NOW TIME TO PLAY



The pangram from yesterday's Spelling Bee was *lightweight*. Today's puzzle is above — or you can [play online](#) if you have a Games subscription.

Here's [today's Mini Crossword](#), and a clue: Maximum poker bet (five letters).

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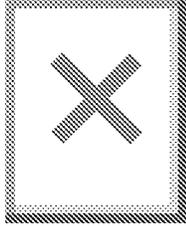
***Thanks for spending part of your morning with The Times. See you tomorrow. — David***

You can see [today's print front page](#) here.

Today's episode of ["The Daily"](#) is about yesterday's assault on the Capitol. On the newest episode of ["Sway,"](#) Kara Swisher talks to the chief executive of Parler.

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**To:** Duncan, Ryan W. (CID) (FBI)  
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**The Metropolitan (Washington DC) Police Department is attempting to identify multiple individuals involved in UNLAWFUL ENTRY AT THE U.S. CAPITOL that occurred on January 6, 2021.**

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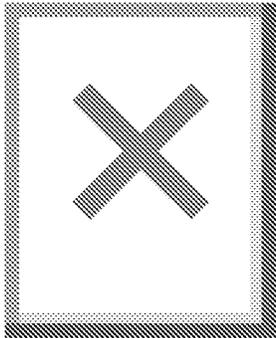
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#### LEADING THE NEWS

**Intel Agencies Say Russia Was Likely Behind Hacking Of Government Departments.**

The CBS Evening News (1/5, story 4, 0:25, O'Donnell, 4.65M) reported "the FBI and three other national security agencies" issued "a rare joint statement saying Russia was likely behind the cyber hacking of multiple government departments." NBC Nightly News (1/5, story 7, 0:15, Holt, 6.11M) said the agencies' "assessment is a rebuke of President Trump's suggestion that China might have been behind it." Likewise, Bloomberg (1/5, Sebenius, 3.57M) says the statement "is the latest contradiction of Trump's assessment of the hack," and the New York Times (1/5, Sanger, Barnes, 20.6M) that it is "a clear rebuke of President Trump's efforts" to cast blame on China. Politico (1/5, Geller, 6.73M) says the statement "had been approved two weeks ago but was delayed at the White House's insistence, a person familiar with the matter told Politico."

The AP (1/5, Tucker) says Trump, "in a series of tweets late last month, sought to downplay the severity of the hack and raised the unsubstantiated idea that China could be responsible. Tuesday's statement makes clear that that is not the case, saying the intrusions are likely 'Russian in origin.'"

Reuters (1/5, Menn) says the statement from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the FBI, the National Security Agency, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency said that the hacker, "likely Russian in origin, is responsible for most or all of the recently discovered, ongoing cyber compromises of both government and non-governmental networks." The Washington Post (1/5, Nakashima, 10.52M) reports the statement "said that fewer than 10 federal entities had their networks breached, though that list includes major agencies such as the Departments of State, Treasury, Homeland Security, Energy and Commerce. U.S. officials have told The Washington Post that they think that as many as 300 government and private-sector entities at most have been compromised, though investigators are working to ascertain the scope of the hacks and to notify nongovernment entities affected."

USA Today (1/5, Johnson, 12.7M) says the statement is "the most definitive accounting yet after separate statements last month by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and then-Attorney General William Barr who both pointed to the Kremlin."

CNN (1/5, Cohen, 89.21M) reports, "While top US officials, including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, have previously suggested that the hacking campaign was carried out by a Russian-backed group, Tuesday's joint statement offers the most definitive and concrete assessment about the attack's origins from agencies investigating the incident. In short, the statement issued by the Cyber Unified Coordination Group (UCG) clearly acknowledges what US officials and experts have suspected since the data breach was first disclosed last month: the Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) actor responsible is 'likely Russian in origin.'"

The Washington Times (1/5, Gertz, 626K) reports, "The Russian government has denied any involvement in the attack, which has raised serious questions about the security of public and private computer networks in both the U.S. and abroad. The cyberattack affected about 18,000 government and private networks, including computers at key federal agencies such as the Energy, Treasury and Commerce departments."

Yahoo! News (1/5, McLaughlin, 10.87M), The Hill (1/5, 5.69M), CNBC (1/5, Haselton, 7.34M), Forbes (1/5, Beer, 10.33M), the Financial Times (1/5, Subscription Publication, 1.48M), ABC News (1/5, Barr, 2.44M), TechCrunch (1/5, Whittaker, 502K), the Telegraph (UK) (1/5, Murphy, 249K), US News & World Report (1/5, Shinkman, 1.91M), Fox News (1/5, Betz, 23.99M), NBC News (1/5, Dilanian, 4.91M), NPR (1/5, Myre, 3.69M), NextGov (1/5, Baksh), Bloomberg (1/5, Korte, Sebenius, 3.57M), the Washington Examiner (1/5, Dunleavy, 888K), the Wall Street Journal (1/5, Volz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), BBC News (1/5, 876K), Axios (1/5, Rummier, 1.26M) and The Daily Caller (1/5, Datoc, 375K) provide similar coverage.

In an editorial, the Washington Post (1/5, 10.52M) says protecting the government from the next cyber attack and developing a "strategy for speedy recovery from infiltration" must be "an urgent priority for the Biden administration."

*Top Admiral Says SolarWinds Hack Did Not Harm US-Based Nukes.* The Washington Times (1/5, Glenn, 626K) reports, "America's nuclear arsenal wasn't compromised by a recent cyber attack that targeted thousands of sensitive computer networks used by government agencies and private companies, the Navy admiral in charge of the U.S. Strategic Command said." According to the Times, "The hack exploited a flaw in network monitoring software produced by

Texas-based SolarWinds that allowed an Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) actor – most likely Russia – to covertly install back door access points in computer networks, officials said. ‘We believe this was, and continues to be, an intelligence gathering effort,’ according to a joint statement from the FBI, the National Security Agency, the Director of National Intelligence and other federal officials.”

## OPERATION LEGEND

### Operation LeGend Resulted In More Than 6,000 Arrests.

Voice of America (1/5, Farivar, 85K) reports, “Before he stepped down last month, Attorney General William Barr touted” the results of Operation LeGend, an anti-violent crime initiative that was implemented in nine US cities last year, in which “the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and other federal law enforcement agencies teamed up with local police in these cities to crack down on violent criminals, make arrests and get firearms off the streets.” However, Voice of America reports its own police data compilation shows “homicides during 2020 were up by an average of about 40% over the previous year across the nine cities: Kansas City, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; St. Louis, Missouri; Memphis, Tennessee; and Indianapolis, Indiana.”

The Daily Memphian (TN) (1/5, Jones) reports Operation LeGend resulted in more than 6,000 arrests, “more than 2,600 firearms seized, along with 32 kilos of heroin, more than 17 kilos of fentanyl, more than 300 kilos of methamphetamine, more than 135 kilos of cocaine and more than \$11 million in drug proceeds.”

The Memphis (TN) Flyer (1/5, Sells, 94K) reports US Attorney D. Michael Dunavant said, “We will continue our targeted enforcement actions and coordination in the future with the federal agents permanently reassigned to Memphis, as well as our LeGend Task Force model.”

## COUNTER-TERRORISM

### Sources: FBI Won’t Classify Nashville Bombing As Terrorism.

WSMV-TV Nashville, TN (1/5, Finley, 230K) reports, “An FBI source close to the Christmas day bombing investigation tells News4 Investigates that evidence indicates it was not an act of domestic terrorism.” Such a declaration would “come as a relief to many businesses, who feared their lack of terrorism coverage means they would be shut out of insurance money.”

The Nashville (TN) Business Journal (1/5, Hutchinson, Subscription Publication, 859K) reports Nashville Chief of Police John Drake, during a question and answer session with Metro Council, “said the federal bureau’s decision had to do with the ideology of Anthony Warner, who on Christmas Day detonated a bomb on Second Avenue.” However, in a statement the FBI said, “We continue to assess the evidence collected and this remains an active investigation. At the appropriate time, we will make a final determination when we have been able to review the maximum amount of information.”

The AP (1/6, Kruesi, Tucker) reports, “The FBI investigation into whether the Nashville bombing was a terrorist act has sparked criticism about a possible racial double standard,” as the agency “has resisted labeling it an act of terrorism.” Doug Korneski, the FBI agent in charge of the agency’s Memphis office, told reporters, “When we assess an event for domestic terrorism nexus, it has to be tied to an ideology. It’s the use of force or violence in the furtherance of a political or social ideology or event. We haven’t tied that yet.” However, a handful of state and city leaders argue “that authorities would have acted differently if the 63-year-old Warner had not been a white man.”

*Experts: License Not Needed To Obtain Materials To Build Bomb.* WBIR-TV Knoxville, TN (1/5, 269K) reports that former federal investigators say that Warner “could have obtained all the materials needed to make the bomb” without a license to handle explosives.

*Mural Honors Police Who First Responded To Bombing.* The Hill (1/5, 5.69M) reports a mural posted Sunday in Nashville on the window of a Hard Rock Café honors the six police

officers who responded first to the bombing. It was organized by the group I Believe in Nashville.

### **FBI, FAA Investigate Threat To US Capitol To Avenge Soleimani.**

The [CBS Evening News](#) (1/5, story 3, 1:55, O'Donnell, 4.65M) reported that "the FBI and FAA are looking into a breach of the air traffic control system tonight after someone broadcast a threat to attack the US Capitol over the radio frequencies used by pilots." CBS' Jeff Pegues added that a "chilling threat obtained exclusively by CBS News was heard by multiple air traffic controllers Monday afternoon in New York." Unidentified Speaker: "We are flying a plane into is it Capitol Wednesday. Soleimani will be avenged." CBS cited "sources" who said "the Pentagon and other agencies were briefed today about the digitized voice recording and believe it was designed to suggest hitting the Capitol on the same day Congress is set to count the electoral college results."

On its website, [CBS News](#) (1/5, Pegues, 5.39M) reports, "While the government does not believe the warning of an attack is credible, it is being investigated as a breach of aviation frequencies." CBS adds, "The FBI is not commenting but said it takes 'all threats of violence to public safety seriously.'"

[The Hill](#) (1/5, Budryk, 5.69M) reports, "The message was received on Jan. 3, the first anniversary of the U.S.' killing of Soleimani at a Baghdad airport." Additional coverage includes [Fox News](#) (1/5, Singman, 23.99M).

### **Arizona Man Sentenced To Over 3 Years In Bomb-making Case.**

The [AP](#) (1/5, Billeaud) reports Ahmad Suhad Ahmad "was sentenced to three years and five months in prison on convictions for heroin possession and distributing information related to explosives." His attorney argued that Ahmad "used his Middle Eastern background to trick people into thinking he could build bombs, when none of the devices he made actually worked," but as part of his guilty plea Ahmed "admitted that he, the confidential source and an undercover FBI agent traveled from Tucson in April 2017 to a condominium in Las Vegas, where Ahmad made two bombs and explained to the agent how to the explosive devices worked."

### **Police To Bring Charges In New York City Bomb Hoax.**

The [AP](#) (1/5, Sisak) reports that Louis Shenker, "a self-described American nationalist" who is "suspected of leaving a hoax explosive device in a car at" the Queens Place Mall in New York City, will face "criminal charges after turning himself in to police, authorities said Tuesday." New York police spokesperson Detective Denise Moroney said Shenker will be charged for placing a false bomb, possession of stolen property, and abandonment of a disabled animal. The mall was evacuated Monday after the device "was found in a black Tesla parked on a ramp in a parking garage," along with a dog. The vehicle "had a Nevada license plate and has been reported stolen in that state." Shenker "surrendered to officers" on Tuesday, but "claimed that the suspicious device was actually a rig to charge the Tesla's dead battery."

Additional coverage includes [Fox News](#) (1/5, Pagones, 23.99M).

### **FBI Terrorism Task Force Aiding Bomb Threat Investigation.**

The [Wenatchee \(WA\) World](#) (1/4, O'Cain, 57K) reports, "Investigators are working with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Western Washington to identify" a man who called the RiverCom Dispatch business line and said there was a bomb in downtown Leavenworth.

### **Continuing Coverage: Guilty Plea In DC Private School Bomb Threat.**

In continuing coverage, the [Washington Patch](#) (1/5, 1.44M) reports that Sonia Tabizada "pleaded guilty Monday in federal court to intentionally obstructing the free exercise of religious beliefs by threatening to bomb Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School" after the school announced it would begin publishing same-sex wedding announcements in its alumni magazine.

### **Islamic State Support Trial Pushed Back.**

The [AP](#) (1/5, Selsky) reports Judge Marco Hernandez moved back the trial of Hawazen Sameer

Mothafar, whose trial on allegedly producing and disseminating "Islamic State propaganda and recruiting material through social media platforms" had been scheduled to begin Tuesday, to November 1. Mothafar's attorney, Mark Ahlemeyer, "told the judge he needed time to determine what evidence will be presented, what pretrial motions he would file and how much investigating his team needs to do, adding that he assumed it would involve international travel." Judge Hernandez "noted the case is complicated because of its international aspects, the requirements of classified discovery and other issues."

## COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

### **Bail Hearing For Assange Set For Wednesday.**

Reuters (1/5, Holden) reports that Julian Assange, "who is currently being held in the top-security Belmarsh Prison in east London, will seek to be freed on bail at a hearing on Wednesday." On Monday, a UK judge "rejected a request from U.S. authorities for Assange" to be extradited to the US "to face 18 criminal charges of breaking an espionage law and conspiring to hack government computers." Judge Vanessa Baraitser "said Assange's mental health issues meant he would be at risk of suicide if he were extradited." If Assange's request is granted, "he will be able to enjoy freedom for the first time in more than eight years."

The Washington Times (1/5, Blake, 626K) reports, "Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Tuesday that Mr. Assange, an Aussie by birth, is free to return once the appeals process is finished and his extradition case is completely over." Meanwhile, "Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Monday that he is prepared to offer asylum to Mr. Assange." DOJ "subsequently said it plans to challenge the judge's ruling. In the meantime, she is slated to decide Wednesday whether to release Mr. Assange pending appeal."

Also reporting is The Hill (1/5, 5.69M).

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

### **Officials, Law Enforcement Prepare For Possible Violence As Trump Supports Flock To DC For Protests.**

The AP (1/5, Khalil, Balsamo) reports hundreds of supporters of President Trump gather in Washington, DC, "to cheer his baseless claims of election fraud a day before a congressional vote to affirm Joe Biden's victory." Local officials and law enforcement have been "bracing for potential violent street clashes" and many businesses boarded up their windows in case the protest devolves "into the unrest seen in May and June when dozens of businesses were vandalized." Both the National Guard and federal agents "were on standby, in case they were quickly needed in the city this week." Meanwhile, Trump expressed support on Twitter for the protesters and "president was expected to personally address his supporters in Washington on Wednesday during a rally on the Ellipse."

The New York Times (1/5, 20.6M) reports, "Local authorities have enhanced security and warned residents in and around the city to steer clear of potentially violent agitators." The Times says that protestors' "vitriol had already begun on a rainy Tuesday," and, "after dark, groups of men wearing body armor and helmets began showing up," some armed.

Additional coverage includes the Wall Street Journal (1/5, Levy, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) and the Washington Post (1/5, 10.52M).

***Proud Boys Leader Tarrio Barred From DC.*** The AP (1/5, Balsamo, Long) reports, "A judge has banned the leader of the Proud Boys, a far-right extremist group, from the nation's capital after he was accused of vandalizing a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic Black church and found with high-capacity firearm magazines when he was arrested." Enrique Tarrio is barred "from entering the District of Columbia, with very limited exceptions to meet with his attorney or appear in court." He was arrested in Washington a the day before as he was arriving ahead of protests. He is "accused of burning a Black Lives Matter banner that was torn down from a historic Black church in downtown Washington last month." Police say he "posted a confession on the right-

wing site Parler that he had set fire to the sign.”

The Washington Post (1/5, 10.52M) reports that in charging Tarrío “police relied on his statement to the news media and videos that show him crouched with others near the banner as it was being set on fire.” The Post adds, “The FBI’s Washington Field Office enhanced some of the videos to obtain a clearer look.” District police “said they also charged Tarrío with two felony counts of possessing high-capacity ammunition feeding devices, which is a legal term for a magazine that allows guns to hold additional bullets.”

Additional coverage includes WTOP-FM Washington (1/5, Moore, 164K).

*Far-Right Forums Urge Violence During Protests.* The Washington Post (1/5, Harwell, 10.52M) reports, “Far-right online forums are seething with references to potential violence and urging supporters of President Trump to bring guns to Wednesday’s protests in Washington.” Trump’s tweet promoting his baseless electoral fraud claims and promoting the January 6 protest “has become a central rallying cry,” and “talk of guns and potential violence is rife on the encrypted messaging app Telegram, the conservative social media site Parler and on thedonald.win, an online forum that previously operated on Reddit before the company banned it in June after years of racism, misogyny, anti-Semitism and calls for violence.”

*Pentagon Seeks To Avoid Political Entanglements.* The Washington Post (1/5, Ryan, 10.52M) reports, “Pentagon leaders are bracing for any renewed presidential attempts to employ the military for political ends.” President Trump’s effort “to use expansive military force to put down widespread protests over police violence against Black citizens” in June “served as a wake-up call to many top officials at the Pentagon and in Congress about Trump’s willingness to reach for the military to advance his personal and political interests.” As part of the careful posture and “the Pentagon’s wariness in the final days of” Trump’s presidency, it emphasized that National Guard units deployed at DC Mayor Muriel Bowser’s request “wouldn’t carry firearms, use armored vehicles or helicopters, or receive backup from units in other states.”

David Ignatius, in a column in the Washington Post (1/5, 10.52M), writes that “senior government officials appear confident that the chaotic situation can be handled by the D.C. police, federal law-enforcement agencies and the National Guard – without requiring any use of regular-duty military troops.” Police officers, joined by the guard, will establish control points near the main march sites. Officials’ assessment is “based partly on experience,” but officials also anticipate that left-wing counterprotesters will mostly not attend, lessening “the likelihood of confrontations that could escalate into bloodshed and serious disorder.” While there are concerns that after dark on Wednesday “small bands of Proud Boys and other extremists” may “go looking for trouble,” but “officials expect that the planned force would be adequate.”

*DC Mayor Urges Against Deployment Of “Unidentifiable Personnel.”* The Washington Times (1/5, Zantow, 626K) reports that in a letter to federal officials, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser urged against deploying “unidentifiable personnel” at pro-Trump rallies, writing, “Unidentifiable personnel – in many cases, armed – caused confusion among residents and visitors and could become a national security threat with no way for [D.C. police] and federal law enforcement to decipher armed groups.”

*Legislators Advised To Use Tunnels Amid Protests.* The AP (1/5) reports the House sergeant-at-arm, in a memo to members of Congress, advised that, with “potential violence in Washington tied to protests,” they should “use underground tunnels while traveling between chambers in the Capitol and to nearby office buildings during the day.”

### **Kenosha DA Will Not Bring Charges In Police Shooting Of Jacob Blake.**

In the lead story, NBC Nightly News (1/5, lead story, 2:25, Holt, 6.11M) reported, “There’s breaking news tonight from Wisconsin, where a prosecutor has announced there will be no charges filed against” Rusten Sheskey, “a white Kenosha police officer who shot” Jacob Blake “in the back as he leaned into a car last August.” Blake “was left paralyzed after the shooting that was captured on video and led to angry protests and even deadly violence on the streets.” NBC’s Gabe Gutierrez added that Kenosha County District Attorney Michael Graveley “says Blake was armed with a knife, and the officer could have successfully argued self-defense.” Graveley said the officers were “called to the scene on a designated domestic abuse call” with the knowledge that there was an

arrest warrant for Blake at the time.

On ABC World News Tonight (1/5, story 3, 2:00, Muir, 7.66M), Alex Perez reported that Kenosha is "bracing for more protests after" Graveley's decision. The August 23 shooting took place "after police responded to a call about a domestic dispute," and cell phone footage of the incident "shows 29-year-old Blake struggling with Officer Rusten Sheskey and another officer," who "both deployed their tasers, but...were unsuccessful." Perez reported that Blake then "appears to lean into the driver's side of the car," and Sheskey "opens fire" with "Blake's three young boys in the backseat." Graveley said, "We say with confidence, based on Blake's admission, based on all the officers saying it, and this video evidence, he clearly is armed with a knife."

The CBS Evening News (1/5, story 6, 1:50, O'Donnell, 4.65M) reported, "Tonight Kenosha, Wisconsin is on edge after prosecutors announced the police officer who shot Jacob Blake will not face criminal charges, nor will any other officers." The August shooting "sparked unrest in Kenosha, and the National Guard is on patrol tonight." Graveley said, "This case is really all about self-defense and can it be proven that it does not exist. It is really evidence about the perspective of Officer Sheskey." Blake's father, Jacob Blake, Sr., said, "We'll find federal ways that justice will find for my son. We're not done yet."

The AP (1/5, Richmond) reports that Graveley "announced Tuesday that he will not file criminal charges against" Sheskey, the white police officer who shot Blake "in the back in Kenosha last summer, leaving him paralyzed and setting off sometimes violent protests in the city." The August 23 shooting, "captured on bystander video, turned the nation's spotlight on Wisconsin during a summer marked by protests over police brutality and racism." Over 250 arrests were made "in the days that followed, including 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse."

Reuters (1/5) reports that Graveley "found police officer Rusten Sheskey acted in self-defense while shooting Blake seven times at close range, saying Blake was armed with a knife and had resisted arrest, withstanding multiple Taser shots." The decision, which also clears two other officers, "could incite more demonstrations, which have frequently broken out in the United States in recent years after police have been cleared of wrongdoing in shootings of African Americans." Ben Crump, an attorney for Blake, tweeted, "We are immensely disappointed and feel this decision failed not only Jacob and his family but the community that protested and demanded justice."

The Washington Post (1/5, Guarino, Berman, Bellware, 10.52M) reports that witness accounts differ from Graveley's depiction, describing Blake "trying to break up an argument between two women" and unarmed when he was shot while walking "back toward his vehicle."

The Wall Street Journal (1/5, Ailworth, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that Graveley also said that no charges will be brought against Blake following a review of the incident. Civil Rights Division Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband said that a separate investigation being carried out by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in cooperation with the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation is ongoing. Bloomberg (1/5, Joyce, 3.57M) reports that Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D) "activated about 500 National Guard soldiers and airmen in an effort to ensure public safety" on Monday, ahead of the announcement.

The New York Times (1/5, A1, Chiarito, Bosman, Eligon, 20.6M) reports, Evers said after the announcement, "Today's decision is further evidence that our work is not done — we must work each day in earnest toward a more just, more fair, and more equitable state and country, and to combat the racism experienced by Black Wisconsinites." The Kenosha City Council had "unanimously passed an emergency declaration Monday that would allow the mayor to implement a curfew" after the announcement, while the Kenosha County sheriff "declared a state of emergency" ahead of expected protests.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (1/5, Barton, Spicuzza, Linnane, 844K) reports that Graveley "said he relied both on an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice and on an outside assessment of that investigation, conducted by former Madison Police Chief Noble Wray," who "served as a federal police reform specialist during the Obama administration after his retirement in 2013." The Daily Caller (1/5, Dima, 375K) reports that Graveley said he made the decision "independent of political forces or outside winds that swirl about." Breitbart (1/5, Pollak, 1.26M) has more on the decision.

**Rittenhouse Pleads Not Guilty To All Charges.** The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (1/5, Vielmetti, 844K) reports, "More than four months after he was charged with killing two protesters and wounding a third during civil unrest in Kenosha, Kyle Rittenhouse formally entered not guilty pleas Tuesday, triggering the next phases of what is still expected to be a very drawn-out case." The Sentinel says, "Rittenhouse has become a symbol to both sides in the national debate over race and justice, law and order, and guns." Rittenhouse "is charged with five felonies: first-degree intentional homicide in the death of Joseph Rosenbaum, 36; first-degree reckless homicide of Anthony Huber, 26; attempted first-degree intentional homicide of Gaige Grosskreutz, 26; and two counts of recklessly endangering safety, for shots fired at others."

Fox News (1/5, Ruiz, 23.99M) reports that Rittenhouse "and his legal team have argued self-defense, maintaining that he only fired his rifle after being attacked from behind." Prosecutors allege that Rittenhouse traveled "from his home in Antioch, Ill., across state lines to nearby Kenosha, after learning of a call for militia to protect businesses during protests on Aug. 25." The case is set to go to trial "on March 29, but the start date could be delayed. A pretrial hearing was scheduled for March 10."

### **FBI Says It Was Unaware Agent Was Interrogating Legislative Staffer About Conversation On Legislation.**

The Detroit Free Press (1/5, Boucher, 2.16M) reports that in a statement, the FBI said that while it interrogated Michigan state Sen. Rosemary Bayer's chief of staff Katie Reiter about a conversation Bayer and her staff had about discussing draft legislation on tear gas, it was unaware of "Reiter's job before coming to her home to question her." While "Bayer suggested the FBI may have eavesdropped on the call," Special Agent Mara Schneider, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Detroit, wrote in an email that the agency "received a complaint from a concerned citizen who overheard comments about the use of tear gas during the upcoming election." She added, "At no time prior to that interview did the citizen or the FBI know the reported comments were made in the context of proposed legislation."

### **Continuing Coverage: Wray Urged To Investigate Trump Over Georgia Call.**

In continuing coverage, the Washington Examiner (1/5, Doyle, 888K) reports Reps. Ted Lieu (D-CA) and Kathleen Rice (D-NY) "urged FBI Director Christopher Wray to open a criminal investigation" over President Trump's instructions to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger "to 'find' votes sufficient to alter the results of the election in the state." However, "legal observers are split on whether Trump's call offers sufficient basis for a federal investigation."

The Hill (1/5, Kruzel, 5.69M) reports, "It's not clear yet if federal or state officials will heed the calls for investigations," and such decisions "would likely involve weighing the interests of justice against the explosive political impact of prosecuting a current or recently sitting president."

The Washington Examiner (1/5, Brest, 888K) reports, "Nearly 100 Democratic members of the House have signaled their support for censuring President Trump for his phone call with the Georgia secretary of state."

Michelle Goldberg, in a column in the New York Times (1/4, Goldberg, 20.6M), writes that demanding accountability from President Trump "feels like smashing one's head into a brick wall, but our democracy might not be able to stagger along much longer without it." While "most excuses for not investigating or prosecuting Trump make at least some sense," if "there is no penalty for Republican cheating, there will be more of it," as the structure of our politics means the party doesn't need substantial majorities to wield national power, and so Republicans "feel free to openly scheme against the majority." Goldberg warns, "Trump and his Republican enablers have set a precedent for pressuring state officials to discard the will of their voters, and if that fails, for getting their allies in Congress to reject the results." It shows "that you can't rely on elections to punish attempts to subvert elections," only the law.

### **Attorneys For Woman On Death Row Ask Trump To Commute Sentence.**

USA Today (1/5, Timms, 12.7M) reports that lawyers for Lisa Montgomery, "the only woman on federal death row," filed a clemency petition on Tuesday asking the President to commute her

sentence to life without parole. Montgomery "was convicted of killing 23-year-old Bobbie Jo Stinnett in the northwest Missouri town of Skidmore in December 2004." Her attorneys, Kelley Henry and Amy Harwell, have argued that congenital brain damage and multiple traumatic brain injuries "have resulted in incurable and significant psychiatric disabilities." Montgomery, who is set to be executed on January 12, "would be the ninth federal inmate put to death since the Justice Department resumed executions in July after a nearly 20-year hiatus," and the first woman since 1953.

### **Pro-Trump Website Targeting "Enemies," Attributed To Iran, Reappears.**

The [Washington Times](#) (1/5, Blake, 626K) reports the pro-Trump website "Enemies of the People" reappeared, listing the addresses of purported "traitors" along with images of their faces in crosshairs. "The FBI and the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CISA, ultimately determined Iranian were responsible for the original 'Enemies' site and related web addresses and accounts."

### **Sharpton: Firing Not Enough For Officer Who Killed Andre Hill.**

The [AP](#) (1/5, Amiri, Welsh) reports, "Dozens gathered at the First Church of God" in Columbus, Ohio to commemorate Andre Hill, "as family and lawmakers called for justice to be brought against the white Columbus police officer who fatally shot" Hill. The Rev. Al Sharpton said, when delivering Hill's eulogy, "We don't want your sympathy. We want justice." He added that firing the officer, Adam Coy, was not enough, saying, "We cannot have a precedent that if you kill us, you just lose your job and keep living your life as you were." Meanwhile, "Ohio's attorney general, the U.S. attorney for central Ohio and the FBI have begun their own probes into the shooting."

### **Denver Police Seized Guns Over Threats To Colorado's Attorney General.**

The [AP](#) (1/5, Slevin) reports Denver police seized the guns of Bryce Shelby, who "was under investigation by the FBI when he made plans with an undercover agent to shoot Attorney General Phil Weiser in the head after planning to obtain a getaway vehicle." According to court records, the police used the state's new extreme risk protection order law. The [Daily Caller](#) (1/5, Greenlee, 375K) reports, "Shelby allegedly told an undercover FBI agent what he was planning on shooting Weiser and that he didn't mind having 'blood on his hands.'"

### **Police Officer Chicago's Latest Carjacking Victim.**

The [AP](#) (1/5, Babwin) reports a Chicago police officer suffered a carjacking while off duty on Monday. The city has seen carjackings more than double in 2020 compared to the year before. Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan "attributes much of the spike in carjackings and other violent crimes to the pandemic and the social unrest following" the police killing of George Floyd.

### **Man Arrested Over Concerns About Disrupting Vermont COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution.**

[VTDigger \(VT\)](#) (1/5, Keays, 9K) reports Aaron Loucks was arrested "after a source turned over notes to law enforcement that 'suggested' a threat to vaccine distribution in Vermont." Notes reportedly belonging to Loucks and information from a source "indicated Loucks believes the Covid-19 vaccination effort is part of a government conspiracy to control the population." The investigation involved the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and other law enforcement agencies.

### **Continuing Coverage: FBI Traced Ghislaine Maxwell Using Cell Phone Data.**

In continuing coverage, [Newsweek](#) (1/5, Royston, 2.67M) reports an affidavit indicates that the FBI's Jeffrey Epstein investigation traced Ghislaine Maxwell "using her cell phone data and a fake mobile phone mast." Newsweek adds, "The FBI had already obtained a warrant for her GPS and location data on the mobile phone but applied for an additional warrant because they had still been unable to pinpoint her exact location."

Additional coverage includes [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/5, Milman, 5.53M) and the [Independent \(UK\)](#) (1/5, 1.19M).

### **Continuing Coverage: Barr Questioned Jeffrey Epstein's Cellmate.**

In continuing coverage, the [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (1/5, Gordon, 4.11M) reports, "Attorney General William Barr personally questioned" Efrain "Stone" Reyes, the last inmate to share a cell with Jeffrey Epstein before his suicide.

### **Undercover Police Sought To Buy A Gun From Dolal Idd Prior To Fatal Shooting.**

The [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (1/5, Mulraney, 4.11M) reports that prior to shooting and killing Dolal Idd, "Minneapolis police was trying to buy a handgun" from him in an undercover operation, according to search warrant documents. "After the shooting, cops carried out a raid on his father's home where the informant had also told them that they would find further firearms that Idd planned to sell illegally," but no guns were found there.

### **Man Held On Bail For Attempted Arson Of Historically Black Church.**

The [Boston Globe](#) (1/5, Andersen, 1.04M) reports Dushko V. Vulchev of Maine "was held on \$25,000 bail Tuesday for allegedly trying to set fire to" Martin Luther King Jr. Community Presbyterian Church, a predominantly Black church in Springfield. Vulchev's public defender, Nicholas J. Raring, said in an email that Vulchev "vehemently denies setting fire to the church" and the other crimes he's accused of. He was arraigned on three felony counts of attempting to burn a building, three counts of malicious damage to a motor vehicle and one count of taking and stealing parts from a vehicle

### **Videos Show Chicago Police Pinned A Woman Under Their SUV For Eight Minutes.**

[USA Today](#) (1/5, Hauck, 12.7M) reports Bodycam videos show how on Nov. 13, 2019 a Chicago police officer drove into Martina Standley, "knocking her to the ground and crushing her leg beneath the SUV for more than eight minutes as she bled in the street." Community organizer William Calloway released the videos after a judge ordered the department to satisfy a Freedom of Information Act request for them. An investigation of the incident by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, the police department's civilian oversight agency, is ongoing and "the officers involved in the incident remain on full-duty status."

### **Indiana Woman Arrested In Connection To Murder.**

The [What's New LaPorte \(IN\)](#) (1/5) reports Lynn Ware has been arrested in connection to the disappearance of Laura Wolfe, who was reported missing last July. The FBI joined the investigation last October, when a farmer located human remains on his property in Springfield Township.

[WKVI-FM](#) Knox, IN (1/5) reports Ware "was arrested New Year's Eve."

### **Florida Man Sentenced Over Bank Fraud.**

The [Miami Herald](#) (1/5, 647K) reports Yasmani Granja Quijada "was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft last year." He "was arrested in June 2019 after investigators spotted him at several Harris Teeter stores in Virginia."

### **US Embassy Staffer Charged With Serial Rape.**

The [Daily Beast](#) (1/5, 933K) reports US Embassy staffer Brian Jeffrey Raymond is "accused of drugging and sexually assaulting at least 23 women over the past 10 years," and he "lured at least one of his victims across international borders to Mexico from the United States for a night of abuse she barely remembers." He "was arrested Oct. 9 in La Mesa, California, where he had been staying with his parents after abruptly quitting his job."

### **Cliven Bundy's Son Arrested.**

The [AP](#) (1/6) reports Cliven Lance Bundy, one of "rancher and states' rights advocate" Cliven Bundy's sons, has been arrested and jailed in Nevada. The arrest comes years after Cliven Lance Bundy "was sentenced to prison for 2013 felony convictions." At that time, "he apologized for

missing court dates, failing to keep in contact with probation officers and failing...to complete a one-year court-run drug diversion program." A similar [Las Vegas Sun](#) (1/5, Torres-Cortez, 165K) article says "warrants for violating a domestic violence restraining order and resisting a public officer" led to Cliven Lance Bundy's recent arrest. The Sun adds, "The Bundy family shot into prominence in 2014 over an armed standoff with federal agents after the Bureau of Land Management tried to round up" Cliven Bundy's "cattle on public land near the family's home."

### **Human Trafficking Organization Profiled.**

[WFLX-TV](#) West Palm Beach, FL (1/5) profiles No More Tears, which was founded by child sex abuse survivor Somy Ali. She said of her organization's mission, "Our mission is to rescue and empower victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, victims in the LGBTQ community, animals that are abused, children that are sexually and physically abused."

### **Drug Case Defendant Sentenced To More Than 20 Years In Prison.**

The [Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#) (1/5, Ellis, 55K) reports Danny Ray Williams, Jr., a resident of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was recently "sentenced to nearly 23 years in federal prison" for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine. The drug trafficking investigation that led to Williams' arrest was "conducted by the FBI in conjunction with state and local authorities."

### **Tennessee FBI Agent Interviewed Over Human Trafficking Prevention Month.**

[WATE-TV](#) Knoxville, TN (1/5, 157K) reports about its interview with Supervisory Special Agent Neal Gruhn, who discussed the FBI's human trafficking team. He said, "Here in the United States, both U.S. residents and foreign nationals are being bought and sold like modern day slaves. Traffickers use violence, manipulation, or false promises of well-paying jobs or romantic relationships to exploit victims. Victims are forced to work as prostitutes or to take jobs as migrant, domestic, restaurant, or factory workers with little or no pay. Human trafficking is a heinous crime that exploits the most vulnerable in society."

### **Investigators Searching For FBI Most Wanted Fugitive In Arizona.**

[My Local News \(AZ\)](#) (1/5) reports about the ongoing search for FBI's Ten Most Wanted list fugitive Robert William Fisher, who "is wanted for the murder of his wife and two children in Scottsdale, Arizona in 2001." Retired Arizona police sergeant Christine Burke "launched HelpSolveTheCase.com in 2010 to assist in resolving cold cases and wrongful convictions by uncovering new clues and utilizing new tools like genetic genealogy."

### **Michigan Residents Arrested In Connection To Bank Robberies.**

[WZZM-TV](#) Grand Rapids, MI (1/5, 232K) reports Kimathi R. Smith and Dennis L. Burger "are facing 20 years for robberies" committed last year.

### **Washington State Minor Located.**

[KHQ-TV](#) Spokane, WA (1/5, 164K) reports that the FBI successfully located 15-year-old Angeles Revueleta-Buenrostro, who "was reported missing from her Yakima home Monday morning." She "was located during a traffic stop on a highway near Wells," and Eric Landeros "was arrested and charged with kidnapping and contributing to the delinquency of a minor."

[KTVK-TV](#) Phoenix (1/5, 390K) reports that Arizona police "are also looking for 36-year-old Daniel Ovante, who is suspected of having arranged for Revueleta-Buenrostro to be taken from Yakima to Phoenix."

### **FBI Searching For Texas Bank Robber.**

[KTRK-TV](#) Houston (1/5, 314K) reports that the FBI Violent Crime Task Force "is seeking Houstonians' help in identifying the 'Dynamite Desperado,' responsible for a bank robbery in the Galleria area Monday." The suspect "gave the teller a 'threatening note' demanding money."

## **FBI Investigating Illinois Bank Robbery.**

The [Naperville \(IL\) Patch](#) (1/5, 1.44M) reports that the FBI is investigating the January 4 robbery of the Fifth Third Bank in Naperville. The suspect's vehicle "was pursued on eastbound I-88, where it was last seen approaching I-294."

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (1/5, 970K) reports that the FBI "hasn't released photos of the suspects."

The [Chicago Daily Herald](#) (1/5, Rohr, 360K) also reports.

## **Memphis Police Department Warns Of Growing Gang Violence.**

The [Memphis \(TN\) Flyer](#) (1/5, Hill, 94K) reports Memphis Police Deputy Chief Michael Hardy and Major Frank Winston spoke Tuesday at the Memphis City Council meeting, where they "gave a presentation that outlined where local gang activity is concentrated and demonstrated their expertise on the subject." The pair "said gangs in the Memphis area are generally managed under three major umbrella organizations: Folk Nation, People Nation, and Latino Gangs."

## **FINANCIAL CRIME & CORPORATE SCANDALS**

### **FBI Warns Of COVID-19 Related Fraud Schemes.**

[USA Today](#) (1/5, Phillips, 12.7M) reports, "For the past year, federal law enforcement agencies have received tens of thousands of complaints of fraud tied to the coronavirus pandemic." FBI Financial Crimes Section Chief Steven Merrill said, "We've been concerned about fraud schemes regarding the vaccine as soon as the vaccine went from an idea to reality ... The one thing that we've learned throughout this pandemic is that when there's money to be made, criminals will figure out how to do it." He added, "We want to make sure that the public understands that the information they should be getting about the vaccine should not be coming from an advertisement or unsolicited information; it should be coming from an official government website." Warned against "medical providers asking patients to undergo unnecessary tests and procedures, bad actors seeking personal information from unsuspecting victims in order to fraudulently bill Medicare, fraudsters asking people to pay out of pocket to obtain vaccines, and marketing representatives offering wholesale shipments of vaccines in exchange for fees."

[Reuters](#) (1/5, Bellon) reports, "Scams include emails promising entry to supposedly secret lists for early vaccine access and robocallers impersonating government agencies." Message boards on the dark web offer purported COVID-19 vaccines for sale.

The [Houston Chronicle](#) (1/5, Forward, 982K) reports indicators of fraud include "advertisements for paying for early access to the vaccine or requests for patients to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine or to enter personal medical information," offers for additional medical testing or procedures when obtaining a vaccine, "as well as marketers offering to sell or ship doses of a vaccine, domestically or internationally, in exchange for payment of a deposit or fee."

### **Appeals Court Upholds Corruption Conviction Of Former Texas State Judge.**

[KRGV-TV](#) Harlingen, TX (1/5) reports, "The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of former Texas state District Judge Rudy Delgado. The court rejected Delgado's arguments that his conviction wasn't supported by the evidence. The FBI recorded conversations between attorney Noe Perez, a federal informant, and Delgado, "who accepted cash during conversations about pending cases."

### **Pharmacist Who Tried To Spoil COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Released.**

[USA Today](#) (1/5, Vielmetti, 12.7M) reports Steven R. Brandenburg, a "pharmacist suspected of intentionally spoiling 500 doses of COVID-19 vaccine at a Wisconsin hospital," was released from jail Monday. Grafton was concerned "the vaccines could change people's DNA, an unfounded claim that has been debunked." At a hearing, "Ozaukee County District Attorney Adam Gerol told Circuit Judge Paul Malloy that the hospital had 'walked back' some of the information on which police had relied that the vials in question have not since been destroyed, but are still in the hospital's

possession and might even still be viable." If the vaccine remains okay, "Gerol said, the most he could charge Brandenburg with would be attempted criminal damage to property, a misdemeanor."

## CYBER DIVISION

### **Trump Order Bans Eight Chinese Apps.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/5, Restuccia, McKinnon, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports President Trump signed an executive order Tuesday banning transactions with eight apps tied to China including the Alipay payment platform owned by Ant Group Co. and the WeChat Pay app owned by Tencent Holdings Ltd. In the order, Trump said the apps can access users' private information which the Chinese government could use to "track the locations of Federal employees and contractors, and build dossiers of personal information." Reuters (1/5, Alper, Shepardson) reports, "The order released by the White House names 'Alipay, CamScanner, QQ Wallet, SHAREit, Tencent QQ, VMate, WeChat Pay, and WPS Office.'"

The Washington Post (1/5, Whalen, 10.52M) says Trump's order "will take effect in 45 days, after the start of the Biden administration, leaving its fate unclear." The New York Times (1/5, Swanson, 20.6M) provides similar coverage.

### **NYSE Reconsidering Plan To Allow Three Chinese Telecom Companies To Remain Listed.**

Reuters (1/5, McCrank, Alper, Li) reports, "The New York Stock Exchange [NYSE] is reconsidering its plan to allow" China Mobile Ltd, China Telecom Corp Ltd, and China Unicom Hong Kong Ltd "to remain listed." NYSE "said late Monday it reversed an decision announced just last week to delist" the three telecom companies "after consulting with regulatory authorities in connection with the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control." The change in plans "was due to ambiguity over an executive order issued by President Donald Trump barring investment in firms Washington says are tied to the Chinese military, and whether the three firms were banned under the order," according to an unnamed source. Treasury Secretary Mnuchin called NYSE President Stacey Cunningham "on Tuesday to tell her he disagreed with the exchange operator's decision to reverse course on the delistings, a separate source said."

The New York Post (1/5, Manskar, 7.45M) reports, "The companies were among 35 firms that the Trump administration has sought to cut off from US investors under the president's November executive order because of their links to the Chinese military." The three companies "issued statements saying they had noted the stock exchange's latest move and would release information in line with regulations," adding "that investors should pay attention to investment risks." Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying on Monday "said American political forces were 'wantonly suppressing foreign companies' listed in the US." Hua said, "We hope the United States will respect the market and rule of law and do things conducive to upholding order in the global financial market, protecting investors' lawful rights and interests, and promoting the steady development of the global economy."

Bloomberg (1/5, Zhao, Tu, 3.57M) reports that the NYSE "gave no reason for its decision...saying only that it had consulted 'relevant regulatory authorities' about Trump's executive order, signed in November as part of his administration's push to check China's growing economic power." Bloomberg reports that the shift "came as a surprise and sparked confusion among officials at the U.S. Treasury and State departments, and National Security Council."

The New York Times (1/5, Rappeport, Mozur, 20.6M) says the "sudden reversal...sowed confusion and reflected the ongoing fighting within the Trump administration about how hard a line to take against China during President Trump's final days in office."

The Wall Street Journal (1/5, Osipovich, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), The Hill (1/5, Castronuovo, 5.69M) and TechCrunch (1/5, Ha, 502K) also report.

### **San Francisco Cybersecurity Company Moves Headquarters To Florida.**

The San Francisco Business Times (1/5, Coffey, Subscription Publication, 895K) reports that

OPSWAT "announced Monday it is relocating its corporate headquarters to Tampa, Florida" from San Francisco. The cybersecurity company's CEO, Benny Czarny, said the move "signals rapid growth but also our commitment to providing the best-in-class infrastructure protection to our global customers." OPSWAT's move is part of a "corporate exodus" from the San Francisco area, "with many companies moving their headquarters outright out of California or opening regional headquarters in states such as Texas, Denver, Arizona, Tennessee, Florida and North Carolina." Czarny added, "we are excited to strengthen our East Coast presence and join Tampa's emerging technology and cybersecurity ecosystem."

### **Report: Ransomware Attacks To Worsen In 2021.**

According to Fox News (1/5, Crothers, 23.99M), ransomware attacks "may be even worse" in 2021 after wreaking havoc in 2020. The outlet says the "ransom payment jumped 31% to \$233,817 in the third quarter from the second quarter, according to a report from Coveware." The report said, "The biggest change over the past 6 quarters is [criminals] now realize that their tactics scale to much larger enterprises without much of an increase in their own operating costs," adding the "profit margins are extremely high and the risk is low." Index Engines vice president of marketing and business development Jim McGann said, "Cybercriminals are deploying advanced technology, including machine learning, to aid them in penetrating security defenses."

### **Government IGs Launch Cyber-Threat Interagency Report.**

NextGov (1/5, Baksh) reports that the Commerce Department's IG "is required to create an interagency report on the most recent two-year period in collaboration with" other IGs in the IC "and other appropriate federal agencies under the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015, according to a Dec. 14 memo alerting Commerce' chief information officer." The IG's office will "begin assessing agencies' information-sharing practices." Previous reports "have focused on weak private-sector information sharing with the government or vice versa." But the 2015 law "also governs how well information is being disseminated within the federal government, and on that front, a key government contractor has already weighed in with a scathing review." IGs from departments including DOD, DOE, DHS, DOJ, and Treasury, as well as Commerce and ODNI, will participate in the interagency report.

### **Cybersecurity Stocks On The Rise After Recent Hacking Attacks.**

CNBC (1/5, 7.34M) discusses Jim Cramer's "top cybersecurity picks," which include CrowdStrike, Zscaler, and Okta. Cramer emphasized NortonLifeLock. The rise in cybersecurity stocks is "not really surprised due to recent corporate headlines." Microsoft, for instance, disclosed "a massive security breach with hackers accessing the company's source code in that SolarWinds hack last month, which included a breach of cybersecurity company FireEye."

### **Iboss Among Cybersecurity Firms Taking Advantage Of Cloud Market Boom.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/5, Uberti, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that shifting to remote work due to the pandemic has helped cybersecurity firms raise funds. For instance, Iboss Inc. raised \$145 million, with plans to grow its sales and marketing teams. Iboss is eyeing the growing cloud computing sector, hoping the trend continues after the pandemic, according to co-founder and CEO Paul Martini, who commented, "The next 24 to 36 months are really important."

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

### **Continuing Coverage: Gun Background Checks, Violence Rose In 2020.**

In continuing coverage, Mother Jones (1/5, Cohen, 889K) reports, "Nearly 40 million firearms were sold in 2020, according to FBI data," a record for "guns sold in a single year since the FBI started tracking background checks conducted through its National Instant Criminal Background Check System in 2000." Additionally, "as gun sales soared in 2020, so did gun violence."

## OTHER FBI NEWS

### **US Attorney For The Eastern District of Virginia Resigns.**

The AP (1/5, Barakat) reports G. Zachary Terwilliger, US Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced he is resigning to join the Vinson and Elkins law firm. The Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch (1/5, Green, 401K) reports, "With President-elect Joe Biden taking office later this month, Terwilliger said Monday that 'I think it just makes a lot of sense, rather than wait.'"

### **Trump Names New US Attorney For Atlanta.**

Politico (1/5, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports that President Trump "has replaced the top federal prosecutor in Atlanta with another Trump-appointed prosecutor from southern Georgia, bypassing a top career prosecutor." According to Politico, "Trump's move came after the U.S. attorney in Atlanta, Byung 'BJay' Pak, abruptly resigned Monday." Politico reports that Justice Department officials have "declined to say whether Pak resigned voluntarily or was asked to do so." Politico adds, "Trump's installation of a new leader in the U.S. attorney's office in Georgia's largest city comes as he continues to rail against the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for failing to move aggressively against what he has baselessly alleged was rampant fraud in the November election in Georgia and in other swing states."

Additional coverage includes The Hill (1/5, Castronuovo, 5.69M) and Fox News (1/5, Rambaran, 23.99M).

### **Senators Urge Biden To Chose Doug Jones For Attorney General.**

HuffPost (1/5, Terkel, Reilly, Robillard, 363K) reports that, according to two congressional sources, "at least 14 Democratic senators have sent a letter to President-elect Joe Biden recommending" former Sen. Doug Jones for attorney general.

## OTHER WASHINGTON NEWS

### **GOP Senators Remain Divided On Electoral Vote Certification.**

The Senate and House will meet in joint session on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. for the formal certification of the Electoral College vote for president and vice president. Reports say Republicans remain split over whether, and to what extent, to challenge results in close states won by Joe Biden, with more GOP senators, including some who are usually allied with President Trump, saying Tuesday that they will not block certification. Coverage also highlights the role of Vice President Pence, who is scheduled to preside over the event.

David Muir said on ABC World News Tonight (1/5, story 2, 3:45, 7.66M), "Congress is now set to certify the presidential election results and tonight, new pressure from President Trump on [Pence] to reject the electors. This comes after that recorded phone call – the President pressuring Georgia's Secretary of State to find 11,780 votes, saying there's 'nothing wrong with saying... you recalculated.'" On Tuesday, Trump "tweeted about the Vice President, saying, 'The Vice President has the power to reject fraudulently chosen electors.'" ABC's Jonathan Karl said, "That's just not true. Pence has no actual power to change or reject any electoral vote. And one of Trump's longtime lawyers is saying as much, directly contradicting the President." Jay Sekulow: "I actually don't think that's what the Constitution has in mind. If that were the case, any vice president could refuse any election."

Norah O'Donnell said on the CBS Evening News (1/5, story 2, 2:55, 4.65M) that Trump "is still insisting the election was stolen from him, even as Congress is set to confirm Joe Biden's win. The President plans to address supporters tomorrow here in Washington." CBS' Weijia Jiang: "The President has privately and publicly pressured Mr. Pence to stop Congress from approving the election results. ... But election law expert David Becker said it's up to members of Congress to approve the Electoral College's count affirming Mr. Biden's win, not the Vice President." Becker: "The Vice President's role during this joint session of Congress is entirely ceremonial. He basically

operates like a host at the Oscars would. His role is to open up envelopes and count what's in there."

Kristen Welker said on NBC Nightly News (1/5, story 3, 2:20, Holt, 6.11M) that Trump "falsely tweet[ed Tuesday], 'The Vice President has the power to reject fraudulently chosen electors.' But under the Constitution, Pence cannot change the election results. His role tomorrow will be largely ceremonial. A person close to him telling NBC News, 'Don't expect any surprises,' quote, 'The Vice President thinks it is his job to follow the Constitution and the law.'"

Politico (1/5, Kumar, 6.73M) reports Trump "has privately acknowledged he lost the presidency" and "recognizes Congress will formally certify the results on Wednesday. To one person, Trump even confided he was 'just disappointed we lost.' ... Sometimes, Trump does still lapse back into the belief that maybe, just maybe, he could somehow eke out a win, most often when listening to his small group of lawyers. ... But mostly, he is continuing his fight to subvert the election for a Trumpian reason: to keep the attention on himself and give his supporters what they want, according to the people who have spoken with him."

According to the AP (1/5, Mascaro, Jalonick, Freking), Republicans "who are orchestrating a last-gasp attempt to overturn" Biden's victory "have not settled on a full strategy ahead of Wednesday's joint session. ... Those Republicans leading the longshot effort in Congress are still deciding the details of their strategy." The New York Times (1/5, 20.6M) reports Sens. Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) are expected to object to the certification of Arizona's electors, Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) to those of Georgia, and Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) to those of Pennsylvania. The challenges "were all but certain to fail amid bipartisan opposition. But their decision to join House Republicans in seeking to overturn the election ensured that Congress would be thrust into a caustic debate over the results." The Washington Post (1/5, 10.52M) reports that until Tuesday, Cruz "had declined to identify a specific state whose electors he will challenge."

USA Today (1/5, Garrison, 12.7M) says "13 Republican senators and perhaps more than 100 House members will look to exert enormous federal power in choosing a president that would be unprecedented in modern American history. ... Trump loyalists in the Senate and House have cast the joint session as the moment where the truth will finally come out – a fact-finding mission – about voter fraud allegations that have been debunked in court over the past two months." Roll Call (1/5, Tully-McManus, McPherson, 130K) says "the GOP effort will likely extend the process into the night – and possibly the next day."

The Los Angeles Times (1/5, 3.37M) writes, "If the Senate upholds an objection and the House does not, or vice versa, the objection does not succeed and the votes are counted. ... So why are Republicans doing this? Mostly because Trump has asked them to as part of his effort to falsely portray the 2020 election results as invalid." The Washington Post (1/5, Nakamura, 10.52M) writes that "since his defeat in the November election, Trump's critics have warned that his scorched-earth effort to invalidate the outcome amounts to a new level of danger: the first attempted coup d'état in U.S. history to illegally maintain power."

However, CNN (1/5, Raju, Herb, 89.21M) reports on its website, "a growing number of Republicans are balking at efforts to reject the Electoral College votes." Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) writes in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette (1/5, 309K), "Objecting to certified electoral votes won't give the president a second term. With Democrats in control of the House, Republicans have no chance of invalidating even a single electoral vote, much less enough votes to deny Joe Biden a majority in the electoral college. Instead, these objections would exceed Congress' constitutional power, while creating unwise precedents that Democrats could abuse the next time they are in power."

Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS) writes in the Manhattan (KS) Mercury (1/5, 30K), "I am a conservative Republican. Therefore, I must strictly adhere to the United States Constitution. ... To vote to reject these state-certified electoral votes would be to act outside the bounds of the Constitution, which I will not do." Axios (1/5, Treene, 1.26M) reports Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) also plans to certify Biden's win. Fox News (1/5, Singman, 23.99M) reports on its website that Sens. John Boozman (R-AR), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Mitt Romney (R-UT), and Roger Wicker (R-MS), among others, have also "said that they will vote to certify the Electoral College count."

***Pence Reportedly Told Trump He Has No Power To Block Certification.*** The AP (1/5, Miller, Colvin) says Pence "finds himself in the most precarious position of his tenure as he prepares to preside over Wednesday's congressional tally of Electoral College votes." According to the AP, Pence, "whose proscribed role is largely pro forma, is under intense pressure from the president and legions of supporters who want the vice president to use the moment to overturn the will of the voters in a handful of critical battleground states." Reuters (1/5, Mason) reports, "Trump ramped up pressure on Pence on Tuesday to block Congress' certification of the November election results. ... But the vice president, a loyal lieutenant during the four years of Trump's often chaotic presidency, has no plans to attempt to do so, even as he seeks to show support for the Republican president's quest."

The New York Times (1/5, 20.6M) reports Pence told the President on Tuesday "that he did not believe he had the power to block congressional certification" of Biden's victory "despite Mr. Trump's baseless insistence that he did." Pence's message, "delivered during his weekly lunch with the president, came hours after Mr. Trump further turned up the public pressure" on Pence "to do his bidding when Congress convenes Wednesday." However, The Hill (1/5, Samuels, 5.69M) reports Trump denied the Times account. He "called the report 'fake news' and insisted he and Pence were 'in total agreement that the Vice President has the power to act' to decertify results of the Electoral College."

CNN (1/5, Liptak, 89.21M) reports on its website that Pence "has previously sought to explain his ceremonial role to the President in the hopes of easing pressure on himself in the lead-up to the January 6 joint session of Congress. A person close to him said Tuesday he would 'follow the law and Constitution.'" Politico (1/5, Niedzwiedek, Cheney, 6.73M) reports Pence "was also tangentially involved in a minor imbroglio Tuesday about whether he would show up on the Capitol at all Wednesday, leaving the duties" to Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA), the Senate president pro tempore. However, "both the vice president and Grassley's offices moved quickly to defuse the speculation."

The Washington Post (1/5, Dawsey, 10.52M) says Pence and his team "have begun anticipating the ire of President Trump – likely to come in the form of angry tweets – in the aftermath" of Wednesday's certification.

***WPost Analysis: Wednesday Session Marks Start Of "More Challenging Era" For McConnell.*** The Washington Post (1/5, 10.52M) reports that "a new chapter" in Senate Majority Leader McConnell's "14-year run as Senate Republican leader is set to begin in dramatic fashion Wednesday, with the GOP majority hanging in the balance and his members badly split on a fundamental question of democracy. ... McConnell appears to be entering a more challenging era – a return to a period of GOP jockeying and infighting likely to be further complicated by Trump's continued presence." McConnell will be the first to speak on any challenges Wednesday, providing "an opportunity to make an early and definitive statement that Trump lost and it is time to move on. ... Yet any gesture rejecting Trump's claims will inflame the GOP's hard-right base and stoke a conflict inside his own ranks."

***Federal Judge Dismisses Trump's Bid To "De-Certify" Georgia Results.*** Bloomberg (1/5, 3.57M) reports that on Tuesday, President Trump "failed again to invalidate his election loss in Georgia and allow the state's Republican-led legislature to declare him the winner." Bloomberg says US District Judge Mark H. Cohen in Atlanta "denied Trump's motion to 'de-certify' [Biden's] victory in the state." According to Bloomberg, "The ruling came in a Dec. 31 lawsuit filed by Trump that rehashed claims of voter fraud previously made by his campaign and allies in dozens of other cases that were universally rejected by courts." The New York Times (1/5, Feuer, 20.6M) also covers the ruling.

***Mitchell Resigns From Law Firm Following Trump Call To Georgia Officials.*** The New York Times (1/5, 20.6M) reports attorney Cieta Mitchell, who has been "advising [Trump] in recent weeks," has resigned from her law firm "after it was revealed that she participated in the call where Mr. Trump pressured Georgia officials to help him reverse the state's election results." The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (1/5, 844K) reports a statement from Milwaukee-based Foley & Lardner read in part, "Cieta Mitchell has informed firm management of her decision to resign from Foley & Lardner effective immediately. Ms. Mitchell concluded that her departure was in the firm's

best interests, as well as in her own personal best interests." The Washington Post (1/5, Kranish, 10.52M) says Mitchell "is a onetime Democratic member of the Oklahoma legislature who became a Republican and has made a Washington career representing GOP candidates, committees and causes, culminating with her work after the election advising Trump."

**Navarro Says Democrats Employed "Conscious Strategy To Tip This Election" To Biden.** In an appearance on the Brian Kilmeade Show (1/5), Director of Trade and Manufacturing Policy Navarro said Democrats focused "on two prongs of attack. One was to dramatically increase the absentee and mail-in ballots specifically in the battleground states, and at the same time, they wanted to dramatically decrease the level of ballot verification." Navarro continued, "There was a conscious strategy to tip this election in favor of Biden using sometimes legal means, but at times, clear bending and breaking rules."

**Scottish Leader Says Trump Cannot Travel There At Time Of Inauguration.** The New York Times (1/5, Landler, Haberman, 20.6M) reports, "Trump has not said where he plans to go after leaving the White House on Jan. 20. But the leader of Scotland made clear on Tuesday that Mr. Trump is not welcome in her country." First Minister Nicola Sturgeon "said that under newly imposed virus restrictions, which prohibit all but essential travel, a visit by the president to one of his Scottish golf resorts, Trump Turnberry, would not be acceptable." The Times says rumors that Trump "would head for Scotland flared after a Scottish paper reported that an American military version of a Boeing 757 – sometimes used by Mr. Trump – was scheduled to land at a nearby airport" on January 19.

The Independent (UK) (1/5, 1.19M) reports Sturgeon said, "We are not allowing people to come in to Scotland without an essential purpose right now and that would apply to him, just as it applies to anybody else. Coming to play golf is not what I would consider to be an essential purpose." The Washington Post (1/5, Booth, 10.52M) says "the White House batted away the speculation. 'Anonymous sources who claim to know what the President is or is not considering have no idea. When President Trump has an announcement about his plans for Jan. 20 he will let you know,' White House spokesman Judd Deere said in a written statement."

### **US Passes 21M COVID Cases.**

On the CBS Evening News (1/5, story 5, 3:20, 4.65M), Norah O'Donnell reported the US has "just passed 21 million confirmed cases. And after one to have the deadliest weeks of the pandemic, the US death toll now tops 356,000." Jonathan Vigliotti added one "major concern now is that new variant of the virus, over 50% more contagious, found in California, Florida, Colorado, New York, and now Georgia." The AP (1/5, Kirka, Charlton) also highlights that a growing number of countries "are reporting cases of [the] new, more contagious variant that has already swept across Britain."

In addition, the Washington Post (1/5, A1, Nirappil, Wan, 10.52M) reports the US now has "record numbers of Americans hospitalized with the coronavirus, straining a health-care system bracing for a post-holidays surge that has the potential to further stress hospitals." The Post adds, "More than 131,000 covid-19 patients were hospitalized nationwide as of Tuesday, eclipsing the record set in the last week of 2020. Facilities across the West and South are especially burdened."

**Arizona Has Highest Rate Of COVID Cases Nationwide.** On ABC World News Tonight (1/5, story 4, 3:55, Muir, 7.66M), Matt Gutman reported Arizona has "the highest rate of infections in the country. Patients driving as far as six hours to find an open ICU bed." The New York Times (1/5, Robertson, Smith, 20.6M) also reports that from "more than a month, from early June until mid July," Arizona had "added cases at the highest per capita rate in the country," and now "is again in dire shape, with a higher rate of new cases than any other state." According to the Times, "Hospitalizations and deaths have surpassed records. Over the last week, the state has averaged more than 8,000 cases a day, more than double the summer peak."

### **NIH Scientists Work With Moderna To Study Benefit Of Smaller Doses.**

On NBC Nightly News (1/5, story 4, 2:15, 6.11M), Lester Holt said that the US COVID vaccine roll out is sparking "growing frustration over the slow pace, [with] just 273,000 vaccinated

[Monday].” Tom Costello reported on long waits in Florida to receive the vaccine, and added that one California hospital “had to vaccinate local jail staff and nursing home residents within hours after the hospital freezer failed, putting all of its vaccine doses in jeopardy.” Costello added, “Nationwide, 12,000 vaccination sites are up and running, an increase from 1,000 three weeks ago.”

However, the New York Times (1/5, A1, Stolberg, LaFraniere, 20.6M) reports that federal officials “and drugmakers, faced with a slower-than-expected rollout of the coronavirus vaccine, are racing to find ways to expand the supply, looking at lowering the required dosage and extracting more doses from the supplies they have.” The Times adds that scientists at the National Institutes of Health and Moderna “are analyzing data to see if they can double the supply of the company’s coronavirus vaccine by cutting doses in half” as part of a “long planned” study that has become “increasingly urgent in the face of looming shortages as the country tries to fight off a surging pandemic.”

In another article, the New York Times (1/5, Stolberg, 20.6M) reports John Mascola, the Director of the Vaccine Research Center at the NIH, indicated that “the research, which also involves scientists from Operation Warp Speed, the government’s vaccine initiative, could take about two months.” The Times says “the prospect of doubling the supply of Moderna doses was first raised on Sunday by Dr. Moncef Slaoui, the head of Operation Warp Speed, who said...that data from Moderna’s clinical trials demonstrated that people between the ages of 18 and 55 who received two 50-microgram doses showed an ‘identical immune response’ to the two 100-microgram doses.”

***Fauci Says US Could Soon Be Giving At Least 1M COVID Vaccinations A Day.*** The AP (1/5, Neergaard) reports NIAID Director Fauci on Tuesday predicted the US “could soon be giving at least a million COVID-19 vaccinations a day despite the sluggish start...even as he warned of a dangerous next few weeks as the coronavirus surges.” Fauci told the AP, “Any time you start a big program, there’s always glitches. I think the glitches have been worked out.” With the holidays over, Fauci added, “once you get rolling and get some momentum, I think we can achieve one million a day or even more.” The Hill (1/5, Axelrod, 5.69M) also reports that Fauci called “Joe Biden’s plan to inject 100 million Americans with the vaccine in his first 100 days ‘a very realistic, important, achievable goal.’”

***Adams Says States Should Proceed To Vaccinate “Other Priority Groups” Beyond Healthcare Workers.*** The New York Times (1/5, Goodnough, 20.6M) reports that amid a slow rollout of vaccines, Surgeon General Adams “urged the states on Tuesday not to stick rigidly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines about whom to vaccinate first” if healthcare workers are not getting the vaccine. On NBC’s Today, Adams argued, “If the demand isn’t there in 1a, go to 1b and continue on down. If the demand isn’t there in one location, move those vaccines to another location.” Adams said, “Your headline today really should be, ‘Surgeon General tells states and governors to move quickly to other priority groups.’”

Asked on NBC’s Today (1/5, 1.98M) about current challenges in distributing vaccines, Adams said, “We need to continue to do a better job of matching up supply and demand at the local level. Some states are doing a really good job,” noting that others “still haven’t distributed more than 25% of their vaccines.”

***Messonnier Predicts Delays In Vaccinations Will Improve Soon.*** STAT (1/5, Joseph, 262K) reports Nancy Messonnier, Director of the CDC’s National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, on Tuesday “predicted...delays in the administration of the shots would improve soon, even as public health experts have piled up complaints about the slow rollout and about the gap between the number of doses distributed versus those actually going into people’s arms.” Messonnier said, “I really expect the pace of administration to go up pretty massively in the next couple weeks.”

***Cuomo: New York In Talks To Increase Its Vaccine Allotment.*** Bloomberg (1/5, 3.57M) reports that New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) revealed on Tuesday that the state is “talking to the federal government about an increase in its weekly 300,000-dose vaccine supply as it prepares to boost distribution.” However, “So far, only about 900,000 vaccines have been distributed for a cohort of 2.1 million health-care workers, Cuomo said Tuesday at a virus briefing.

'You'd need another four weeks of allocations before you can get out of health-care workers, roughly, roughly, before you finish 1A and then move to 1B,' Cuomo said, describing the state's tiered distribution system." According to Bloomberg, "The 1B category includes essential workers and members of the general public over the age of 75."

**Hogan Outlines Plans To Accelerate Vaccine Rollout.** The Baltimore Sun (1/5, Wood, Stole, 629K) reports Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) "announced actions Tuesday to speed up the [vaccine] process, while cautioning against assigning blame." The Sun adds Hogan "said he had 'productive' conversations Tuesday with CVS CEO Lerry Merlo and Walgreens President John Stanley," and said he contacted HHS Secretary Azar "on Tuesday 'to express our serious concerns about the pace of the federal nursing home/pharmacy program.'" According to the Sun, Hogan also "pledged that vaccines soon would be administered so quickly that the state would be using up its doses of vaccines before the next shipments arrive."

In addition, the Washington Post (1/5, Cox, Tan, Fadulu, 10.52M) reports that Hogan announced he will "deploy the state's National Guard to hasten local health departments' inoculation of medical workers, while threatening to take away unused vaccines from hospitals slow to administer them." The Hill (1/5, Weixel, 5.69M) provides similar coverage.

**California Has Only Administered A Third Of Its Available Vaccine Doses.** The AP (1/5, Ronayne) reports that "distribution hiccups and logistical challenges have slowed the initial coronavirus vaccine rollout in California," and "so far only about 1% of California's 40 million residents have been vaccinated." According to the AP, "The 454,000 doses of vaccine that have been administered in California represent just a third of the more than nearly 1.3 million received in the state so far." The AP says that "even as he acknowledged the state must do better," Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) "sought to shift some responsibility for the slow rollout, noting 'the vaccines don't arrive magically in some state facility.'"

### **Congress Using Curative COVID Test Despite FDA Warning Of False Hits.**

Politico (1/5, Lim, Ferris, 6.73M) reports that the House and Senate have been "screening members and staff with a Covid-19 test that the Food and Drug Administration says is prone to false results – complicating the already difficult task of stemming coronavirus outbreaks on Capitol Hill." According to Politico, the Office of the Attending Physician "has been offering the test, made by Curative, to members, staff and reporters on Capitol Hill since at least November," but its accuracy is "in doubt, after the FDA took the unusual step Monday of alerting health care providers and patients that the test poses a 'risk of false results, particularly false negative results.'"

### **Some California Hospitals Activate Crisis Care Standards.**

On NBC Nightly News (1/5, story 6, 1:55, Holt, 6.11M), Miguel Almaguer reported California's healthcare system is "in critical condition," and "at least one LA hospital has activated its crisis care standards, allowing the medical center to ration care. As COVID cases cripple and overwhelm ERs, residents in southern California are being urged to only call 911 in an extreme emergency. And now in a stunning directive, EMS teams in Los Angeles County are being asked to conserve oxygen as paramedics have been told not to transport patients who can't be resuscitated."

The New York Times (1/5, Patil, 20.6M) also says California deployed the US Army Corps of Engineers and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority to deliver and refill oxygen tanks. In addition, the Times reports Los Angeles County officials "said a person is being infected every six seconds in the county and one in five residents currently tested was infected with Covid-19." Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Times (1/5, Cosgrove, 3.37M) reports Los Angeles County "hit another disturbing milestone Tuesday, exceeding 11,000 COVID-19 deaths." Los Angeles County has "reported nearly 1,300 deaths since Dec. 30, according to health officials, including 237 on Tuesday, according to data compiled by The Times."

### **Mississippi Says 108 Inmates Died In 2020 But Does Not Disclose Cause Of Death.**

The New York Times (1/5, Griesbach, 20.6M) says the Mississippi Department of Corrections "reported that 108 people died in its prisons in 2020, a toll that was significantly higher than a year earlier," but the department as of Monday "had not disclosed whether any of those deaths were

caused by the coronavirus, though more than 1,400 inmates have been infected since the pandemic's start, according to state data."

### **Florida Nursing Home Vaccinated Wealthy Donors.**

The Washington Post (1/5, Boburg, 10.52M) reports Keith Myers, the CEO of MorseLife Health System, "a high-end nursing home and assisted-living facility" in West Palm Beach, Florida, has made "scarce coronavirus vaccines – provided through a federal program intended for residents and staff of long-term-care facilities – available not just to its residents but to board members and those who made generous donations to the facility, including members of the Palm Beach Country Club, according to multiple people who were offered access, some of whom accepted it." The Post adds the vaccinations, "in appearing to rely on a program run by chain pharmacies for nursing home residents and staff, may have violated national immunization guidelines, as well as state protocols."

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **WHO Director-General Criticizes China For Blocking Researchers' Access.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/5, Hinshaw, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports the World Health Organization on Tuesday criticized China, with the agency utilizing a news conference to convey disappointment that China has yet to provide authorization to United Nations investigators to look into the coronavirus pandemic's origins.

The AP (1/5, Keaten) reports WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus "said...he was 'very disappointed' that China has still not authorized the entry of a team of international experts to examine the origins of the coronavirus," and "said members of the international scientific team began departing from their home countries over the last 24 hours as part of an arrangement between WHO and the Chinese government." Reuters (1/5) says that "the 10-strong team had been due to set off in early January as part of a long-awaited mission to probe early cases of the coronavirus."

### **EU Confronts Problems With Vaccine Rollout.**

The New York Times (1/5, Santora, 20.6M) reports European officials "promised that mass vaccinations will bring an end to the suffering," but the bloc is facing "shortages of needles in Italy, Greece and other countries," while Spain "has not trained enough nurses," and France "has only managed to vaccinate around 7,000 people." The Times adds Poland "was rocked by scandal after it was revealed that celebrities were given preferential treatment," and Germany faces "calls...to take control over vaccine purchases from European Union authorities." According to the Times, "Nearly every country in Europe has complained about burdensome paperwork. And then there is the Netherlands, which has not even begun its campaign."

### **Germany Lengthens Lockdown, Toughens Restrictions.**

The AP (1/5, Grieshaber) reports the German government "said Tuesday it is extending the country's lockdown by three weeks until Jan. 31." Chancellor Angela Merkel "said it was 'absolutely necessary' to maintain restrictions, particularly in light of a more infectious variant of the virus that emerged in England." Following a videoconference with Germany's state governors, Merkel said, "We must reach a point where we can once again follow the chains of infection." The AP adds that Merkel "said that restrictions on social contacts will be tightened. People will be allowed to meet only one person outside their own household." Moreover, "authorities across Germany will allow people in areas with more than 200 new infections per 100,000 residents over seven days to travel only 15 kilometers (just over nine miles) from their hometown unless they have a good reason to go further."

### **UK Says One Out Of Every 50 People In England Has COVID.**

Bloomberg (1/5, 3.57M) reports that according to the British government, in excess of one million

individuals in England are now infected with the coronavirus. Official survey results indicated that one out of every 50 people in England has COVID, with that ratio in London being one in 30. Prime Minister Boris Johnson "unveiled the statistics as he vowed to speed up the government's vaccination program, in order eventually to lift the latest lockdown," which Johnson "put the country into" on Monday. On ABC World News Tonight (1/5, story 5, 1:15, Muir, 7.66M), James Longman reported that on Tuesday, "there were more than 60,000 new cases in just one day, the most ever in Britain."

According to the AP (1/5, Kirka), the UK "is facing a long, bleak winter as cold, wet weather and a more contagious variant of the coronavirus," which has "put unprecedented strain on the nation's hospitals and force record numbers of patients to wait 12 hours or more, sometimes on ambulance gurneys, before receiving treatment." The New York Times (1/5, Castle, Santora, 20.6M) reports that with "more than a million confirmed cases in the week ending Jan. 2, or 2 percent of England's population, Britain is in a race against time to distribute vaccines."

### **Israel Leading World In Coronavirus Vaccination.**

On NBC Nightly News (1/5, story 5, 1:30, Holt, 6.11M), Richard Engel reported Israel "is rolling out the COVID vaccine far more quickly and efficiently than any other nation by far." According to Engel, "Israel has immunized 1.3 million people, about 12% of the population, with the Pfizer vaccine. And of the top priority group including those over 60 or in fragile health they've given the first shot to 55%." However, the Los Angeles Times (1/5, Tarnopolsky, 3.37M) reports that while Israel's "extraordinary achievement" is being "hailed by public health experts at home and abroad, and one that could propel it toward coveted herd immunity more rapidly than almost any nation," the country faces "criticism for leaving behind the nearly 5 million Palestinians under its control in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, who are expected to wait considerably longer for mass inoculation."

### **Palau Would Owe Vaccination Effort To Operation Warp Speed.**

The Washington Post (1/5, Berger, 10.52M) reports Palau, a "tiny island nation" that is "partnered with the United States under a 'free association' agreement," could soon "vaccinate nearly its entire population against the coronavirus. If it succeeds, it will have Operation Warp Speed, the U.S. vaccine development and distribution plan, to thank." The Post adds that Palau's isolation has "served as a shield during the coronavirus pandemic: Palau has not recorded a single case of covid-19, the illness caused by the virus," and this week, "after receiving 2,800 doses of the Moderna coronavirus vaccine through the U.S. program Saturday, the country swiftly began a mass vaccination plan for its population of 18,000."

### **US Accuses Iran Of Seizing South Korean Tanker In Response To Sanctions.**

The New York Times (1/5, Kwai, Choe, 20.6M) reports that South Korea "will send a delegation to negotiate the release of a ship and its 20-member crew after the vessel was seized by Iranian forces." According to the Times, Iranian officials "said the ship was detained in the Persian Gulf by the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps because it had violated environmental protocols and was polluting the sea," but the seizure happened "as Tehran has sought to pressure the government in Seoul to release about \$7 billion in revenues from oil sales that remain frozen in South Korean banks since the Trump administration tightened sanctions on Iran." The Times reports that "news outlets linked to the Revolutionary Guards ran front-page headlines on Tuesday linking the seizure of the ship to negotiations with South Korea on releasing the frozen funds."

The Washington Post (1/5, 10.52M) reports that the State Department called the seizure "part of a clear attempt to extort the international community into relieving the pressure of sanctions." Iran "rejected that characterization, even as it repeated its demand for Seoul to return money that has been frozen by its banks due to U.S. sanctions." Iranian government spokesman Ali Rabiei told reporters, "We've become used to such allegations...but if there is any hostage-taking, it is Korea's government that is holding \$7 billion which belongs to us hostage on baseless grounds."

Reuters (1/5, Cha) says Iran's "ability to challenge shipping in the Gulf is one of its main

points of leverage in what is expected to be a difficult negotiation when the Biden administration takes office." Bloomberg (1/5, Motevalli, 3.57M) reports that South Korea "ordered its naval destroyer ROKS Choi Young to waters near the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday."

### **Treasury Sanctions Chinese Firm Tied Iran's Steel Industry.**

Reuters (1/5) reports that on Tuesday, the US "blacklisted a Chinese company that makes elements for steel production, 12 Iranian steel and metals makers and three foreign-based sales agents of a major Iranian metals and mining holding company, seeking to deprive Iran of revenues." Reuters says the Treasury Department "named the China-based company as Kaifeng Pingmei New Carbon Materials Technology Co Ltd. (KFCC), saying it specialized in the manufacture of carbon materials and provided thousands of metric tonnes of materials to Iranian steel companies between December 2019 and June 2020." Treasury Secretary Mnuchin released a statement reading, "The Trump Administration remains committed to denying revenue flowing to the Iranian regime as it continues to sponsor terrorist groups, support oppressive regimes, and seek weapons of mass destruction."

### **AP Analysis: Trump Moves Make It Harder For Biden To Engage With Iran.**

The AP (1/5, Burns, Baldor) reports in an analysis that Joe Biden is "facing an increasingly uncertain situation when it comes to Iran," due to its "provocative moves...and less-than-coherent actions by the outgoing Trump administration." In "the past week alone, President Donald Trump's team has dispatched B-52 bombers to the Persian Gulf in response to alleged Iranian attack planning and reversed an order to bring home the USS Nimitz, the only U.S. aircraft carrier in the region." The AP adds that on Monday, Iran "announced it had resumed advanced uranium enrichment in violation of the 2015 nuclear deal." According to the AP, "This combustible combination coming just two weeks before [Biden's] inauguration threatens to derail or at least delay Biden's hopes to return the U.S. to the nuclear accord that Trump withdrew from in 2018." In a separate story, the AP (1/5) reports that "later comments Tuesday by the head of Iran's civilian nuclear program suggested Tehran's current production of uranium enriched to 20% wouldn't reach levels needed for a nuclear weapon for over two years, potentially giving time for negotiations under" Biden.

Reuters (1/5, Cha) says Biden "aims to revive the nuclear agreement, but any thaw is likely to pose a diplomatic challenge." Reuters continues, "Since Trump abandoned the deal, Iran has taken steps that violate it; Biden says Iran must be fully compliant before the deal can be restored, while Iran says Washington must first lift the sanctions."

### **Afghan Peace Talks Resume In Qatar.**

The Washington Post (1/5, Constable, 10.52M) says that on Tuesday, "Afghan delegates flew to Qatar...to reopen peace talks with Taliban leaders amid a rash of mutual recriminations, mixed signals from U.S. officials and a continued spate of assassinations targeting prominent civilians." Also Tuesday, Zalmay Khalilzad, "the U.S. diplomat who brokered a separate U.S. deal with the Taliban in February, arrived in Kabul" from Qatar. According to the Post, "While both Afghan and Taliban officials have issued recent statements saying they were committed to the talks...their messages were tinged with anger and blame that boded ill for the new round." The Post adds that "some observers in Kabul predicted that the talks, which are resuming after a two-week holiday hiatus, would probably collapse." The Wall Street Journal (1/5, Amiri, Donati, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provides similar coverage.

### **Countries Along Former Soviet Borders Rebuilding Their Defenses.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/5, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports countries along the former borders of the Soviet Union are alarmed by Russia's aggressive foreign policy under Vladimir Putin and are moving to rebuild their defenses. The Journal focuses in particular on Sweden, which remained neutral during the Cold War but is now strengthening its ties with the US.

### **At Start Of North Korean Party Congress, Kim Says Five-Year Economic Plan Failed.**

Reuters (1/5, Shin) reports as North Korean leader Kim Jong-un opened the ruling Worker's Party congress on Tuesday, he "said his five-year economic plan had failed to meet its goal 'on almost every sector.'" Kim said, "The previous five-year plan was due last year but it tremendously fell short of goals on almost every sector." Bloomberg (1/5, 3.57M) reports Kim said the party would explore a "new path" for making a "big leap forward."

The New York Times (1/5, 20.6M) says Kim's comments come "amid deepening economic trouble caused by the one-two punch of international sanctions and the coronavirus pandemic." Similarly, the AP (1/5, Kim) says the congress "could be crucial, coming as it does amid what some experts see as the most fraught moment of Kim's nine-year rule."

### **Pro-Democracy Figures Arrested In Hong Kong.**

The AP (1/5, Soo) cites local media reports which say "about 50 Hong Kong pro-democracy figures were arrested by police on Wednesday under a national security law, following their involvement in an unofficial primary election last year held to increase their chances of controlling the legislature." The New York Times (1/5, 20.6M) says the arrests "marked the largest roundup yet under the security law, which the central Chinese government imposed on Hong Kong in June to quash dissent after months of fierce anti-Beijing protests. The move on Wednesday suggested that the authorities were casting a wide net for anyone who had played a prominent role in opposing the government."

The Washington Post (1/5, Yu, 10.52M) reports, "Several arrested and charged under the law have been denied bail, meaning the pro-democracy activists arrested Wednesday could be held indefinitely until formal hearings, which could take weeks."

### **Former Chief Of Major Chinese State Bank Sentenced To Death.**

The New York Times (1/5, Stevenson, 20.6M) reports that Lai Xiaomin, "the former chief of a big Chinese state lender, was sentenced to death on Tuesday for bribery, corruption and bigamy, in a rare and dramatic example of Beijing's use of capital punishment for economic crimes." Lai "was found guilty by a court in the coastal city of Tianjin of receiving some \$277 million in bribes," and "was among the highest-profile figures to fall from grace amid a sweeping crackdown on corruption by Xi Jinping, China's top leader." The Times adds that "the unusually harsh sentence could send a signal that Mr. Xi is not ready to ease his anticorruption campaign, which he began shortly after he took control of the Communist Party in late 2012."

Bloomberg (1/5, 3.57M) reports that "capital punishment is unusual for corruption in China," and says "the move underscores the ruling Communist Party's increasingly tough stance on corruption among government cadres and corporate executives, which has seen more than 1.5 million government officials punished."

### **Saudis End Three-Year Rift With Qatar At Urging Of Trump Administration.**

The AP (1/5, Batrawy, DeBre, Nabil) reports that on Tuesday, "Gulf Arab leaders signed a declaration...to ease a rift with Qatar, following Saudi Arabia's decision to end a 3 1/2-year embargo of the tiny energy-rich country that deeply divided regional U.S. security allies and frayed social ties across the Arabian Peninsula." In addition, Saudi Arabia "said it was restoring full diplomatic relations with Qatar, although it was not clear how soon the step would be followed by the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt, which had joined the kingdom in isolating the country over its regional policies." According to the AP, "The diplomatic breakthrough followed a final push by the outgoing Trump administration," and "also came as Saudi Arabia seeks to unify Arab ranks ahead of the incoming administration...which is expected to take a firmer stand toward the kingdom and re-engage with Iran."

The New York Times (1/5, Specia, 20.6M) says "few details were immediately available" about the deal, which was "signed at a regional summit meeting in Al Ula, Saudi Arabia, by representatives from that kingdom and the five other Gulf Cooperation Council countries." According to the Times, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, "speaking during the meeting, said the agreement emphasized 'solidarity and stability in the Gulf.'" Reuters (1/5, Yaakoubi) reports that the deal "followed mediation efforts by the United States and Kuwait, and a

U.S. official has said Qatar would suspend legal cases related to the boycott." Reuters notes that White House senior adviser Jared Kushner attended the regional gathering in Al Ula on Tuesday. According to Reuters, the Trump Administration "has been pushing for a resolution to the dispute that Washington sees as hindering efforts to contain Iran," and Kushner was "making phone calls on the emerging deal until the early hours of Monday." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/5, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provides similar coverage.

### **Socialists Take Control Of Venezuela's Congress.**

The [AP](#) (1/5, Rueda, Goodman) reports "allies of President Nicolas Maduro retook control of Venezuela's congress Tuesday, the last institution in the country it didn't already control." The ruling socialist party "swept legislative elections last month boycotted by the opposition and denounced as a sham by the U.S., the European Union and several other foreign governments." Incoming assembly president Jorge Rodriguez "vowed to 'exorcise' from the legislative palace all vestiges of its previous occupants, who he accused of plotting from its neo-classical chamber Maduro's violent overthrow with the help of foreign mercenaries and the Trump administration."

### **Vietnam Sentences Three Journalists To Prison.**

In what the [New York Times](#) (1/5, 20.6M) calls "the latest crackdown on independent thought" in Vietnam, "where the authorities are busy stamping out dissent ahead of an important meeting by the ruling Communist Party later this month," three journalists were sentenced to prison on Tuesday, "including a prominent reporter who had written for foreign news organizations and advocated press freedom in the one-party state." The reporter, Pham Chi Dung, "was sentenced to 15 years on charges of making and disseminating propaganda against the state. ... Two other journalists, Nguyen Tuong Thuy and Le Huu Minh Tuan, were sentenced on similar charges in the same Ho Chi Minh City court. They received 11 years each."

### **Ethiopian Police Release Reuters Cameraman.**

[Reuters](#) (1/5) reports Reuters cameraman Kumerra Gemechu was released by Ethiopian police Tuesday after he was detained "without charge for 12 days. Police had told his lawyer Melkamu Ogo that their lines of inquiry included accusations of disseminating false information, communicating with groups fighting the government, and disturbing the public's peace and security," but Melkamu "said he had seen no evidence."

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**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

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**CBS:** Georgia-Senate Runoff; Election Certification; Iranian Threat; Russia-Cyber Hack; COVID Surge; Wisconsin-No Charges In Jacob Blake Case; NFL-COVID; Amazon-Boeing Jets; Grammys; Alex Trebek Farewell.

**NBC:** Wisconsin-No Charges In Jacob Blake Case; Georgia-Senate Runoff; Election Certification; Vaccines; Vaccines-Israel; COVID Surge; Russia-Cyber Hack; Maryland-Rep. Raskin's Son; COVID Protocols; Powerball; Man Helps Family Who Lost Everything In Fire.

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**ABC:** Georgia-Senate Runoff; Election Certification; Vaccines; COVID-Variants.

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**FOX:** Georgia-Senate Runoff; Election Certification; Wisconsin-No Charges In Jacob Blake Case.

**NPR:** Georgia-Senate Runoff; Wisconsin-No Charges In Jacob Blake Case; DC-Pro Trump Protests.

**WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE****Today's Events In Washington.****White House:**

- President Trump — Will work from early in the morning until late in the evening. He will make many calls and have many meetings. The President will depart for the Ellipse at 10:50 AM to deliver remarks at a Save America Rally.
- Vice President Pence — Presides over a joint session of Congress to count Electoral votes.

**US Senate:**

- Closed Briefing: Intelligence Matters

*Location: CVC 217, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM*

- Senates convenes and begins a period of morning business

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

- Joint session of Congress convened to certify presidential election result – Congress meets in a joint session to count the Electoral College votes, presided over by Vice President Mike Pence, who announces the result before declaring who has been elected as president and vice president \* Several Republican lawmakers, in both the House of Representatives and Senate, have said they intend to object to certain state electors, though any challenges are unlikely to succeed as they need to be passed by both the full Senate and Democrat-controlled House \* Democrats Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won the election by over seven million votes ahead of President Donald Trump and Vice President Pence, with an Electoral College victory of 306 – 232, making Trump the first one term president since George H.W. Bush \* Biden and Harris are sworn in 20 Jan

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#### **Cabinet Officers:**

- No public schedules released.

#### **Visitors:**

- No scheduled visitors.

#### **This Town:**

- Federal Open Market Committee meeting minutes and economic forecast published – Federal Open Market Committee meeting minutes published. Summary of quarterly economic projections made by Federal Reserve Board members and Reserve Bank presidents also included \* The FOMC decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 0-0.25% at its last meeting in December as it continued to deal with the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the U.S. economy; *2:00 PM*
- Operation Warp Speed logistics chief discusses vaccine rollout (virtual) – U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation holds a 'Path Forward: Navigating the Return to Work' event with Operation Warp Speed Supply, Production, and Distribution Head Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Paul Ostrowski, who discusses the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine rollout; *2:00 PM*

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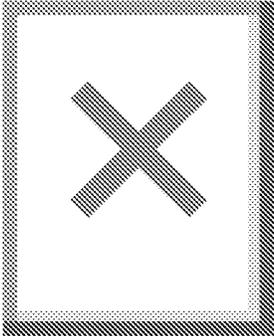
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#### LEADING THE NEWS

##### **Trump Supporters Storm Capitol Building, Halting Count Of Electoral Vote.**

The [AP](#) (1/6, Mascaro, Jalonick) reports, "Angry supporters" of President Trump "stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in a chaotic protest aimed at thwarting a peaceful transfer of power, forcing lawmakers to be rushed from the building and interrupting challenges to Joe Biden's Electoral College victory." The President "issued a restrained call for peace well after the melee was underway but did not urge supporters to disperse. Earlier he had egged them on to march to Capitol Hill."

[USA Today](#) (1/6, Yancey-Bragg, Bacon, Carless, 12.7M) reports, "At a rally about an hour before the protesters broke through police lines at the Capitol, Trump had urged them to go to the building." The [AP](#) (1/6) reports Trump issued a [video message](#) "more than two hours after protesters began storming the Capitol. ... Trump opened his video, saying, 'I know your pain. I know your hurt. But you have to go home now.' ... He also said, 'we can't play into the hands of these people. We have to have peace. So go home. We love you.'" The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (1/6, 1.46M) reports the video "was posted on [Trump's] Twitter page, but Twitter has now opted to block all engagement with the president's page, which prohibits shares, likes and comments on his posts."

The [Boston Globe](#) (1/6, 1.04M) reports, "President-elect Joe Biden [called on](#) President Trump to go on national television and 'demand an end to this siege.'" Biden "said he was 'genuinely shocked and saddened' that the US had 'come to such a dark moment.'" House Speaker Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Schumer said in a joint statement, "We are calling on President Trump to demand that all protestors leave the U.S. Capitol and Capitol Grounds immediately."

[USA Today](#) (1/6, King, Groppe, Wu, 12.7M) reports Vice President Pence urged the group to

leave the Capitol. Pence tweeted, "The violence and destruction taking place at the US Capitol Must Stop and it Must Stop Now. Anyone involved must respect Law Enforcement officers and immediately leave the building." Pence "said that while every American has the right to protest peacefully, 'this attack on our Capitol will not be tolerated and those involved will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.'"

The New York Daily News (1/6, Sommerfeldt, 2.51M) reports, "Before Pence was abruptly shuttled out of the chamber, he had informed Congress that he would not attempt to single-handedly throw out electoral votes certified for Biden, indirectly rebuffing Trump's demand that he do so. As his supporters stormed the building, Trump started attacking his vice president over Twitter." Trump tweeted, "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones which they were asked to previously certify. USA demands the truth!"

Reuters (1/6, Zengerle, Landay) reports police "with drawn guns and teargas...sought to clear" the Capitol. Members of the Senate and House "were evacuated after pro-Trump protesters surged through the halls of Congress, forcing both chambers to suspend deliberations." The New York Post (1/6, Nelson, Bowden, Feis, 7.45M) reports, "One reporter tweeted that a protester made it all the way to the dais of the Senate chamber, and declared: 'Trump won that election.'"

The Washington Post (1/6, 10.52M) says "a day that began with thousands of President Trump's supporters in Washington for demonstrations turned violent as many in attendance saw Wednesday as a last stand for Trump." The New York Times (1/6, Fandos, Cochrane, Thrush, 20.6M) reports, "Around 2:15 p.m., as the House and Senate debated a move by a faction of Republicans to overturn the election results, security rushed Vice President Mike Pence out of the Senate chamber and the Capitol building was placed on lockdown. ... A woman, who seemed to be part of the group that stormed the Capitol, can be seen in a video posted on social media being shot inside the building. She was in critical condition with a wound to the neck."

The Arizona Republic (1/6, 1.05M) reports, "Both chambers of Congress went into lockdown as a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol buildings. The scene descended into chaos." The Dallas Morning News (1/6, 772K) reports, "Pence was whisked out of the Senate, which abruptly went into recess and was then evacuated. One protester later sat at the rostrum where Pence had been presiding. Another defiantly posed" in Pelosi's office. The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA) told reporters, "We were down in the basement and navigated the tunnels and there was confusion as to where they wanted us. We're here, we're being safe."

The Hill (1/6, Byrnes, Marcos, 5.69M) reports under the headline "Pro-Trump Mob Overruns Capitol, Forcing Evacuation" that "the House and Senate were less than an hour into debating the first GOP objection to a state that Biden won - Arizona - when they were forced to abruptly recess as mostly maskless people crowded into the hallways around each chamber." McClatchy (1/6, 29K) reports under the headline "Rioters Encouraged By President Trump Smash Through Police Lines To Occupy U.S. Capitol," while the Philadelphia Inquirer (1/6, Terruso, Tamari, Seidman) calls the incident an "attempted insurrection." Politico (1/6, Ferris, Beavers, Zanona, 6.73M) reports under the headline "Hill Erupts Into Chaos After Rioters Storm Capitol" that "pro-Donald Trump rioters stormed the Capitol Wednesday afternoon."

Politico (1/6, Forgey, Niedzwiadek, 6.73M) reports, "Leading Trump-world figures are denouncing the violent occupation of the U.S. Capitol and imploring [Trump] to do the same." Former White House communications director Alyssa Farah "urged him on Wednesday afternoon to 'condemn' his supporters who stormed the Capitol." Former chief of staff Mick Mulvaney tweeted, "The President's tweet is not enough. He can stop this now and needs to do exactly that. Tell these folks to go home." Kellyanne Conway tweeted, "STOP. Just STOP. Peace. Law and Order. Safety for All." The Hill (1/6, Polus, 5.69M) reports Ivanka Trump, "in a now-deleted tweet," wrote, "American Patriots - any security breach or disrespect to our law enforcement is unacceptable. The violence must stop immediately. Please be peaceful."

Peter Baker of the New York Times (1/6, 20.6M) writes, "In a remarkable scene evocative of coups and uprisings associated with authoritarian countries around the world, the Capitol was put

on lockdown as tear gas was deployed inside the citadel of American democracy and police officers guarding the House chamber drew their pistols in an armed standoff. ... The extraordinary invasion of the Capitol came shortly after Mr. Trump egged on his admirers at a rally to march to the headquarters of Congress to protest its acceptance of the results of the election that he lost, even suggesting that he would join them, although he did not."

The Los Angeles Times (1/6, 3.37M) editorializes, "Farce edged toward insurrection at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday as a mob thousands strong – egged on by President Trump – breached barriers and forced their way into the halls of Congress. ... At what point does this get called an attempted coup? It has often been said that if the United States were to succumb, it would be because of an attack from within, not an assault by terrorists or by a foreign adversary. And indeed, democracy is under actual, physical assault. ... The responsibility for this day of unconscionable attacks by Americans on the heart of our elective system belongs to Trump. But his enablers have much to answer for as well, and much to regret."

***Four Dead, Including Woman Shot By Police Inside Capitol.*** Reuters (1/7) reports District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department Chief Robert Contee said four people had died and 52 were arrested in relation to Wednesday's Capitol Hill events. Contee "said 47 of the 52 arrests to date were related to violations of Mayor Muriel Bowser's 6 p.m. curfew, with 26 of those involving people arrested on U.S. Capitol grounds. Several others were arrested on charges related to carrying unlicensed or prohibited firearms." Contee also said "two pipe bombs were recovered from the headquarters of the Republican and Democratic national committees, as well as a cooler from a vehicle on U.S. Capitol grounds that contained Molotov cocktails."

Three of the deaths were due to medical emergencies. The fourth, the Washington Post (1/6, 10.52M) reports, was "35-year-old Ashli Babbitt, a California native and Air Force veteran," who "was shot and killed during rioting in the Capitol on Wednesday. ... A Twitter account under Babbitt's name had retweeted messages calling for Vice President Pence to resign and be charged with treason, videos of President Trump's rallies and photos of Trump supporters flying to D.C. for the protests." Rachel Scott said on ABC World News Tonight (1/6, story 2, 1:00, Muir, 7.75M), "We watched as that woman was rushed away on a stretcher, gushing blood, she was shot here at the US Capitol. Tonight, we are learning that she has unfortunately died."

***US Attorneys Condemn Capitol Riot While Wray Remains Mum.*** ABC News (1/6, Barr, Mallin, 2.44M) reports, "Outgoing U.S. attorneys from around the country decried Wednesday's storming of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., with some pledging to charge any from their state who may be found to have violated federal laws." ABC News adds, "At least 12 have thus far come out publicly to say they would charge those involved if they came from their jurisdictions. Former U.S. attorney Zachary Terwilliger, a President Donald Trump appointee set to soon depart from his position leading the office the Eastern District of Virginia, called what happened at the Capitol a 'tragedy.'" The FBI "in a statement said they are helping their law enforcement partners, but thus far there has been no statement from FBI Director Christopher Wray himself."

***FBI Seeks Tips On Identifying Rioters.*** NBC News (1/7, 4.91M) reports, "The FBI on Wednesday evening put out a call for information related to the mob that stormed the Capitol. 'The FBI is seeking information that will assist in identifying individuals who are actively instigating violence in Washington, DC,' the agency said in an announcement. 'The FBI is accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting and violence in the U.S. Capitol Building and surrounding area in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2021.'" NBC News adds, "Only a handful of people were arrested during the unrest Wednesday."

***US Capitol Security Under Scrutiny.*** ABC News (1/6, Levine, 2.44M) reports, "Political leaders demanded late Wednesday to know why law enforcement did not better fortify the United States Capitol after extremist groups for days chattered online about their plans to react violently to the final formal step of certifying President Donald Trump's 2020 election defeat. 'How did so many rioters get into this building from so many directions? How was it breached?' 'Based on the fairly straightforward intelligence that thousands of angry people were going to come and show their presence – including groups prone to violence – law enforcement was totally ill-prepared to handle today's incident,' said ABC News contributor Brad Garrett, a former FBI special agent. 'This was a phenomenal law enforcement failure.'"

Newsweek (1/7, 2.67M) reports, "They knew it could happen. They feared that Donald Trump would pull a 'Samson,' bringing down the whole house on top of him in the two weeks before he left the White House. Officials from the FBI, the Secret Service, Homeland Security, the District of Columbia government, the Pentagon, the National Guard, and the Joint Task Force–National Capital Region who spoke to Newsweek last weekend on condition of anonymity, all talked about the potential for protesters and militias and paramilitary goons – egged on by the president – to storm Capitol Hill and even the Capitol building itself." Newsweek adds, "A half-dozen sources spoke openly about this very scenario: that the mob would take over the 'People's House' and that somehow the system would break down."

The Washington Post (1/6, Leonnig, Davis, Lamothe, Fahrenthold, 10.52M) reports, "The storming of the U.S. Capitol by a mob of President Trump's supporters on Wednesday was a disastrous failure of security: In a city on high alert, in a building with its own 1,700-member police department, people forced their way into the sanctums of American democracy with nothing more than flagpoles, riot shields and shoves. Nobody stopped them – and some officers were captured on videos appearing to stand back as rioters streamed inside." The Post adds, "Law enforcement experts said they were mystified by the tactics that police used once the mob was already inside the Capitol. The result was an invasion, in which a heavily guarded symbol of American strength and order fell to chaos with stunning speed."

In his column for the Washington Post (1/6, 10.52M), David Ignatius writes, "As Justice and Defense department officials planned for the turmoil that was coming Wednesday, they knew that pro-Trump protesters – including some violent extremists – might try to storm the U.S. Capitol as lawmakers prepared to certify the election of Joe Biden. So why weren't they better prepared for the catastrophic assault that took place?" Ignatius adds, "That's the riddle at the center of Wednesday's spasm of violent anarchy: Officials saw the mob coming but weren't ready or able to stop it — and they allowed hundreds to invade the Capitol, threaten lawmakers and, for a time, foment a coup inside the most precious symbol of U.S. democracy. Senior officials believed that the force they were assembling of 6,000 to 8,000 police and law enforcement officers – drawn from the D.C. police, the Capitol Police, the FBI and various federal agencies – would be sufficient to contain the protests."

CNN (1/6, Perez, Polantz, Mattingly, Salama, Alvarez, 89.21M) reports, "The chaotic federal response to the Trump rally Wednesday, which was overwhelmed by rioters who stormed the US Capitol, stood in sharp contrast to the heavily-armed presence of thousands of federal authorities during summer protests in Washington, DC, following the police killing of George Floyd." CNN adds, "Mobs broke through police barricades and rampaged through the Capitol, vandalizing offices and prompting the evacuation of lawmakers just after 2 p.m. ET Wednesday. 'Everything. Everything went wrong,' one Capitol Police officer on the scene said." According to CNN, "The law enforcement response that allowed a typically heavily secured federal landmark to fall under attack, with rioters breaking through windows and into lawmakers' offices and gathering places, came from a hesitant federal bureaucracy after early assurances from DC and Capitol law enforcement agencies."

The Daily Beast (1/6, Rohrlich, 933K) reports, "Police were ill-prepared and made fateful mistakes that allowed a pro-Trump protest to morph into an unprecedented and protracted sacking of the Capitol on Wednesday, experts told The Daily Beast. They said the mob's breach of the building, after President Trump exhorted them to "fight like hell" to overturn the election, could have been avoided with some basic policing protocols – and heads should roll for the deadly debacle." The Wall Street Journal (1/7, Viswanatha, Gurman, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also reports.

**Lawmakers Vow To Investigate Security Failure.** NBC Nightly News (1/6, story 11, 1:40, Holt, 6.37M) reported, "The question many asking tonight, how did this assault on the Capitol happen? Why wasn't it more secure when Trump supporters had been threatening similar actions for months?" NBC's Tom Costello: "For weeks, right-wing online chatter had discussed just this scenario. The President had called for protesters to march on Capitol Hill. Washington's Mayor had called out the National Guard to protect the city streets. Every DC police officer was on the job. . . . The question tonight: Why weren't Capitol police prepared for this?" Pierre Thomas

similarly asked on [ABC World News Tonight](#)<sup>®</sup> (1/6, story 3, 2:30, Muir, 7.75M), "How did this unravel so quickly? And how was this allowed to happen?"

[Roll Call](#) (1/6, Marquette, 130K) reports, "It is unclear how the Capitol Police force – with 1,879 sworn officers and a budget of \$515.5 million – was unable to protect Congress. And lawmakers want that to be examined." The [AP](#) (1/6, Daly) reports, "Lawmakers are vowing an investigation into how law enforcement handled Wednesday's violent breach at the Capitol, questioning whether a lack of preparedness allowed a mob to occupy and vandalize the building." US Capitol Police "turned to other law enforcement for help with the mob that overwhelmed the complex." House Administration Chairwoman Zoe Lofgren "said the breach 'raises grave security concerns,' adding that her committee will work with House and Senate leaders to review the police response – and its preparedness."

The [Cleveland Plain Dealer](#) (1/6, 1.22M) reports Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) "said President Trump and members of the Capitol Police force that allowed the incursion should lose their jobs."

The [New York Times](#) (1/6, 20.6M) reports District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) has "issued an order extending the city's public emergency for 15 days, warning that extremists who support President Trump might continue to wreak havoc in the nation's capital."

*Racial Justice Activists Decry "Kid Glove Treatment" Of Trump Supporters.* The [Washington Post](#) (1/6, 10.52M) reports under the headline "Kid Glove Treatment Of Pro-Trump Mob Contrasts With Strong-Arm Police Tactics Against Black Lives Matter, Activists Say" that "activists across the country who spent much of 2020 facing off with law enforcement officers while protesting police brutality and racial inequality watched with a mixture of outrage and validation as the president's supporters stormed the Capitol building during sessions of the House and Senate. ... The images of men and women wearing red Trump 2020 hats and clutching American and Confederate flags walking through the Capitol largely unmolested came as shocking yet predictable evidence of their long-held suspicions that conservative, White protesters intent on violence would not be met with any of the strong-arm tactics that police brutality protesters faced."

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (1/7, 2.44M) reports that as "hundreds of Trump supporters overtook the Capitol – shattering windows, brandishing weapons and Confederate flags and destroying government property in a historic occupation that left one person dead – police appeared at times to put up little resistance, or worse. Videos showed police officers allowing rioters through a gate and a police officer posing with one for a selfie." In Michigan, the [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/6, 2.16M) reports, "the storming of the Capitol building in Washington brought back memories for many of the April protests, when right-wingers opposed to coronavirus guidelines entered the Michigan Capitol building in Lansing, many of them armed."

[Politico](#) (1/6, Rodríguez, King, McCaskill, 6.73M) reports, "Last summer, peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters were met with rubber bullets and tear gas outside the White House to clear the way for President Donald Trump's photo-op with military leaders and a Bible at a nearby church. But on Wednesday, law enforcement officials allowed a mob of pro-Trump extremists to storm into a locked-down Capitol. One Trump fan even made his way inside House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office, getting comfortable enough to prop his feet up on her desk." [CNN](#) (1/7, Chavez, \$9.21M) reports on its website that the Black Lives Matter Global Network said in a statement, "When Black people protest for our lives, we are all too often met by National Guard troops or police equipped with assault rifles, shields, tear gas and battle helmets. Make no mistake, if the protesters were Black, we would have been tear gassed, battered, and perhaps shot."

## COUNTER-TERRORISM

### **FBI Investigating Air Traffic Control Breach By Audio Threat To Avenge Soleimani.**

In continuing coverage, [NBC News](#) (1/6, 4.91M) reports, "New York air traffic controllers received a message threatening to avenge Iranian general Qassem Soleimani's death" by flying a plane into the Capitol on Wednesday. "The Federal Aviation Administration said it referred the matter to the FBI." [WTTG-TV Washington](#) (1/6, Singman, 168K) reports the FBI said in a statement that it "takes

all threats of violence to public safety seriously." A national security official told said "that 'relevant agencies' were briefed on Tuesday's incident and that 'while it is possible it is a hoax, it is being taken seriously.'"

Additional coverage includes [HuffPost](#) (1/6, Golgowski, 363K) and [CBS News](#) (1/5, 5.39M).

### **Former Nashville Bomber's Girlfriend Seeks To Claim Reward Money.**

[WXYZ-TV Detroit](#) (1/6, 201K) reports Attorney Jim Roberts says his client, the former girlfriend of Nashville bomber Anthony Warner, told the FBI he "held a grudge against AT&T." Roberts is representing the women and attorney Ray Throckmorton, who once represented Warner and his girlfriend, as they seek "to claim reward money offered after the bombing." Roberts said the two deserve the reward money because, in WXYZ's words, "they came forward after the bombing – before anyone knew Warner was dead."

### **Continuing Coverage: FBI Visits Michigan Lawmaker's Aide After She Discusses Tear Gas Bill.**

In continuing coverage, the [AP](#) (1/6) reports, "An FBI agent visited the home" of Katie Reiter, a top aide to Michigan state Sen. Rosemary Bayer (R), "after authorities were told that she had discussed the use of tear gas before the election." She "said the visit was because of a bizarre misunderstanding:" she and her boss had been talking about legislation to ban the use of tear gas by police. FBI spokeswoman Mara Schneider said, "At no time prior to that interview did the citizen or the FBI know the reported comments were made in the context of proposed legislation."

### **Trump Orders Pompeo To Determine If Antifa Can Be Classified As Terrorist Organization.**

The [New York Post](#) (1/6, Rhett Miller, 7.45M) reports, "President Trump has signed an executive order asking Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to determine" if Antifa "can be classified a terrorist organization – and to bar its members from entering the country." Trump has instructed Pompeo, in consultation with Acting AG Jeffrey A. Rosen and acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf, "to 'assess whether to classify' Antifa as a terrorist group, backing up a promise he made months ago." Trump's memo cites "an Antifa-linked Twitter account that shared the names of 1,500-plus Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees in June 2018 – leading some of them to be harassed."

### **Boston Marathon Bomber Sues Over Treatment In Prison.**

The [Boston Herald](#) (1/6, Dwinell, 327K) reports that Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is suing the federal government for \$250,000, alleging "disturbing" and "unprofessional" treatment, citing "the confiscation of his white baseball cap and bandana that he purchased at the prison commissary and not being able to take more showers." Tsarnaev alleges his items were confiscated "because, by wearing it, I was 'disrespecting' the FBI and the victims" of the bombing. On Tuesday a federal judge said that Tsarnaev's hand-written filing "is deficient," as it lacks a "certified copy of prisoner's trust fund statement" and a \$402 filing fee.

## **COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE**

### **British Judge Denies Assange Bail As US Appeals Extradition Ruling.**

The [AP](#) (1/6) reports that on Wednesday, a British judge "denied bail to WikiLeaks' founder Julian Assange, ordering him to remain in a high-security prison while U.K. courts decide whether he will be sent to the United States to face espionage charges." District Judge Vanessa Baraitser "said Assange must remain in prison while the courts consider an appeal by U.S. authorities against her decision not to extradite him." According to the AP, Baraitser "said Assange 'has an incentive to abscond' and there is a good chance he would fail to return to court if freed."

The [New York Times](#) (1/6, 20.6M) reports that on Monday, Baraitser "ruled that Mr. Assange could not be extradited to the United States because he would be at risk of suicide, and his lawyers

sought to have him released on bail while the appeals process plays out." The Times notes that in 2019, Assange "was indicted by the United States authorities... on 17 counts of violating the Espionage Act and one count of computer misuse over his role in obtaining and publishing secret military and diplomatic documents related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan." The Times adds that Claire Dobbin, a lawyer representing the United States, "said on Wednesday that American prosecutors would appeal the extradition ruling, which is likely to keep Mr. Assange's case in British courts for at least several months." The Washington Post (1/6, Booth, 10.52M), Bloomberg (1/6, Milligan, 3.57M), and Reuters (1/6, Holden, MacAskill) have more on the ruling.

### **New York City Cop Accused Of Acting As Chinese Agent Offered Plea Deal.**

Newsday (NY) (1/6, Kessler, 776K) reports federal prosecutors offered a deal to New York City police officer Baimadajie Angwang, who has been accused of being an agent of China, under which he would plead to a single count of violating the foreign agents registration act, with possible sentence ranging "from time served to as much as 10 years in prison." Angwang is accused of "informing on activities of Tibetans in the United States who opposed China's action in that land or who might be potential recruits for the Chinese government." His attorney, John Carman, "said... that the living conditions at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, because of coronavirus safeguards, are so restrictive that it is unreasonable to expect attorneys to adequately discuss their clients' cases, including plea offers."

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

### **Two Louisville Officers Fired Over Police Raid That Led To Breonna Taylor's Death.**

The AP (1/6, Lovan) reports that "two more officers involved in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor have been fired." Former Detectives Myles Cosgrove and Joshua Jaynes were served dismissal letters on Tuesday. The dismissals "follow that of officer Brett Hankison, who was fired in September after being indicted by a grand jury on charges of endangering Taylor's neighbors by firing bullets that went through her home and into an adjacent apartment." However, "none of the three white officers who fired into [Taylor's] home were charged by a grand jury in her death."

The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/6, Duvall, Costello, 554K) reports, "Cosgrove, who the FBI concluded fired the shot that killed the 26-year-old emergency room technician, violated procedures for use of force and failing to use a body camera," while Jaynes "was found in violation of department policy for truthfulness and search warrant preparation." Other officers were sanctioned others for their actions surrounding the raid. However, "no officers were charged in Taylor's death," although "an FBI investigation expected to look into civil rights violations." Cosgrove and Jaynes can appeal their firings to the Police Merit Board, which can set aside the chief findings and order a different penalty.

CNN (1/6, Vera, Setty, 89.21M) reports on its website the River City Fraternal Order of Police, the union for Louisville police, said there is "no evidence" that policies "were violated to the extent that warranted termination."

WHAS-TV Louisville, KY (1/6, Weiter, 182K) reports Cosgrove and Jaynes sent emails to other officers saying they were forced out "due to political pressure." Cosgrove wrote, "Your leaders aren't afraid to perform hatchet jobs on you either." In a separate email, Jayne said he career is "being judged one line of an affidavit." WDRB-TV Louisville, KY (1/6, Ragsdale, Riley, 303K) reports Cosgrove told officers, "You will be demonized, while criminals will be canonized. You will make the smaller paycheck, while others settle with the city and profit millions."

Additional coverage includes CBS News (1/6, Donaghue, 5.39M) and Fox News (1/6, Norman, 23.99M).

*Incoming Louisville Police Chief Resigned As Head Of Atlanta Police After Black Man's Killing.* The New York Times (1/6, Wright, 20.6M) reports that incoming Louisville Police Chief Erika Shields resigned last year as head of the Atlanta police "after a high-profile police shooting" of a Black man. "Her selection highlights the difficulty of filling police chief vacancies nationwide." The Times adds that "a host of qualified chiefs with progressive views," such a

Shields, were "sidelined after high-profile incidents of police violence, often sacrificed by elected officials looking for political cover." They "were focused on changing the culture in their departments, but hamstrung by contractual protections for bad officers, opposition from powerful unions, and a hands-off approach by" Trump Administration's Justice Department. Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer said Ms. Shields is "an experienced, progressive, reform-minded leader who believes in the role of policing."

### **FBI Offers Reward For Information On South Carolina Christmas Day Home Invasion.**

The AP (1/6) reports, "The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to prosecutions of two men and a woman accused of beating and robbing an elderly couple" in Hickory Grove, South Carolina on Christmas Day. The FBI warned that all three suspects should be considered armed and dangerous.

### **Authorities In Connecticut Investigating Shooting By Law Enforcement Task Force.**

The AP (1/6) reports Connecticut authorities "are investigating a shooting Wednesday by a federal and local law enforcement task force in Hartford" as officers sought to arrest Brandon Spence, who has "a history of possessing illegal firearms, according to federal officials." Although "FBI spokesman Charles Grady said no law enforcement officers were injured," spokesmen for the FBI and US attorney's office in New Haven "would not immediately confirm details of the shooting."

### **Two Face Charges On Gunpoint Kidnapping Of French Bulldog Puppies.**

The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/6, Roebuck) reports Christopher Lamont Stimpson Jr. and Wilbert Curtis Trey Artis III, of North Carolina will face charges in Pennsylvania, accused of stealing "five French Bulldog puppies in a brazen gunpoint theft from a family of breeders." The pair were found when a potential customer mentioned to the breeder "seeing a photo of five French bulldogs in a white laundry basket in an Instagram post from a poster in North Carolina offering the puppies for sale."

### **Evidence In Effort To Remove Prosecutor In Daybell Case Reveals Promise To File Conspiracy To Commit Murder Charges.**

KSTU-TV Salt Lake City (1/6, Herbets, 229K) reports prosecutor Rob Wood "promised to file conspiracy to commit murder charges against Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow" for the death of her two children. The statement is part of a recorded conversation with Vallow's sister, Summer Shiflet, that "is being used as evidence in an effort to throw Wood off the case for prosecutorial misconduct." Defense attorneys John Prior "said the recording is proof that Wood was inappropriately trying to manipulate or influence a material witness."

### **Police: Accused Massachusetts Church Arsonist Went On Tire-Slashing Spree.**

The Springfield (MA) Republican (1/6, Barry, 592K) reports newly available police records filed in Springfield District Court indicate that Dushko Vulchev, who "is charged in connection with three alleged arson attempts at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Presbyterian Church," slashed tires "around Pittsfield for two months." Vulchev has not been charged with a hate crime in connection with the fires at the church, which has a predominantly Black congregation, "the FBI is still investigating, a spokeswoman from that agency said."

### **Drug Case Prosecutors: Former Venezuelan General Under Investigation In Separate Case.**

The Miami Herald (1/6, 647K) reports Cliver Alcalá Cordones, a former Venezuelan general who was extradited to the US under an indictment that "alleges Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his inner circle run a narco-state," is under investigation in a separate case. During a Wednesday court hearing, federal prosecutors sought additional time to review that case's connection to the drug-related one involving Alcalá Cordones. After highlighting that Wednesday's proceedings were rescheduled for March 10, the Herald reports federal prosecutors "did not

disclose anything about the other investigation involving" Alcalá Cordones. However, "multiple people involved in" a failed attempt to remove Maduro from office last year "have acknowledged providing statements to the FBI."

### **Operation DisrupTor Defendant Pleads Guilty To Drug Charge.**

In online coverage, [KTVT-TV Dallas](#) (1/6) reports a defendant who was "charged under Operation DisrupTor, a coordinated international effort to disrupt opioid trafficking on the Darknet," has pleaded guilty "to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance." Aaron Brewer, who "admitted he created darkweb market vendor accounts in order to sell cocaine, heroin, and other controlled substances" online, "now faces up to 20 years in federal prison." The KTVT article quotes the US Postal Inspection Service's Thomas Noyes, who stated, "We will continue to find, and bring to justice, individuals like this, and we thank the US Attorney's Office and" the FBI "for their significant work."

### **Louisiana Man Sentenced Over Methamphetamines Trafficking.**

The [Shreveport \(LA\) Times](#) (1/6, 134K) reports Xavier Reed "was sentenced by United States District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote to 120 months...in prison followed by three years of supervised release for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine." The FBI investigated Reed from 2017 to 2018 as part of "Operation Meltdown."

### **Panamanian Man Sentenced Over Attempted Enticement Of Minor In West Virginia.**

[WOAY-TV Bluefield, WV](#) (1/6, Rodríguez) reports United States Attorney Mike Stuart "announced that Eugene Enrique Torres, 41, a Panamanian man residing in Fayetteville, was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for attempted enticement of a minor." Torres "admitted that in June 2020 he contacted a woman on Craigslist who identified herself as a mother who would allow him to have sex with her children in exchange for money."

### **Continuing Coverage: FBI Investigating Illinois Bank Robbery.**

The [Wilmette-Kenilworth \(IL\) Patch](#) (1/6, 1.44M) reports that the FBI is investigating the robbery of a PNC Bank branch in Wilmette. The FBI said that the suspects also "attempted to rob a Fifth Third Bank branch at 1311 Ridgeland Ave. in Naperville at 4:17 p.m. Monday."

### **US Attorney's Office Announces Federal Human Trafficking Charges Against Five In Nevada.**

[KTNV-TV Las Vegas](#) (1/6, 113K) reports U.S. Attorney Nicholas Trutanich and Special Agent in Charge Aaron Rouse "announced [Wednesday] a federal human trafficking takedown in the District of Nevada." Trutanich "brought five prosecutions related to human trafficking," and the FBI-investigated cases are summarized.

### **Louisiana Minor Rescued Following Kidnapping.**

[Louisiana Radio Network](#) (1/6, Doyle) reports that an unidentified minor "was saved and her alleged kidnapper is behind bars in Grant Parish after communicating with the minor over the internet." The child "went missing late Sunday in Madison Parish and was located in Grant Parish Monday evening resulting in the arrest of 22-year-old Angel Ramirez." The FBI supported the investigation.

### **Idaho Man Facing Kidnapping Charges.**

[KLIX-AM Twin Falls, ID](#) (1/6) reports Eric Landeros "is facing charges of first degree kidnapping and contributing to the delinquency of a minor following his arrest late Monday." The arresting officer "had been patrolling the Wells area when he spotted a 2008 Lexus with license plates matching the description in the alert," and he "was able to identify Landeros and the teen listed in the AMBER alert."

### **Illinois Woman Rescued Following Kidnapping.**

Suburban Chicagoland (IL) (1/6) reports that Lyons police successfully rescued Erika Rios Valdez, who "was found at the Skyline Motel, 8136 W. Joliet Road, around 1:30 a.m. New Year's Day." She "had been allegedly kidnapped on Dec. 29 at gunpoint in Texas by Abel Fajardo, who is police custody and awaits extradition."

### **Pennsylvania Man Arrested For Serial Bank Robbery.**

The Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (1/6, 567K) reports Shamont Lyle Sapp, who is "accused of stealing from a local bank," previously "robbed at least 10 others and tried to win big money by claiming to be a victim of Jerry Sandusky and the Catholic church." Investigators "linked the 10 robberies because in each one, the robber disguised himself as a doctor, wearing surgical masks or bandages on his face."

### **Continuing Coverage: Missing Washington Minor Located In Nevada.**

The Wenatchee (WA) World (1/6, 57K) reports Angeles Revueleta-Burenrostro, who "was reported missing around 11:20 a.m. Monday," was "found near Wells, Nevada, around 10 p.m. after police made a traffic stop." Yakima police Capt. Jay Seely said, "Thank the Lord for our FBI partners helping us so quickly with this case." He continued, "The FBI was instrumental in this case. They used a lot of their resources and coordinated the response in Elko."

### **North Carolina Man Sentenced Over Illegal Firearms.**

The AP (1/6) reports Nicholas Travon Edwards "was sentenced to six years for possession of firearms while being a convicted felon." A Raleigh Police Department investigation "turned up four pistols, a rifle, two extended magazines containing 60 rounds of ammunition, a rifle mount, a scope and 10 rounds for a 9mm pistol."

### **Federal Grand Jury Indicts 11 People In Connection With Tennessee Drug Probe.**

In website coverage, WJHL-TV Johnson City, TN (1/6, 158K) reports the DEA and the FBI were involved with an investigation that led to a federal grand jury indicting 11 people on charges that relate to their alleged "roles in distributing heroin" in Tennessee. The Bristol (VA) Herald Courier (1/6) also covers this story.

### **Eleven Alleged Drug Traffickers Arrested.**

In online coverage, KFDA-TV Amarillo, TX (1/6, Cochran) reports 11 "alleged drug traffickers have been arrested and charged in" Texas. Those individuals were arrested earlier this week, "in a bust that was led by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Amarillo Resident Office." The FBI and some other organizations assisted with the investigation that led to the bust.

## **CYBER DIVISION**

### **Justice Department, Federal Court System Were Hacked By Russians.**

The Washington Post (1/6, Nakashima, 10.52M) reports that the Justice Department "has become the latest known victim of Russian hackers, who are engaged in an ongoing campaign of cyberespionage that has afflicted federal agencies and the private sector." A DOJ spokesman on Wednesday "said that the department's Office of the Chief Information Officer, which handles network security, learned on Dec. 24 of malicious activity linked to the hacking campaign. The intrusions into other federal agencies and technology firms were discovered earlier last month, and in the Justice Department's case involved its unclassified Office 365 email system, spokesman Marc Raimondi said."

Reuters (1/6, Satter) reports that DOJ "has more than 100,000 employees across a series of law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and the U.S. Marshals Service." The DOJ statement also said "that the Justice Department had no indication any classified systems were impacted." However, "winning access to as many as thousands of email inboxes

from the nation's premier law enforcement organization could still provide an intelligence bonanza for foreign hackers."

Politico (1/6, Geller, 6.73M) quotes Raimondi as saying in a statement, "At this point, the number of potentially accessed [Microsoft Office] mailboxes appears limited to around 3-percent and we have no indication that any classified systems were impacted."

The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Volz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that it is unclear which and how many DOJ employees "had their internal communications exposed in the operation."

The AP (1/6, Tucker, Bajak) reports "the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts informed federal judicial bodies across the nation that the courts' nationwide case management system was breached. That potentially gave the hackers access to sealed court documents, whose contents are highly sensitive."

Similar coverage is provided by The Hill (1/6, 5.69M), Newsweek (1/6, Garrett, 2.67M), Voice of America (1/6, Farivar, 85K), The Guardian (UK) (1/6, 5.53M), the Washington (DC) Times (1/6, Lovelace, 626K), the Washington (DC) Examiner (1/6, Dunleavy, 888K), CNBC (1/6, Feiner, 7.34M), and Law360 (1/6, Subscription Publication, 9K).

***Trump Administration Formally Accuses Russia Of "Likely" Hacking US Government Agencies.*** The Washington Post (1/6, Riley, 10.52M) reports, "The Trump administration formally accused Russia of 'likely' being behind the most devastating hack of U.S. government agencies in years." This "statement, made jointly by four agencies in charge of intelligence and cybersecurity, is the first time the U.S. government has linked Russia to the hack that also affected critical companies that were also clients of network management system SolarWinds." The statement indicated "it found less than 10 federal agencies had internal computer systems infiltrated in the breach; known victims include the federal departments of State, Treasury, Homeland Security, Commerce and Energy."

Meanwhile, an editorial about the hacks in the San Francisco Chronicle (1/6, 2.44M) says, "The apparent reach of Russian cyber sleuthing is hitting new levels with Washington stumbling to contain it. The evidence is coming in a post mortem look at a hack of top government agencies that's turning up as a much bigger intrusion into Washington's computer links." According to the editorial, "The probes burrowed into the likes of the Treasury Department, Homeland Security and National Institutes of Health," which is "a reach that touches vital areas such as financial controls, border security and health research, including work on the viral pandemic."

Rob Knake writes in Foreign Affairs (1/6, 522K) that as the investigation into the SolarWinds breach continues, investigators will likely find that Russia "easily evaded US cybersdefenses" due to a lack of execution of the US' cyberstrategy, not in the strategy itself. The editorial board of the Christian Science Monitor (1/6, 234K) writes that security "has lagged behind," and the "biggest change coming out of the SolarWinds debacle is likely to be a new insistence that security take a top priority." The Monitor says the "software used by government often overlaps with that in use in the private sector," so new "security standards for software the government procures could increase security for products that all Americans use."

***Officials Investigating JetBrains' Role In Russian Hack.*** The New York Times (1/6, Perloth, Sanger, Barnes, 20.6M) reports US intel agencies and private cybersecurity investigators "are examining the role of a widely used software company, JetBrains, in the far-reaching Russian hacking of federal agencies, private corporations and United States infrastructure, according to officials and executives briefed on the inquiry." Officials are examining whether the company, "founded by three Russian engineers in the Czech Republic with research labs in Russia, was breached and used as a pathway for hackers to insert back doors into the software of an untold number of technology companies." JetBrains "is used by developers at 300,000 businesses. One of them is SolarWinds, the company based in Austin, Texas, whose network management software played a central role in allowing hackers into government and private networks."

## **In Second Reversal, NYSE Will Delist Three Chinese Telecoms.**

CNBC (1/6, Pound, 7.34M) reports that the New York Stock Exchange "will delist three Chinese telecommunication giants after all, saying its second reversal in two days came after new guidance

from the Treasury Department." CNBC says that last Thursday, the NYSE "announced...it will remove U.S.-traded shares of China Telecom, China Mobile and China Unicom from the Big Board to comply with an executive order signed by" President Trump, which "sought to bar American companies and individuals from investing in firms that the administration alleged aid the Chinese military." But on Monday, the NYSE "reversed that decision...causing much confusion," and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin "told the exchange that he disagreed with the reversal." Bloomberg (1/6, Nguyen, Mohsin, 3.57M) reports that Mnuchin "entered the fray Tuesday, calling NYSE Group Inc. President Stacey Cunningham to express his displeasure with the decision to let" the three firms "keep trading on the Big Board."

The New York Times (1/6, Rappeport, 20.6M) says the NYSE decision "followed a day of pressure from the Trump administration and Congress." The Times adds, "The delisting is likely to further inflame tension between the United States and China in the final days of the Trump administration."

NPR (1/6, Chappell, 3.69M) reports, "The NYSE said its new position, announced Wednesday, was spurred by input" from DOJ's Office of Foreign Assets Control. NYSE "quoted new guidance from the Office of Foreign Assets Control as saying, 'U.S. persons cannot engage in certain transactions' for American depositary shares in China Telecom Corp. Ltd., China Mobile Ltd. and China Unicom Hong Kong Ltd. after Jan. 11."

The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Osipovich, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), the AP (1/6), Reuters (1/6, McCrank), and the Washington Examiner (1/6, Roman, 888K) provide similar coverage.

### **Biden Taps Neuberger For New Cybersecurity Role In NSC.**

Politico (1/6, Bertrand, 6.73M) reports that President-elect Joe Biden has selected Anne Neuberger "to serve in a newly created cybersecurity role on his National Security Council." Neuberger "will be named deputy national security adviser for cybersecurity in the incoming NSC, according to two people familiar with the plans." The pick "indicates that the Biden White House intends to reelevate cybersecurity as a key national security priority, after President Donald Trump eliminated the role of cybersecurity coordinator in 2018." She "will be responsible for coordinating the federal government's cybersecurity efforts, with a likely emphasis on responding to a massive cyberespionage campaign carried out last year by suspected Russian hackers."

### **Israeli Cyber Surveillance Firm Eyeing IPO At \$2B Value.**

Reuters (1/6) reports, "NSO Group is considering an initial public offering (IPO), most likely in Tel Aviv, Israeli media reported, citing sources close to the matter." The Israeli cyber surveillance firm's chairman Asher Levy and chief financial officer Doron Arazi "met earlier this week with Itai Ben-Zeev, the chief executive of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange," according to the Globes financial daily. The outlet "cited market sources as estimating the company could be valued at \$2 billion in an IPO, with proceeds likely to be used to develop new activities such as intercepting drones." NSO is "being sued by a group of U.S tech firms including Facebook," and is "known in the cybersecurity world for its 'Pegasus' software and other tools that can be delivered in several ways."

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

### **San Antonio Homicides Jumped In 2020.**

The San Antonio Express-News (1/6, Eaton, 685K) reports, "Homicides in San Antonio increased 22 percent last year," ending a three-year period of decline. At 128 homicides in city limits, 2020 was the second deadliest year in San Antonio since 1995. San Antonio Police Chief William McManus "suspects many deaths could be credited to so-called 'risky behavior' – such as drug use and gang involvement – and family violence." Meanwhile, "officials cautioned that the year-end total in San Antonio and Bexar County could change slightly as detectives review open cases and determine whether the deaths meet the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting definition, which doesn't include justified homicides or officer-involved killings."

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### **Awaiting Extradition Hearing On Sex Charges, Fashion Tycoon Peter Nygard Requests Bail.**

The Canadian Press (1/6) reports Canadian fashion mogul Peter Nygard, who is in jail facing extradition to the US on charges of sexually assaulting dozens of girls and women, "says he's not getting the nourishment he needs while behind bars." His affidavit says "his unconventional health routines" included traveling abroad for anti-aging stem cell shots and "a diet free of sugar, carbs and preservatives." His attorney "argued Nygard's health will deteriorate if he remains incarcerated." However, Canadian authorities "said Nygard is a significant flight risk," with "a history of not showing up to court during legal proceedings in the Bahamas and...the financial means to flee."

The New York Post (1/6, Rosenberg, 7.45M) reports officials say that Nygard "fueled his need for 'near-daily' sex by drugging and raping women as young as 14." More than 50 women are part of a class-action lawsuit "accusing Nygard of sexually abusing them."

## OTHER FBI NEWS

### **Biden Selects Merrick Garland To Lead DOJ.**

The AP (1/6, Tucker, Balsamo) reports that Joe Biden has "selected Merrick Garland, a federal appeals court judge who in 2016 was snubbed by Republicans for a seat on the Supreme Court, as his attorney general." The AP says in choosing Garland, Biden is "turning to an experienced judge who held senior positions at the Justice Department decades ago, including as a supervisor of the prosecution of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing." The AP says Biden "may be banking on Garland's credentials and reputation for moderation to ensure confirmation."

USA Today (1/6, Phillips, Johnson, 12.7M) says by selecting Garland, "Biden appears to be aiming to create a department free from political influence." Similarly, the Los Angeles Times (1/6, Hook, 3.37M) says the choice "highlights Biden's desire to restore independence to a Justice Department that has been scarred by the intense partisan politics of the Trump era." Politico (1/6, Pager, Gerstein, Cheney, 6.73M) reports, "The announcement of the selection could come as early as Thursday, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) told reporters on Wednesday."

Reuters (1/6, Renshaw) reports Senate Judiciary Chairman Graham "said on Twitter that Garland 'would be a sound choice' for attorney general." Graham described Garland as "a man of great character, integrity, and tremendous competency in the law."

The Washington Post (1/6, 10.52M) says Garland "enjoys a reputation as a unifying, moderating force on the appeals court, and some Democratic advisers said they view his selection as a signal to congressional Republicans that the department will operate in an evenhanded fashion in the Biden administration." However, according to the Post, "some defense lawyers and criminal-justice-reform advocates have said they worry Garland's record on the bench shows he is too deferential to the government and law enforcement – and perhaps would not be as aggressive about implementing the kind of dramatic changes they seek." The New York Times (1/6, Schmidt, Liptak, Kaplan, Benner, 20.6M) reports that Garland "has sometimes disappointed liberals with his rulings." According to the Times, "progressive groups have...inundated Mr. Biden...asking him to nominate an attorney general with a progressive track record on issues around race and policing." The Times adds, "The choice of Mr. Garland, a white man with a record of favoring law enforcement over people accused of crimes, signaled to some progressives that their concerns were dismissed."

CNBC (1/6, Higgins, Schwartz, 7.34M) says Garland "will face pressure from liberals to prosecute Donald Trump after Biden takes office." CNBC adds, "Another test would be how he would handle an investigation into Hunter Biden, the incoming president's son. Hunter Biden revealed last month that a federal investigation is underway into his taxes." The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Bravin, Gurman, Viswanatha, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says Garland is not

close to the Biden family, which transition officials view as a positive, given the current investigation.

A Wall Street Journal (1/6, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) editorial praises choice of Garland over a more polarizing figure. The Journal says the choice augurs well for Biden's Administration.

Additional coverage includes the Washington Times (1/6, Tucker, Balsamo, 626K), the Washington Examiner (1/6, Dunleavy, 888K), and NPR (1/6, Johnson, 3.69M).

Biden Choosing Monaco For Deputy AG. Bloomberg (1/6, Strohm, Epstein, 3.57M) reports that Biden is "picking Lisa Monaco for deputy attorney general and Vanita Gupta as associate attorney general, according to people familiar with those decisions. Monaco spent almost two decades at the Justice Department and was homeland security adviser in the Obama administration. Gupta headed the department's Civil Rights Division under President Obama."

### **Comey: Trump Shouldn't Be Prosecuted.**

The Guardian (UK) (1/5, Pengelly, 5.53M) reports that former FBI director James Comey writes in his new book that President Trump should not be prosecuted once he leaves the White House no matter "how powerful the evidence strewn across his history" is. Instead, Comey writes, "the mission of the next attorney general must be fostering the trust of the American people." The book, "Saving Justice: Truth, Transparency and Trust," will be published on January 12. Comey also argues against further investigating Michael Flynn, Trump's first national security adviser, but "excoriates William Barr, Trump's second attorney general, who ran interference over Mueller's final report." Additional coverage includes The Hill (1/6, Gstalter, 5.69M) and HuffPost (1/6, Amatulli, 363K).

## **OTHER WASHINGTON NEWS**

### **Trump Promises "Orderly Transition On January 20th" After Congress Certifies Biden Election.**

The AP (1/7) reports President Trump "said there would be an 'orderly transition on January 20th' after Congress concluded the electoral vote count early Thursday certifying President-elect Joe Biden's victory hours after he appeared to excuse the violent occupation of the US Capitol by his supporters. Trump acknowledged defeat in the Nov. 3 election for the first time, after a day of chaos and destruction on Capitol Hill perpetrated in his name by supporters that halted business in Congress for more than six hours."

Trump said in a statement, "Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there will be an orderly transition on January 20th. I have always said we would continue our fight to ensure that only legal votes were counted. While this represents the end of the greatest first term in presidential history, it's only the beginning of our fight to Make America Great Again!" The statement was posted to Twitter by Deputy Chief of Staff Dan Scavino at 3:49 a.m., eight minutes after Vice President Pence, as President of the Senate, announced the election of Joe Biden as president and Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) as vice president.

Reuters (1/7, Zengerle, Landay) reports, "Hours after hundreds of [Trump's] supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol in a harrowing assault on American democracy, a shaken Congress on Thursday formally certified Democrat Joe Biden's election victory. ... Congress had resumed its work certifying Biden's Electoral College win late on Wednesday after the chaotic scenes on Capitol Hill, with debate stretching into the early hours of Thursday. After debate the Senate and the House of Representatives rejected two objections to the tally and certified the final Electoral College vote with Biden receiving 306 votes and Trump 232 votes."

The New York Daily News (1/6, Sommerfeldt, 2.51M) reports that "after more than eight hours of sheltering in place," Senate Majority Leader McConnell "said his aim was to certify Biden's victory 'tonight,' a thinly-veiled warning to his fellow Republicans to drop any additional challenges to the election results." The AP (1/6) reports the Senate and House "voted overwhelmingly to reject an objection" to Biden's win in Arizona, and the New York Post (1/7, Bowden, Garger, 7.45M) reports both chambers "early Thursday morning overwhelmingly shot down a challenge to

[Biden's] Pennsylvania victory." The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/6, 1.46M) reports Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA), "citing the violence that shook the U.S. Capitol" on Wednesday, "abandoned her plan to challenge Georgia's electoral results."

Politico (1/6, Cheney, Zanona, Orr, Ferris, 6.73M) reports, "When the Senate resumed at 8 p.m., [Pence] decried the violence of hours earlier and, without naming Trump, denounced the people the president had just said he loved. 'To those who wreaked havoc in our Capitol today, you did not win,' Pence said." McConnell "labeled the riots a 'failed insurrection' and painted the continuation of the Electoral College session as a show of defiance against those who would seek to derail democracy." Senate Minority Leader Schumer "went further, pinning the violence on Trump's incitement and said Jan. 6, 2021 would go down alongside the attack on Pearl Harbor as a day that will 'live in infamy.'"

**Giuliani Urged GOP Lawmakers To Delay Count.** The Dispatch (1/6) reports that Rudy Giuliani was "calling Republican lawmakers urging them to delay the electoral vote count by at least one day to allow the president and his team to present more evidence of alleged election fraud...as late as an hour before Congress reconvened." In a voicemail intended for Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL), but accidentally made to another senator who shared it with The Dispatch, Giuliani said, "I want to discuss with you how they're trying to rush this hearing and how we need you, our Republican friends, to try to just slow it down so we can get these legislatures to get more information to you. ... I know McConnell is doing everything he can to rush it, which is kind of a kick in the head because it's one thing to oppose us, it's another thing not to give us a fair opportunity to contest it."

**Pence Said He Lacked Authority To Discard Electoral Votes.** The AP (1/6, Colvin, Miller) reports that on Wednesday, Pence, "defying" Trump, "said...that he does not have the power to discard electoral votes that will make" Biden the next president. The AP adds that "in a statement issued minutes before he was to begin presiding over a joint session of Congress to count those votes," Pence said it was "my considered judgment that my oath to support and defend the Constitution constrains me from claiming unilateral authority to determine which electoral votes should be counted and which should not."

USA Today (1/6, Groppe, 12.7M) reports, "Defying his boss," Pence said that "only lawmakers can decide whether to accept or reject the Electoral College votes won" by Biden. The Washington Post (1/6, Parker, 10.52M) says Pence, "who has turned his studied subservience to Trump into a full-time public persona, made clear in a 2½ -page letter sent to lawmakers Wednesday afternoon that he planned to fulfill his constitutional duties and - over the vehement entreaties of his boss - certify the election" of Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA). His "fealty to the Constitution came on a day when a mob of angry Trump supporters breached the sanctum of the Capitol."

Bloomberg (1/6, 3.57M) reports that Pence's statement "sparked a swift rebuke from Trump, exposing an unprecedented rift in American leadership and helping fuel pro-Trump protests at the Capitol." The Washington Post (1/6, 10.52M) reports that Trump tweeted, "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones which they were asked to previously certify."

### **Cabinet Members Reportedly "Holding Preliminary Discussions" About Invoking 25th Amendment.**

The Los Angeles Times (1/6, 3.37M) reports, "The siege on the U.S. Capitol by rioting supporters of President Trump has renewed talk of an extreme remedy: declaring that the president is unfit to do his job and removing him from office under the 25th Amendment." CNN (1/6, Gangel, Acosta, 89.21M) reports on its website, "Some Cabinet members are holding preliminary discussions about invoking the 25th Amendment, a well-placed GOP source told CNN," and The Hill (1/6, Samuels, Chalfant, 5.69M) also says "Administration officials have started discussing the possibility of invoking the 25th Amendment." Axios (1/6, Swan, Talev, 1.26M) reports, "This talk is coming from current and former White House and GOP Hill aides, and Republican lobbyists and political consultants - all of whom have either embraced [Trump] or quietly tolerated him until now."

USA Today (1/6, Bomey, 12.7M) reports that the National Association of Manufacturers, "one of President Donald Trump's major business supporters," is calling on Vice President Pence "to consider launching" the 25th Amendment process. NAM President/CEO Jay Timmons "said Pence should 'seriously consider working with the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment to preserve democracy.'" The New York Daily News (1/7, Brown, 2.51M) reports Vermont Gov. Phil Scott (R) also backed the move, tweeting, "President Trump should resign or be removed from office by his Cabinet, or by the Congress."

The Boston Globe (1/6, 1.04M) reports House Judiciary Committee members including Reps. David Cicilline (D-RI) and Ted Lieu (D-CA) also called on Pence to invoke the 25th Amendment, saying, "Trump remained silent even as insurrections broke windows, threatened U.S. Capitol Police, and scaled the walls of the Capitol. Earlier in the morning, President Trump held a rally at the White House and told protesters 'I'll be with you' and encouraged them to march to the Capitol to protest the certification of the electoral college votes."

The Washington Post (1/6, 10.52M) editorializes, "Trump's refusal to accept his election defeat and his relentless incitement of his supporters led Wednesday to the unthinkable: an assault on the U.S. Capitol by a violent mob that overwhelmed police and drove Congress from its chambers as it was debating the counting of electoral votes. Responsibility for this act of sedition lies squarely with the president, who has shown that his continued tenure in office poses a grave threat to U.S. democracy. He should be removed."

The Miami Herald (1/6, 647K) editorializes, "It is time to invoke the 25th Amendment. It is time for President Trump – as he told the violent, radical thugs who support him no matter what; who crawled over the U.S. Capitol like spiders; who breached House and Senate chambers; who brazenly confronted overwhelmed, ill-prepared law-enforcement officers; who forced lawmakers to take shelter – to 'go home.'" The Baltimore Sun (1/6, 629K) editorializes, "Before he endangers one more American life, Donald Trump must be removed from office. Whether that's through his Cabinet invoking the 25th amendment or an emergency House hearing to impeach him followed by a Senate vote, we don't much care – whichever is faster."

*O'Brien, Liddell Reportedly Considering Resigning; Pottinger Resigned Wednesday.* Bloomberg (1/7, Jacobs, Mohsin, Fabian, 3.57M) reports National Security Advisor O'Brien and Deputy Chief of Staff Chris Liddell "are considering resigning over the president's encouragement of protests that led to his supporters storming the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, according to people familiar with the matter." CNN (1/6, Tapper, Collins, Atwood, Salama, 89.21M) reports on its website, "Earlier Wednesday, O'Brien took the unusual step of defending" Vice President Pence, as Trump "has been consumed by the vice president's refusal to do his bidding instead of the mob that breached Capitol Hill. O'Brien said Pence showed courage as Trump lambasted him." Deputy National Security Adviser Matt Pottinger resigned Wednesday afternoon.

*Grisham, Niceta, Matthews Resign.* Reuters (1/6) reports Stephanie Grisham, Chief of Staff to the First Lady and a former White House press secretary, resigned Wednesday. She said in a statement, "It has been an honor to serve the country in the White House. I am very proud to have been a part of Mrs. Trump's mission to help children everywhere, and proud of the many accomplishments of this administration." White House Social Secretary Rickie Niceta "also resigned, as did a deputy White House press secretary, Sarah Matthews." Bloomberg (1/7, Jacobs, Mohsin, Fabian, 3.57M) reports Matthews said in a statement, "As someone who worked in the halls of Congress I was deeply disturbed by what I saw today. I'll be stepping down from my role, effective immediately. Our nation needs a peaceful transfer of power."

### **Progressive Group Urges Breyer To Retire.**

Politico (1/6, Thompson, 6.73M) reports that "left-wing activists are already pressuring Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer to take advantage of a possible Democratic majority in the Senate and retire." Progressive group Demand Justice "praised Breyer in a statement to Politico but encouraged him to make way for a younger liberal replacement." Brian Fallon, the group's Executive Director, said, "Breyer's service on the Court has been remarkable, and history will remember him even more fondly if he ends up playing a critical role in ensuring the appointment of the first Black woman to the Court." Fallon said that "timing his retirement in the coming year

would guarantee that opportunity," which "may prove a narrow one." Politico says the "comments are the latest example of Democratic anxiety about the composition of the Supreme Court."

Fox News (1/6, Blitzer, 23.99M) reports on its website that former South Carolina state Rep. Bakari Sellers (D) echoed the remarks in a tweet Tuesday night that read, "If we get to 50, I need Justice Breyer to announce retirement at 12:01pm on January 20th. And I need us to nominate and elect some federal judges." Breyer "stated in December that he intends to retire 'eventually'...but he said that 'it's hard to know exactly when' he would leave the court."

### **US Surpasses 21M Confirmed COVID Cases.**

Reuters (1/6, Caspani, Szekely) reports, "More Americans were hospitalized with COVID-19 on Wednesday than at any time since the pandemic began, as total coronavirus infections crossed the 21 million mark, deaths soared across much of the United States and a historic vaccination effort lagged." Hospitalizations "reached a record 130,834 late on Tuesday, according to a Reuters tally of public health data, while 3,684 reported fatalities was the second-highest single-day death toll of the pandemic" as total deaths topped 357,000. Reuters says, "With many healthcare systems approaching a breaking point, pressure mounted on state and local officials to speed up distribution of the two authorized vaccines from Pfizer Inc with partner BioNTech SE and Moderna Inc."

NIAID Director Fauci said on the Economic Club (1/6), "I think people in many parts of the country are so fatigued, we call it COVID fatigue, with abiding by the public health measures that they're not doing the simple things to protect themselves." Fauci added, "We are now in the winter months, the late fall, early winter, which in fact has people do things indoors much more preferentially," and "we've had sequential holiday seasons where people have traveled." Fauci continued, "I think all of those three factors together are the reason why we're seeing this surge."

### **Experts Warn US Is Ill-Equipped To Track New Variant.**

The New York Times (1/6, Zimmer, 20.6M) reports, "With no robust system to identify genetic variations of the coronavirus, experts warn that the United States is woefully ill-equipped to track a dangerous new mutant, leaving health officials blind as they try to combat the grave threat." The mutant, first identified in the UK, "is rare for now" in the US, but "has the potential to explode in the next few weeks, putting new pressures on American hospitals, some of which are already near the breaking point." Experts "say that a national surveillance program would be able to determine just how widespread the new variant is and help contain emerging hot spots, extending the crucial window of time in which vulnerable people across the country could get vaccinated."

The Washington Post (1/6, Achenbach, Guarino, 10.52M) reports that "although the variant has so far been detected in a very small fraction of infections, it shows signs of spreading and may become significantly more common in coming weeks, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and infectious-disease experts." While "cases have been mostly isolated," with single instances in New York, Florida, and Georgia, NIH Director Collins told the Post, "I would be surprised if that doesn't grow pretty rapidly." There is no existing evidence that the mutant "carries a greater risk of severe disease or death," but its transmissibility "presents a challenge for every country hoping to crush the pandemic," potentially driving "more patients into hospitals" and boosting "the covid-19 death toll."

Asked on Washington Post Live (1/6) about the new variants in the UK and South Africa, Collins said, "So far, there does not seem to be any reason to believe that these variants would be those that people vaccinated would not be able to resist. ... And they don't seem to be sufficiently different that the therapeutics, these monoclonal antibodies, wouldn't work against them, although real experiments are underway right now to make sure that that's the case." Collins added that NIH is working with the CDC on "a careful monitoring system" so "that when one of these new variants arises that we recognize it and we quickly test it to see if it's one to really worry about."

NIAID Director Fauci said on the Economic Club (1/6) that the variant detected in the UK does not "appear to be the case that it escapes the protection that's induced by the vaccines that we're using. The one from the Republic of South Africa is a little bit more complicated, because it overlaps a bit with the mutation in the UK, but it is a little bit more complicated because some of those mutations might have a negative impact on the efficacy of some of the monoclonal

antibodies that are used. So we're looking into that very carefully."

HHS Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Paul Mango said on KDKA-AM Pittsburgh (1/6), "Folks should not be alarmed. Yes, it may be a little bit more transmissible. It does not evade the vaccine, it does not evade the therapeutics, the monoclonal antibodies that we've been using."

### **Trump Administration To Activate Pharmacy Distribution Program.**

The New York Times (1/6, Stevis-Gridneff, 20.6M) reports, "The Trump administration this week will launch a federal program to give out vaccines at pharmacy stores to high-risk groups, including older people and frontline workers, federal health officials said at a news conference on Wednesday." HHS Secretary Azar said, "The next big push is to bring those online and make sure the governors have those available really to hopefully expand out to much larger swathes of individuals." Certain "states have already begun using their pharmacies to give out vaccines," but "the program being activated this week" will allow states to allocate doses directly to 19 pharmacy chains and associations, representing 40,000 participating locations.

Politico (1/6, Roubein, 6.73M) reports that the move "comes after federal officials faced fierce criticism for the slow pace of immunizations." The program could see 3,000 to 6,000 pharmacies begin injections in the next two weeks, "according to a senior HHS official." The official said, "What we're doing is just putting this into what we would call the more standard distribution channel that most Americans are accustomed to, which is the corner pharmacy."

### **Azar Recommends Expanding Access To Vaccines.**

The AP (1/6, Smith) says that "with frustration rising over the sluggish rollout of the [coronavirus] vaccine, state leaders...are turning up the pressure, improvising and seeking to bend the rules to get shots in arms more quickly." The AP reports that on Wednesday, HHS Secretary Azar "said...that the government will allow more drugstores to start giving vaccinations to speed delivery," and "if health workers aren't lining up fast enough, he said, it is OK to expand eligibility to lower-priority groups." Azar is quoted as saying, "We need to not be overly prescriptive in that, especially as we see governors who are leaving vaccines sitting in freezers rather than getting it out into people's arms." According to the AP, "As of Wednesday...5.3 million people had gotten their first shot out of 17 million doses distributed." The AP adds, "While that is believed to an undercount...health officials are still well behind where they wanted to be."

Bloomberg (1/6, LaVito, 3.57M) reports that health officials "encouraged states to start vaccinating people more widely, acknowledging that the immunization rollout has been slower than anticipated and opening the spigot for a broader range of Americans to begin getting shots." Azar and other Operation Warp Speed officials "said they expect vaccinations to start accelerating," and NIH Director Collins earlier "said he expects the U.S. to give about 1 million shots per day" in an interview with The Washington Post. Azar "said the administration has been examining factors that have slowed the rollout over the past few weeks."

*Health Officials Project 1M Doses Per Day.* Collins said on Washington Post Live (1/6), "The next couple of weeks are going to be really critical to see how we can get this distribution system up and going more smoothly." However, Collins added, "Things are starting to pick up. ... I think we ought to be able to get in a place where maybe a million injections are happening every day."

HHS Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Paul Mango said on KDKA-AM Pittsburgh (1/6), "We are very confident and hopeful in the next week or so we'll see a fairly dramatic uptake in the administration of these vaccines." Mango added, "The last three or four days, we're up over a half million, that is as opposed to the first week when we were...150 to 250,000. So the trajectory is very, very positive and I would guess by sometime next week or certainly the week after we'll be doing a million or more a day."

HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan said on WIND-AM Chicago (1/6, 8K), "We're shipping the vaccine doses exactly where the states and the other jurisdictions are telling us to ship them. Those are going out the door, and so the work to ship the vaccines to those locations we think is going pretty well, thanks to the work of General Perna's team here, Operation Warp Speed."

Hargan noted "a tremendous variation" among the states "in their ability to get those doses out

the door efficiently.”

NIAID Director Fauci said on the Economic Club (1/6), “I think we have to wait for the first couple of weeks in January to make any determination as to what’s gone wrong, if anything. Clearly, no excuses, we should have gotten 20 [million] distributed and 20 [million] into the arms of people.” Fauci added, “What happened is that whenever you have a brand new massive program, the likes of which we’ve never undertaken before on a national basis, and you start it in the middle of the holiday season between Christmas and New Year’s, I think there’s a good reason, again, no excuses, but you can explain why you may not have gotten to the level you want.”

### **CDC Says Allergic Reactions To COVID Vaccines Remain Rare.**

The Washington Post (1/6, Achenbach, 10.52M) reports, “Allergic reactions to coronavirus vaccinations remain rare and should not dissuade Americans from being vaccinated, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said” in a study Wednesday. Of “1.9 million people who received a shot during the first two weeks of vaccination, 21 experienced severe allergic reactions,” the study found, and “most of those people had a history of allergic reactions.” As a result of the low number of instances, the risk of severe illness or death from COVID “far outweighs that of a potential allergic reaction, CDC officials said.”

### **Clinical Trial Finds Blood Plasma Reduces Risk Of Severe COVID.**

The New York Times (1/6, Wu, 20.6M) reports, “A small but rigorous clinical trial in Argentina has found that blood plasma from recovered Covid-19 patients can keep older adults from getting seriously sick with the coronavirus – if they get the therapy within days of the onset of the illness.” The study, “published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, are some of the first to conclusively point toward the oft-discussed treatment’s beneficial effects.” The Times says the results also come “nearly five months” after the FDA “issued the therapy an emergency green light use,” with thousands receiving infusions “in the months since.”

### **Vaccine Rollout In Nursing Homes Slowed By Hesitancy, Fewer Residents.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Terlep, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that CVS Health said on Wednesday that vaccine hesitancy is slowing down distribution of COVID vaccine doses to staff across the country’s nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The pharmaceutical company said rollout numbers were also lower due to the fact that facilities overestimated numbers of residents by up to 30%. However, CVS and Walgreens said they are still on track to meet their federal targets by January 25.

### **Arizona Is COVID “Hot Spot Of The World” Amid Surge.**

The AP (1/6, Tang) reports, “public health experts warned Wednesday that [Arizona] has become ‘the hot spot of the world’ and that health restrictions the governor has been hesitant to impose could have tamped down the crisis.” Arizona Public Health Association head Will Humble said, “It’s way worse than July already, and it’s going to continue to get worse. We’re probably two weeks behind LA in terms of our situation.” State health officials “reported a triple-digit number of new virus-related deaths for the second day in a row and more than 7,200 daily cases, with hospitals strained by a record number of patients.” Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) “has declined to reimpose restrictions like neighboring California” since the state’s stay-at-home order lifted earlier in the pandemic.

The Arizona Republic (1/6, 1.05M) reports, “The state’s seven-day, new-case average ranks highest nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s COVID Data Tracker as of Tuesday,” with 112.1 cases per 100,000 people. The national “average for new cases is 64.5 cases per 100,000 people.”

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**China Blocking WHO Efforts To Probe Pandemic’s Origin.**

The Washington Post (1/6, Rauhala, Kuo, 10.52M) reports that "for almost a year, the World Health Organization has been working with Chinese authorities to secure access to" Wuhan, "the epicenter of the initial outbreak," but "by New Year's Eve, the WHO expert leading the mission did not have a flight booked," and on Tuesday, WHO Secretary-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus "expressed 'disappointment' that China had yet to finalize permissions for the trip – his most pointed criticism of China to date." According to the Post, "Beijing for months had rejected calls for a probe into the origins of the virus, later agreeing to a WHO-led investigation only if it were not country-specific." The Post says Chinese officials "have pushed theories that the virus came from outside the country while controlling related research and blocking domestic scientists from publishing independent studies into the causes of the outbreak."

The AP (1/6, Wu) reports, "China said Wednesday it was still negotiating with the World Health Organization the dates and itinerary for a visit by international experts looking into origins of COVID-19, after the head of the agency criticized Beijing for not finalizing permissions for the mission." Hua Chunying, a spokesperson for China's Foreign Ministry, said the country "has always been open and responsible" regarding the origins of the virus, but "to ensure that the work of the global experts group in China is successful, we need to carry out the necessary procedures and relevant concrete plans."

### **EU Approves Moderna's COVID Vaccine.**

The AP (1/6, Furtula, Corder) reports, "The European Union's executive commission gave the green light Wednesday to Moderna Inc.'s COVID-19 vaccine, providing the 27-nation bloc with a second vaccine to use in the desperate battle to tame the virus rampaging across the continent." The European Commission's decision to grant "conditional marketing authorization for the vaccine" comes "against a backdrop of high infection rates in many EU countries and strong criticism of the slow pace of vaccinations across the region of some 450 million people." European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said, "With the Moderna vaccine, the second one now authorized in the EU, we will have a further 160 million doses. And more vaccines will come."

Bloomberg (1/6, 3.57M) reports that the decision comes "hours after a sign-off by the EU's medicines regulator" as EU leaders face "growing pressure to speed up clearance and deployment of vaccines to tame a surge of cases across the continent." The New York Times (1/6, Stevis-Gridneff, 20.6M) reports that the European Medicines Agency's decision was initially "scheduled for later in January," but moved forward after the agency came "under criticism for being too slow, as Britain and the United States began rolling out vaccination campaigns before the European Union had even granted the drugs authorization." The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Hinshaw, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) has more on the authorization.

### **New UK Lockdown Receives Legislative Approval.**

The New York Times (1/6, Landler, Castle, 20.6M) reports that UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson "has been whipsawed by forces of the pandemic" for months, "caught between an opposition that accused him of acting too late and lawmakers in his own party who complained that he had gone too far in locking down Britain's economy." However, Johnson's new national lockdown, which could remain in effect until March 31 and contains "some of his toughest measures yet," won approval on Wednesday. The Times says, "So dire is the public health crisis now confronting Britain that it has temporarily stilled the political debates that have raged since the virus first emerged in the country 11 months ago," as the country logged "a record 62,322 infections on Wednesday."

### **Israel Faces New Lockdown Amid Surge, Low Vaccine Supply.**

The New York Times (1/6, Kershner, Rasgon, 20.6M) reports that after last week "outstripping the rest of the world in the pace of vaccinating its citizens," Israel is now facing "a tightened lockdown as infections have spiraled to more than 8,000 new cases a day." Israeli officials also "fear the more transmissible variant of the virus first identified in Britain is spreading rapidly," with at least 30 cases identified. A request from the Palestinian Authority for vaccines has also prompted "a debate over Israel's responsibility to the Palestinians at a time when" its supplies "are dwindling."

Officials "said that they may have to slow down their widely vaunted vaccination program by mid-January unless they can persuade the drug companies to deliver more vaccines sooner than they had promised."

### **COVID Vaccines Expected To Protect Against South Africa Variant.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Steinhauser, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that South African researchers anticipate that the existing COVID vaccines may be less effective against the new strain of COVID identified in the country, but should still offer protection. Official conclusions from trials testing the severity of the variant and its response to treatment has been highly anticipated since one of its mutations showed higher resistance to some antibodies in early laboratory experiments.

### **Countries Delay Second Shot To Stretch Vaccine Supply.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Strasburg, Sugden, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that a number of governments around the world are adopting a controversial strategy in rolling out COVID vaccines, delaying the second injection required for both Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines in order to stretch supply. The UK was the first to announce the program, followed by Denmark, Belgium, and Quebec, despite criticism from bodies including the US FDA.

Asked on WIND-AM Chicago (1/6, 8K) about the possibility of delaying a second injection in the US, HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan said the clinical trials for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines "didn't do... a real scrub on the difference between one and two doses." Hargan added, "If you have a shut down in production between that first and second dose and you found that the... protection was waning because the first dose wasn't enough for more permanent protection or high enough, then we would be in a worse situation."

NIH Director Collins said on Washington Post Live (1/6) that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were approved "on the basis of rigorous phase three trials involving at least 30,000 participants and where it was a two dose regimen." Collins added, "Let's be really careful here, let's basically build our vaccination program on the actual evidence that we have and not start making stuff up, even though it might seem like it would be a way to get people immunized more quickly. We want them to be immunized effectively."

### **USTR Criticizes India, Italy, Turkey Digital Taxes, But Stops Short Of Imposing Tariffs.**

Reuters (1/6) reports in comments that "pav[ed] the way for potential retaliatory tariffs," the US Trade Representative's office said Wednesday that "digital services taxes adopted by India, Italy and Turkey discriminate against U.S. companies and are inconsistent with international tax principles." But USTR "said... that it was not taking specific actions as part of its 'Section 301' investigations into those taxes at this time, but 'will continue to evaluate all available options.'"

### **Syria Says Israeli Missile Struck Targets In Syria.**

Reuters (1/6) reports according to Syrian state TV, Israel "struck targets in southern Syria on Wednesday in the third such attack in nearly 10 days." Military defectors "said the missiles targeted Iranian revolutionary guard bases. A military spokesman said missiles flying over the Golan Heights targeted several locations and air defences downed several missiles." While "There was no immediate comment from an Israeli military spokesman," Israel's Defence Force Chief of Staff Aviv Kochavi "said last month the missile strikes had 'slowed down Iran's entrenchment in Syria.'"

### **Pakistani Court Abolishes "Virginity Tests" In Sexual Assault Cases.**

The New York Times (1/6, Schmall, Ur-Rehman, 20.6M) reports a Pakistani court "has abolished so-called virginity tests, which women are subjected to in sexual assault cases, setting a precedent for the practice to be potentially outlawed nationwide." Although the practice has been banned in Afghanistan, India and Bangladesh, it "continues to take place in Pakistan and more than a dozen other countries where it is seen as a measure of virtue and of whether a woman is trustworthy." A

group of women that includes “a sociologist, a journalist, an activist, a lawyer and a psychologist, as well as a member of the lower house of Parliament,” argued that “examining whether the hymen was intact had no scientific or legal bearing in sexual violence cases, and violated constitutional rights to privacy and dignity. The Lahore High Court, in the province of Punjab, agreed on Monday.”

### **Media Analyses: China Further Asserts Authority Over Hong Kong With Mass Arrests.**

The Washington Post (1/6, Yu, 10.52M) reports that “by late Wednesday morning, at least 53 Hong Kong residents – former lawmakers, activists and an American lawyer among them – had been detained under Beijing’s new national security law, and their offices and homes raided.” They are “accused of subversion” and “face up to life in prison for holding a primary vote last year ahead of legislative elections that were ultimately postponed and which many of them were barred from contesting.” The Post says the raids “marked the most dramatic onslaught in Chinese President Xi Jinping’s transformation of once-freewheeling Hong Kong into a city gripped by fear under authoritarian rule.” The New York Times (1/6, Wang, Ramzy, May, 20.6M) says the “mass arrests signaled that the central Chinese government, which once wielded its power over Hong Kong with a degree of discretion, is increasingly determined to openly impose its will on the city.”

The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Khan, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports activists in the city say the mass arrests show Beijing’s tolerance for democracy in Hong Kong is waning, and Axios (1/6, Allen-Ebrahimian, 1.26M) casts them as an indication that “Chinese Communist Party leaders see any form of true participatory government as an illegitimate subversion of their power.” Axios adds, “The arrests also suggest Beijing believes it will face no meaningful resistance from western countries.”

Bloomberg (1/6, 3.57M) says the “unprecedented arrest of dozens of leading Hong Kong opposition figures illustrates the depth of Joe Biden’s challenges with Beijing.” Bloomberg adds, “By the time he becomes U.S. president, there might not be much democracy left to save in the Asian financial hub.” Reuters (1/6, Chow, Chow) reports that “Biden’s pick for secretary of state, Antony Blinken, said on Twitter the arrests were ‘an assault on those bravely advocating for universal rights.’”

*Biden Hopes To Build Coalition Of Western Democracies To Pressure China.* The Wall Street Journal (1/6, Wei, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Joe Biden hopes to build a coalition of Western democracies to put pressure on China, but Chinese President Xi Jinping has the same idea and has been trying to bring traditional US allies under its economic influence.

*NYTimes Analysis: EU Decision To Follow Through On China Trade Deal Undermines Biden.* A New York Times (1/6, Erlanger, 20.6M) analysis says that in 2014, the European Union “embarked on a trade deal with China believing that engagement... was the best way to alter its behavior.” and “the deal was quietly sealed in the final weeks of last year.” However, according to the Times, “by then, China had changed,” and “the timing – with a newly aggressive China seen as a strategic rival to the United States and just weeks before Joseph R. Biden Jr. becomes president – has opened the European Union to questions and criticism, from analysts and particularly American officials, that perhaps the deal was a diplomatic and political error.” the Times says the deal “creates doubts about Europe’s willingness to heed Mr. Biden’s call to work with him on a joint strategy toward Beijing. And it has handed an important victory to China, where the deal was hailed as a great success for President Xi Jinping.”

### **US Eases Sudan’s Debts As It Normalizes Relations With Israel.**

The AP (1/6, Magdy) reports that on Wednesday, the government of Sudan “said it had signed an agreement with the United States that paves the way for” Sudan “to normalize relations with Israel and help clear some of its massive debt to the World Bank.” Sudanese Justice Minister Nasredeen Abdulbari and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin signed the deal in Khartoum. Mnuchin is quoted as saying, “This is a very, very significant agreement. ... It would have a tremendous impact on the people of Israel and the people of Sudan as they continue to work together on cultural and economic opportunities and trade.” The AP adds, “Also during Mnuchin’s visit, the U.S. and Sudan signed a ‘memorandum of understanding’ to facilitate the payment of the African

country's debt to the World Bank," which "would enable Sudan to receive more than \$1 billion annually from the World Bank for the first time in nearly three decades, when the country was designated a pariah state."

### **Professor Says Gulf Nations' Effort To Isolate Qatar Failed.**

The AP (1/6, Batrawy) reports that Qatar was facing a "blockade and boycott by Gulf Arab neighbors 3 1/2 years ago, and this week were jolted again by the sudden announcement that it was all over. The period in between was bitter, with mud-slinging by both sides and viscous media blitzes, social media trolling, expensive lobbying efforts in Washington, and allegations of hacks and leaks." Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, an assistant professor in residence at Northwestern University's campus in Qatar, said the effort by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt "to internationally isolate Qatar failed." That, along with "an incoming Biden administration in Washington that is expected to take a firmer stance toward Saudi Arabia and re-engage with Iran, put Qatar in a strong negotiating position." Mitchell said, "I don't expect to see any concessions or changes of significance from Qatar."

## **THE BIG PICTURE**

### **Headlines From Today's Front Pages.**

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

[Congress Resumes Debate After Rioters Storm Capitol](#)  
[A Single Day Shakes Two Presidencies, Two Parties And One Nation To The Core](#)  
[Congress Reconvenes To Finish Certifying Biden's Electoral College Win](#)  
['The Protesters Are In The Building.' Inside The Capitol Stormed By A Pro-Trump Mob](#)  
[Georgia Senate Wins By Democrats Followed Years Of Party Organizing](#)

#### ***New York Times:***

[In Day Of Violence, Pro-Trump Mob Storms Capitol, Disrupting Electoral Count](#)  
[A Mob And The Breach Of Democracy: The Violent End Of The Trump Era](#)  
[As House Was Breached, A Fear 'We'd Have To Fight' To Get Out](#)  
[A Democratic Triumph In Georgia, Overshadowed By Right-Wing Violence In Washington](#)  
[Biden Denounces Storming Of Capitol As A 'Dark Moment' In Nation's History](#)

#### ***Washington Post:***

[After Mob Invades With Ease, Questions About Security Failures](#)  
[To Black Lives Matter Activists, Policing Of White Rioters Was Gentle](#)  
[The Day American Democracy Was Brought To The Brink](#)  
[Trump Mob Storms Capitol](#)  
[Congress Nears Confirmation After Chaos](#)

#### ***Financial Times:***

[Angry Mobs Of Trump Supporters Interrupt Transfer Of Power](#)  
['There's Nothing Retro About Me' - Friedrich Merz On His Bid To Succeed Angela Merkel](#)  
[UK Watchdog To Investigate Nvidia's \\$40BN Arm Deal](#)

#### ***Washington Times:***

[Trump Defiant Amid Capitol Chaos: 'Remember This Day Forever!'](#)  
[Violence, Destruction Halt Certification As Trump Supporters Storm Capitol](#)  
[RNC Leaders Stand By Trump's Effort To Remake Party: 'Nobody's Turning On Trump Here'](#)  
['Age Of Incrementalism Is Over': Far Left Salivates At Democrats' Complete Takeover](#)  
[Senate Defeats Republican Challenge To Pennsylvania Electoral College Vote](#)

### **Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** Protests; Protests-Security; Protests-Violence; Protesters; Biden-Protests; Protests-World Perception; Certification; Georgia-Senate Results.

**CBS:** Protests; Protests-Congress; Trump-Legacy; Georgia-Senate Results; Protesters; Protests-Attempt To Stop Certification; Biden-Protests; Sedition; Certification.

**NBC:** Protests; Protests-Rep. Gallagher; Certification; Biden-Protests; Protesters; Protests-Rep. Mullin; Protests-World Perception; Protests-Congress; American Division; Trump-Legacy; Protests-Security; Protests-Analysis.

### **Network TV At A Glance:**

Protests – 46 minutes, 30 seconds

Certification – 8 minutes, 0 seconds

Biden-Protests – 6 minutes, 10 seconds

### **Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Certification; 25th Amendment Talks; Protests; Protests-Security; Protests-Attempt To Stop Certification.

**CBS:** Protests; Certification; 25th Amendment Talks; Protest Criticisms; Protests-Death; White House Officials Resignations; Stocks.

**FOX:** Certification; Trump-Video; Stephanie Grisham Resigns.

**NPR:** Protests; Protest Criticisms; Trump-Video; Protests-World Perception; Stocks.

## **WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE**

### **Today's Events In Washington.**

#### **White House:**

- President Trump — Awards Presidential Medal of Freedom to golfers Annika Sorenstam and Gary Player and Olympian Babe Zaharias.
- Vice President Pence — No public schedule released.

#### **US Senate:**

- No public schedule released.

#### **US House:**

- No public schedule released.

#### **Cabinet Officers:**

- No public schedule released.

#### **Visitors:**

- No scheduled visitors.

#### **This Town:**

- Black Coalition Against COVID-19 hosts town hall on vaccines (virtual) – Black Coalition Against COVID-19 hosts 'Making It Plain – What Black America Needs to Know About COVID-19 and Vaccines' virtual town hall, with speakers including NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci; David Carlisle (Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science); Kizzmekia Corbett (NIH); Peter Marks (FDA Center for Biologics Evaluation & Research); Nancy Messonnier (CDC); Leon McDougle (National Medical Association); Maj. Gen. Christopher Sharpstein (Operation Warp Speed); Marc Morial (National Urban League); Helene Gayle (The Chicago Community Trust); Martha Dawson (National Black Nurses Association); Felicia Collins (HHS – Office of Minority Health); Rev. Calvin Butts (Choose Healthy Life Black Clergy Action Plan); Valerie Montgomery Rice (Morehouse School of Medicine); and Marcella Nunez-Smith (Biden-Harris Health Equity Task Force); 7:00 PM
- 'Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan for the United States: A Roadmap to Elimination (2021-2025)' released – 'Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan for the United States: A Roadmap to Elimination (2021-2025)' released \* Webinar on the release features Assistant Secretary of

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**PRIOR REPORTING:** FBI HQ and WFO are secure. However, the security situation in the DC Metro area is volatile and fluid. FBI employees in the downtown DC area should exercise caution and maintain situational awareness when entering or leaving FBI facilities, or when traveling in the downtown DC area. Due to the pending 6 p.m. curfew being imposed by the Mayor of Washington DC, employees are advised to verify modes of transportation prior to leaving the safety of FBI facilities or departing for their work assignments.

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Good afternoon,

The following information is sent on behalf of FBI Assistant Director George P. Beach in advance of a SITREP expected later this evening:

On January 6, 2021 Washington, DC became the scene of a number of individual protest gatherings. United States Park Police reported a total of four permitted First Amendment events attracting an unknown number of participants.

At approximately 11:30 AM a large number of persons gathered in the Ellipse area and listened to a speech by POTUS.

At the conclusion of the speech, a huge number of persons moved on foot down Constitution and Pennsylvania

Avenues to the area of the United States Capitol.

At approximately 2:30 PM a large group of protestors moved onto the grounds of the Capitol, some of whom eventually breached several doors and windows and gained entry to, and throughout, the building. Several hundred protestors remain in the Capitol.

Members of Congress and Staff have been removed to positions of safety.

At the present time, a coordinated police response consisting of members of the United States Capitol Police, United States Park Police, Metropolitan DC Police, Metro North Police, HSI, Federal Protective Service, US Marshals Service, FBI, and Virginia State Troopers are beginning to clear the Capitol.

The DC National Guard was earlier deployed in a limited capacity to assist with traffic control, and a request was made by the city to deploy National Guard Members to the United States Capitol.

Open source reporting indicates a woman was shot and seriously injured in the downtown area prior to the action at the Capitol.



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We received reports that the State Capitols of Kansas and Georgia were breached, and verified that the report from Kansas is false and remains the site of otherwise peaceful protests. Details on the potential breach in Georgia are being determined.

The DC Mayor has enacted a citywide curfew beginning at 6:00 PM and ending at 6:00 AM tomorrow, January 7, 2021.

We anticipate communicating to our partners a SITREP later this evening.

Thank you.

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### Statement from the International Association of Chiefs of Police

Yesterday was a sad and tragic day in the United States. Passion gave way to violence, led to injuries and death, and threatened the very institutions at the core of American democracy.

As the world's largest organization of police leaders, we reiterate our call for all -- regardless of position or political party -- to work for peace and calm, to defuse this toxic environment, and work together to forge a path forward.

Many are focused on, and raising questions about, the police response to yesterday's assault on the U.S. Capitol. While the planning and response should be carefully examined, we must not lose sight of the fact that the officers who willingly place themselves in harm's way to protect others deserve our gratitude and support each and every day.

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## **NATIONAL ISSUES**

Syria Torture: OPA – CBS News 60 Minutes interviewed an individual who claims he was tortured in Syria in 2012. A producer asked if the FBI has any evidence to support his claims. The show does not plan to disclose the identity of the individual. OPA declined comment.

China Espionage: OPA – The De-Brief website asked how often individuals are targeted by China via professional networking and social media sites, whether such approaches are targeted at specific individuals, and what individuals should do if they think they are being targeted. OPA pointed to China materials on fbi.gov and usdoj.gov and provided some general language advising individuals to pay close attention to what they post online about themselves and any sensitive work they have done, and to contact the FBI if they feel they have been targeted by foreign intelligence services or by criminals.

Upcoming Protest: OPA/WFO – ABC News asked whether the FBI has information about planned violence at a January 6 Washington, DC protest, which will occur as Congress is scheduled to certify the results of the presidential election. ABC also asked if the FBI is issuing any bulletins on this topic. OPA and WFO declined comment.

Samuel Little Death: OPA – Received inquiries from national and local outlets asking about the death of Samuel Little, the ~~most prolific serial killer in U.S. history~~, who died yesterday while serving three consecutive life terms without parole. Little was convicted in 2014 on three counts of murder; he had confessed to 93. The FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program analysts helped link numerous cases to Little and law enforcement have been able to verify at least 50 confessions. OPA declined to comment on Little's death and referred inquiries about specific victims to the lead local law enforcement agencies.

COVID-19 Vaccine Destruction: OPA/MK – Received multiple inquiries regarding a Wisconsin hospital worker who admitted to destruction of more than 500 Moderna vaccines. OPA declined to comment on the existence of an investigation, per policy.

## **LOCAL STORIES**

Boston – A reporter with the local NPR station requested an interview to discuss today's ruling by the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court involving the production of FBI records relating to the 2015 shooting of Usaamah Rahim by an FBI agent and Boston police officer. The reporter incorrectly read the decision and believed the Court advised the Suffolk County District Attorney to turn over some FBI records to Rahim's mother, stating that the records should be considered public according to the Mass. public records law. PAO declined comment citing ongoing litigation and urged the reporter to re-read the decision and seek clarification from the Suffolk County DA's office because her understanding of the ruling was not accurate.

Las Vegas – SAC Rouse provided a quote for a press release from the USAO announcing five federal charges

filed from a human trafficking takedown earlier this month. SAC Rouse: "The FBI will always be vigilant in pursuing those who choose to prey on our most vulnerable, especially our children. I would like to thank our law enforcement partners and their task force officers as part of the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force for their commitment to making these arrests."

Las Vegas – Significant media inquiries and coverage following the arrest of five individuals; a result of a lengthy multi-jurisdictional investigation by the Henderson, Nev. Police Department, the Houston Police Department, FBI Houston, FBI New Orleans, and FBI Las Vegas. Investigation revealed the suspects would steal a large truck and pull the ATMs from the ground in a series of robberies similar in nature. PAOs directed inquiries to the press release issued by Henderson PD and declined further comment.

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***The Horizon***  
**Monday, Jan. 4, 2021**

**NATIONAL ISSUES**

Criminal Referral Letter: OPA – U.S. Reps. Ted W. Lieu (D-California) and Kathleen Rice (D-New York) sent a criminal referral letter to the FBI requesting an investigation into alleged election crimes committed by President Trump during a phone call with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger over the weekend. The president allegedly urged Raffensperger to “find” enough votes to overturn the state’s results in the president’s favor. OPA confirmed receipt of the letter sent to the FBI requesting an investigation, without further comment.

**LOCAL STORIES**

Albuquerque – The Santa Fe New Mexican asked if the FBI was still investigating the theft of six paintings that were stolen in Dallas around March 26, 2019, while they were being transported from Santa Fe to Louisiana. The reporter also wanted to know if the FBI had received any tips since Albuquerque distributed a news release and poster announcing a reward of up to \$8,000 in October. PAO advised the reporter the case remains under investigation, the FBI was looking into information it received from the public, and still is seeking more information.

Albuquerque – The Phoenix NBC affiliate interviewed PAO about the 13 Albuquerque and Phoenix posters that have been translated into the Navajo language in an effort to solve homicide and missing person cold cases on the nation’s largest Native American reservation.

Phoenix – ASAC Moringiello spoke to a rotary club about the China Threat, including foreign government collection methods. PAS assisted the rotary club with a press release, which was sent to local news outlets and published in a local newspaper. The press release and newspaper article provided links to the FBI.Gov China Threat website and IC3.Gov.

Pittsburgh – Local media asked if the FBI was investigating several IEDs thrown from vehicles in local neighborhoods this morning. PAO confirmed we were assisting our LE partners, but referred media back to the city police department as it is the lead agency at this time.

Pittsburgh – WPXI interviewed SSA Lampo about an IC3 PSA that highlighted the increased use of mobile banking apps leading to exploitation. SSA Lampo talked about the need for people to be vigilant about the information they put online and having strong passwords with two-factor authentication. He also encouraged victims to report crimes to IC3.

Salt Lake City – The Utah Fox station interviewed SSA Scown about potential COVID vaccine scams.

Salt Lake City – A local NBC reporter asked if the FBI is investigating claims by the founder of Black Lives Matter Utah that her personal information was posted on social media. PAO did not confirm or deny an

investigation.

Washington Field – Several national media outlets asked about the FBI’s posture for the reported protests this week in D.C. WFO provided the below statement: “The FBI’s Washington Field Office respects the rights of individuals to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights. We are committed to working closely with our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to apprehend individuals who commit violence and criminal activity that constitutes a federal crime or poses a threat to national security. The FBI does not initiate investigations based solely on an individual’s race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, or the exercise of First Amendment rights. We remind members of public to be aware of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.”

Washington Field – Received several local and national inquiries about the alleged arrest of [redacted] [redacted] WFO referred media to D.C. Metropolitan Police.

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***The Horizon***  
**Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021**

## **NATIONAL ISSUES**

Air Threat: OPA – A local TV station asked about a possible aviation threat against the U.S. Capitol. The inquiry was prompted by a CBS News report about a possible threat in retaliation for last year’s death of Iranian Gen. Soulemani. OPA provided the following: “The FBI has no comment. However, the FBI takes all threats of violence to public safety seriously.”

Tindall: OPA/AT – Vice News sought FBI comment about an FBI Atlanta subject indicted in September for lying about discussing potential attacks on both U.S. citizens and water and electrical infrastructure. Nicholas Tindall is awaiting trial, so OPA declined comment.

PPE Disruption Sentencing, fbi.gov: OPA – A disgruntled former employee of a medical equipment packaging company was sentenced for hacking into the company’s computer systems and disrupting the shipment of personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The case is out of FBI Atlanta. Link to fbi.gov story: <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/hacker-who-disrupted-ppe-shipments-sentenced-010621>

## **U.S. CAPITOL VIOLENCE**

*Several field offices received inquiries related to the civil unrest and violence at the U.S. Capitol today.*

Baltimore – Received inquiries from local press asking if Baltimore deployed personnel to help U.S. Capitol Police with the unrest. PAS provided the approved holding statement: “The FBI has been deployed to assist our U.S. Capitol Police partners as requested in protection of federal property and public safety.”

Boston – Several reporters asked what FBI Boston is doing in light of today’s events in Washington and if there are any related threats to our area. PAO advised that FBI Boston is monitoring the situation and at this point in time we don’t have any intelligence about related threats to our area of responsibility, but we urge the public to remain vigilant and report to law enforcement if they see or hear anything suspicious.

El Paso – Media asked if FB El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department with local security during today’s pro-Trump rallies. PAO provided the following NPO statement about civil unrest: “The FBI respects those who are exercising their First Amendment rights, including the right to peacefully protest. The FBI does not conduct surveillance based solely on First Amendment protected activity. The FBI continues to remain steadfast in our mission to protect the American people and uphold the U.S. Constitution. The FBI is supporting our state, local, and federal law enforcement partners with maintaining public safety by focusing our efforts on identifying, investigating, and disrupting individuals that are inciting violence and engaging in criminal activity.”

Indianapolis – Received several media inquiries after reports the Indiana Statehouse was being evacuated due to the protests in D.C. at the Capitol. PAO declined to comment.

Los Angeles – In response to inquiries from local media about whether there are local threats based on the event at the Capitol, FBI Los Angeles issued the following statement, which is subject to change depending on any developments in the region: “While the FBI continually works with our partners to monitor potential threats, there is no known credible threat to the Los Angeles region at this time. As always, the FBI relies on the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the FBI or their local law enforcement agency.”

Philadelphia – The CBS affiliate asked whether, in light of today’s events in Washington, any additional security measures were implemented to protect the federal building and courthouse here. PAO advised that the Federal Protective Service is responsible for securing federal facilities and provided contact information for FPS public affairs.

Seattle – In consultation with OPA, responded to an inquiry from the ABC affiliate asking if the FBI is preparing for any response in the Seattle region to the electoral vote count and reports of rallies in the state capital. “The FBI remains steadfast in our mission to protect the American people and uphold the U.S. Constitution. We routinely work with our state, local, and federal partners to maintain public safety in the communities we serve, while respecting citizens’ constitutional rights and civil liberties. As always, individuals are encouraged to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights, but when those activities cross over into violence, the FBI is prepared to respond swiftly. For any inquiries related to events in Washington, D.C., or at the Capitol, please contact npo@fbi.gov.”

Washington Field – In response to activity at the U.S. Capitol and reports of suspicious devices, Washington Field released the following two statements. **Suspicious Devices:** “Along with our law enforcement partners, FBI Washington Field Office responded to reports of suspicious devices. Two suspected explosive devices were rendered safe by the FBI and our law enforcement partners. The investigation is ongoing.” **FBI Response to U.S. Capitol:** “The FBI has been deployed to assist our U.S. Capitol Police partners as requested in protection of federal property and public safety.”

## **OTHER LOCAL STORIES**

Anchorage – SAC Britt provided a quote for a press release from the USAO–District of Alaska announcing that the U.S. government collected \$7 million in Iranian assets for the victims of terrorism fund. Britt: “The FBI will aggressively pursue those who aid terrorist financiers and those who abuse the U.S. financial system in the process. Due to the collaborative effort put forth by the FBI and our partners, it is with great satisfaction that a portion of these successfully forfeited funds will go to American victims of international state-sponsored terrorism.”

Anchorage – A local newspaper asked if FBI Anchorage received a letter from a state senator requesting an investigation into election-related crimes in Alaska. PAS [REDACTED] responded: “The FBI acknowledges receipt of a letter from state Sen. Mike Shower concerning allegations of election crimes in Alaska. As a general matter, allegations of criminal conduct are reviewed by the FBI for their merit, with consideration of any applicable federal laws. Such a review does not necessarily result in the opening of an investigation but, when warranted, we take any actions appropriate to the matter, such as seeking further information or referring the matter to a partner agency.”

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Boston – SAC Bonavolonta provided a quote for a press release from the USAO–District of New Hampshire announcing today’s guilty plea by Troy Cote to fentanyl trafficking. Bonavolonta: “This group’s constant churn of drug transactions kept their customers in Manchester awash in deadly fentanyl and cocaine. Shutting them down makes the community safer, and with today’s guilty plea—Troy Cote is out of business. Investigations like this illustrate the continuing impact our Safe Streets Gang Task Force has on illegal drug trafficking organizations that prey on our communities amid the opioid epidemic.”

Cleveland – SAC Smith participated in a joint ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the new Strike Force facility that will house over 207 law enforcement from several local, state and federal agencies. Smith spoke at the opening ceremony press conference and summarized the Strike Force’s combined 20-month effort. Smith also provided a quote for the joint press release: “Cleveland is one of the largest Strike Forces in the nation. The need for such a capability comes as a response to a persistent and growing crime rate, but it also serves as a bulwark and a predictive unit to address the new threats we see ahead. This Strike Force represents the best of our combined efforts—law enforcement resources working violence, drugs, gangs, car jackings, and armed robberies—TOGETHER—under one roof. We know this unanimity of purpose and unity of effort, will only enhance our efforts to combat, disrupt and dismantle criminal activity.”

Houston – PAO Garza did an on-camera interview in Spanish with Univision’s nationally syndicated show Politica Ya about money mules.

Los Angeles – The San Gabriel Valley Tribune asked if the remains of a missing Los Angeles County man were found in Arizona. Los Angeles confirmed that agents are assisting police in California and Arizona in connection with the missing man, Shane Rollman, but referred inquiries about the recovered remains to authorities in Arizona.

New Haven – Received multiple local media inquiries about an FBI agent-involved shooting in Hartford earlier this morning. The subject was approached by members of the Safe Streets Task Force when the gunfire began. An agent on the Task Force and TFOs returned fire, striking and killing the subject at the scene. The investigation is ongoing and an initial brief statement was delivered by Connecticut State Police with no specific mention of FBI. SAC Sundberg will participate in presser at a later date.

Philadelphia – SAC Driscoll provided a quote for a press release from the USAO–Eastern District of Pennsylvania announcing that two North Carolina men have been charged in connection with the armed robbery of a Lancaster County dog breeder. Five French bulldog puppies valued at approximately \$24,000 were taken by force. Driscoll: “This wasn’t just some dognapping caper, it was a violent armed robbery that saw the victim menaced at gunpoint. We’re glad the FBI and our partners could help safely recover the pups, and determined to see the perpetrators held accountable.”

Philadelphia – A Philadelphia Inquirer reporter writing about a cyber predator asked if FBI Philadelphia has seen a rise in reported attempts by such predators to target children online during the COVID-19 pandemic. PAO provided a quote from VCAC SSA [REDACTED] confirming this, pointed the reporter to resources for parents and caregivers on FBI.gov, and suggested contacting NCMEC for additional context.

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Pittsburgh – WPXI interviewed ASAC Olson about COVID vaccine fraud. He talked about the signs of potential scams, where to report fraud, and stressed not giving out personal information to anyone without verifying their legitimacy.

Salt Lake City – A local radio station asked if the FBI is aware of and/or investigating after social media video shows Sen. Mitt Romney being heckled at the Salt Lake International Airport and on a flight to D.C., where fellow passengers chanted “traitor.” PAO advised we are aware of media reports but declined further comment.

Tampa – A local TV reporter interviewed SSA Givens about romance scams and how people may be more vulnerable to the scheme during the pandemic. Givens explained how to spot scams and why it’s important for victims to report the crime. Givens also provided IC3 stats and information.

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## **NATIONAL ISSUES**

Wray on Capitol Violence: OPA – OPA issued the following statement today from Director Wray about the violence yesterday at the U.S. Capitol: “The violence and destruction of property at the U.S. Capitol building yesterday showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process. As we’ve said consistently, we do not tolerate violent agitators and extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to incite violence and wreak havoc. Such behavior betrays the values of our democracy. Make no mistake: With our partners, we will hold accountable those who participated in yesterday’s siege of the Capitol. Let me assure the American people the FBI has deployed our full investigative resources and is working closely with our federal, state, and local partners to aggressively pursue those involved in criminal activity during the events of January 6. Our agents and analysts have been hard at work through the night gathering evidence, sharing intelligence, and working with federal prosecutors to bring charges. Members of the public can help by providing tips, information, and videos of illegal activity at the following link—[FBI Seeking Information Related to Violent Activity at the U.S Capitol Building](#). We are determined to find those responsible and ensure justice is served.”

Antifa/Capitol: OPA – Several outlets asked about the accuracy of remarks by Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, that Antifa was behind the storming of the Capitol. OPA declined comment due to the ongoing investigation.

## **U.S. CAPITOL VIOLENCE**

Numerous field offices received calls from media about the violence yesterday at the U.S. Capitol. Reporters wanted to know if the local offices are helping identify individuals involved; investigate techniques to identify individuals; if they are talking to local residents who self-identified as participating; if there are related threats locally; and if they are otherwise involved in any related investigations or activity. Offices declined to comment and directed reporters to the director’s statement, the statements issued by Washington Field, and to the tips page on [fbi.gov](#).

The following offices reported calls:

Baltimore  
Boston  
El Paso  
Indianapolis  
Knoxville  
Omaha  
Philadelphia  
Pittsburgh  
San Francisco

## **OTHER LOCAL STORIES**

Albuquerque – The NBC affiliate asked if the founder of Cowboys 4 Trump who also is a county commissioner “is on the FBI’s radar” after he allegedly posted what the reporter categorized as threats against members of Congress and the president on Facebook. PAO provided the following statement: “FBI policy is to neither confirm nor deny an investigation. We take all reports of threats seriously and work with our law enforcement partners to protect the public. We would remind members of the public to immediately contact law enforcement authorities should they receive threats of any kind.”

Albuquerque – The Roswell Daily Record asked if the FBI was considering charges against executives of a Roswell escrow company for the alleged misappropriation of client funds. PAO advised the reporter the FBI does not confirm or deny investigations, but anyone who is aware of wrongdoing should immediately contact law enforcement.

Boston – Outlets in Bangor, Maine, asked about the FBI’s presence at a home in Houlton this morning and if the investigation is connected to a fire at a church in Springfield, Massachusetts. PAO advised the agency is conducting court-authorized activity in connection with an ongoing investigation, there is no threat to public safety, and declined further comment.

Boston – A reporter with NBC Boston asked for a list of cases the FBI charged following the civil unrest this past summer. PAO provided a list of cases and declined further comment due to the fact that they are all still pending before the court.

Honolulu – SAC Miranda provided a quote yesterday for a press release from the USAO–Districts of Guam and Northern Mariana Islands about the sentencing of former Yona Mayor Jesse Blas, who pleaded guilty to public corruption charges. Miranda: “Most public officials are honorable and dedicated to serving their communities. Unfortunately, the actions displayed by Mayor Blas undermines the public’s trust in elected officials. Citizens expect and deserve their public officials to serve them honestly and in accordance with the law. Failure to do so erodes the public’s faith in government—which is crucial in ensuring public safety. The FBI will continue to aggressively investigate any corrupt public official who willfully and maliciously abuse their office.”

Indianapolis – A reporter with a newspaper in northern Indiana asked for confirmation the FBI arrested a fugitive out of Illinois from a 1997 case. In coordination with Chicago, PAO confirmed the FBI Gang Response Investigative Team arrested the fugitive at a park in Indiana on Jan. 5 after a tip, and shared open-source background information on the case. The reporter was referred to Cook County, Illinois, for further information.

Knoxville – The Tri-Cities NBC affiliate interviewed SSA Jason Jarnagin about COVID vaccine scams. Jarnagin provided information about potential scams, stressed not to give out personally identifiable information, and tips to avoid becoming a victim. Jarnagin also provided information about where to report vaccine fraud.

Pittsburgh – SAC Christman provided a quote for a press release from the USAO–Western District of Pennsylvania after a resident of Pittsburgh and former student at the University of Pittsburgh was charged with several crimes. Christman: “This arrest is the culmination of a year-long investigation which included threatening federal law enforcement officers. Threatening online statements, whether directed to a federal officer or any other person, is not harmless activity. It is serious criminal activity with consequences. Threats against law enforcement officers are particularly egregious in that it interferes with our ability to protect the communities we are charged with serving. We should all understand that the First Amendment is not a license to threaten others with harm and that the FBI and our law enforcement partners will relentlessly pursue those who pose a threat to the community.”

Portland – Two local radio stations interviewed retiring SAC Cannon. He discussed the FBI’s role in Oregon,

his views on serving here, how law enforcement is changing, and what it's like to work here.

Philadelphia – An Allentown Morning Call reporter asked if the FBI is investigating a white supremacist group called Patriot Front, allegedly responsible for graffiti and fliers left in Bethlehem, Allentown, and Easton. PAO responded: “The FBI does not confirm nor deny the existence of investigations. Meantime, we’d note that our focus is not on membership in particular groups, but on individuals who commit violence and criminal activity that constitutes a federal crime or poses a threat to national security.”

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2021 12:58 PM  
**To:** Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: 5 January 2021 Update

**From:** Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI) [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: 5 January 2021 Update

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to partners

Jennifer Leigh Moore  
Special Agent in Charge - Intelligence  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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[Redacted] desk  
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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI) [Redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: 5 January 2021 Update

This is the email that went out referenced in the email you just sent.

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:46 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** 5 January 2021 Update

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*in the event no violent reaction occurs, FBI policy and federal law dictates that no further record be made of the protected activity.*

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**From:** SIOC\_MBX  
**Subject:** SIOC NOTIFICATION: SECURITY POSTURE IN WASHINGTON D.C METRO --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~  
**To:** FBI\_FBIHQ; WFO\_CRITICAL\_INCIDENT [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** SIOC\_MBX  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 3:30 PM (UTC-05:00)

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**SYNOPSIS:** The following message is being sent on behalf of the FBI Police.

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** FBI Police [REDACTED]

**DETAILS:** FBI HQ and WFO are secure. However, the security situation in the DC Metro area is volatile and fluid. FBI employees in the downtown DC area should exercise caution and maintain situational awareness when entering or leaving FBI facilities, or when traveling in the downtown DC area. Due to the pending 6 p.m. curfew being imposed by the Mayor of Washington DC, employees are advised to verify modes of transportation prior to leaving the safety of FBI facilities or departing for their work assignments.

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**From:** SIOC\_MBX  
**Subject:** UPDATE: SIOC NOTIFICATION: SECURITY POSTURE IN WASHINGTON D.C METRO ---  
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**To:** FBI\_FBIHQ; WFO\_CRITICAL\_INCIDENT; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** SIOC\_MBX  
**Sent:** January 6, 2021 5:08 PM (UTC-05:00)  
**Attached:** Connector\_Lot\_Directions.pdf

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**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** FBI Police, [REDACTED]

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