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Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.

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TOP STORIES

Amazon Stands by DoD

Amazon will work enthusiastically with the U.S. military, its founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos has said. His [unequivocal position](#) comes as other firms, such as Google, pulled out of defense work after employee pressure. "If big tech companies are going to turn their back on the U.S. Department of

Defense, this country is going to be in trouble,” Mr. Bezos said.

His firm is in the process of bidding for a major contract, worth around \$10 Billion, with the Department of Defense.

The billionaire has faced backlash from Amazon ([AMZN](#)) employees over its business deals with government agencies. It has already worked with the DoD and multiple law enforcement agencies have used its facial recognition system—Rekognition. Amazon employees and civil liberties organizations claimed that the software could be used to violate human rights. [Read more here.](#)

The New U.S. Defense Giant

Harris Corporation and L3 Technologies agreed to an-all stock merger of equals, creating the United States’ [sixth largest defense contractor](#) with annual sales around \$16 billion, the companies announced on Sunday.

The underlying synergy is reflected in the fact that Harris is best known for its radios, and L3 began life as a spin-off from Lockheed Martin with the name "L3 Communications." Electronic content tends to dominate the design of [modern combat systems](#), and few companies will have greater expertise in that highly fungible skill area than L3 Harris.

The [combined firm](#) will have approximately 48,000 employees and customers in over 100 countries. Combined defense revenue for 2017 for the two companies was \$11.91 billion, according to the Defense News Top 100, which would rank the combined company seven on the list — sixth among U.S. companies.

Update on Khashoggi

President Donald Trump acknowledged Thursday it “certainly looks” as though missing [Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi is dead](#), and he threatened “very severe” consequences if the Saudis are found to have murdered him. His warning came as the administration toughened its response to a disappearance that has sparked global outrage.

Turkish reports say Khashoggi was killed and dismembered inside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul by members of an assassination squad with ties to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Saudi Arabia has been a large customer of American arms, to which many angry congressmen are demanding an immediate halt. Additionally, [a stream of investors](#) have been pulling out of the country in light of the uncertainty of the situation.

The Saudis will need to wrap up their investigation in the next few days. The longer the delay, the more likely Turkish officials will release more damning information, making it even more difficult for Saudi officials to present an explanation that will weather international scrutiny. [Read more](#).

China, China, China, China

The world's second biggest economy grew 6.5% in the third quarter of this year, according to official data published Friday. That's its weakest quarterly growth since the depths of the global financial crisis in early 2009 and [below economists' expectations of 6.6%](#). The Chinese economy has lost momentum this year following government efforts to try to rein in high levels of debt. It has also started coming under pressure from U.S. tariffs on more than \$250 billion of its exports. Click [here](#) for full story

\$6 trillion of [local government debt](#) may be lurking under the surface in China. The actual level of off-balance-sheet Chinese local government debt could be several times more than what is publicly disclosed and range as high as 30 trillion yuan to 40 trillion yuan, or about \$4.34 trillion to \$5.78 trillion, S&P Global Ratings analysts say in a [report](#).

China on Tuesday characterized its [mass internment](#) of Muslims as a push to bring into the "modern, civilized" world a destitute people who are easily led astray. The report is the ruling Communist Party's latest effort to defend its extrajudicial detention of Central Asian Muslim minorities against mounting criticism. [More here](#).

China says its [H-20 nuclear stealth bomber](#) is about to hit the skies. The Hong-20 is often compared to the U.S. B-2 stealth bomber, but in May, China released a possible video teaser of it under a sheet, which looked eerily like a B-21 Raider. This would not be the first time a Chinese aircraft has been very similar to American technology.

Bradley Replacement in the Works

The Army has been yearning to replace its Cold War-era Bradley fighting vehicle. The Next-Generation Combat Vehicle Cross-Functional Team — established as part of the Army's new Futures Command — tackles the service's second highest priority out of six major lines of effort that are intended to fully modernize the force by 2028.

The Army's [replacement for the Bradley](#) will likely field a main armament that's far more potent than the Bradley's 25 millimeter cannon. Some experts even suggest it could possess a main gun of up to 100mm.

One of these [3 vehicles](#) might replace the U.S. Army's M2 Bradley. However, it

appears [General Dynamics Griffin](#) has taken the lead.

Quick Hits

The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is set to enter a round of testing to determine if the jet is indeed ready for action worldwide. The highly anticipated initial operational test and evaluation (IOT&E) tests will start in November 2018 and conclude in July 2019. [Full story here.](#)

The [American pilot](#) killed aboard a Ukrainian Air Force fighter jet when the aircraft crashed during a training exercise in Ukraine on Tuesday, now has been identified as hailing from California, officials said. The Air Force fighter pilot, Lt. Col. Seth “Jethro” Nehring, was with the California Air National Guard’s 194th Fighter Squadron, part of the 144th Fighter Wing based in Fresno.

Iran has found a new way to harass U.S. warships, and it's got the U.S. Navy on edge. According to the Navy, [Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles](#) (drones) are increasingly active over the gulf, operating in what officials have described as unsafe ways. Marine Corps and Navy officials said U.S. ships in the Persian Gulf are now regularly overflowed by Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles. Click [here](#) for more.

Look Ahead

Tuesday, October 23

12:30pm: [CFR panel on global artificial intelligence race](#)

1777 F St., NW

1:00pm: [AEI discussion on foreign policy and the 2018 midterm elections](#)

1789 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Thursday, October 25

7:00am: Morrison & Foerster Outlook and MoForward 2019

Morrison & Foerster holds its Outlook and MoForward 2019 executive briefing on national security and government contracting.

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10:00am: [Brookings discussion on U.S. policy and the war in Yemen](#) ([RSVP](#))

Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW

3:30pm: [Atlantic Council discussion on security in northern Europe](#) ([RSVP](#))

1030 15th Street NW, 12th Floor

Friday, October 26

8:30am: [Military Reporters & Editors Association conference](#)

Navy League of the United States Headquarters, 2300 Wilson Blvd #200,
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Have a great weekend!

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Subject: WTC Transition Update

Good Morning,

A quick transition update. To follow on our conversation this past Tuesday.

- Dave Potter will step into the role of Director of Marketing and Communications. Dave's key mission will be moving the 2019 plan to execution.

- Jody Puckett, whom many of you know will start with us next week on a temporary basis. Jody will be our Administrator during the transition working on things like Finance and budget, the Economic Study, WTC meetings, Sales Staff leadership among other things.

- Kristi Olsen from York County will assist Dave with the plan reaching into the community for other support as needed. We appreciate YC loaning us Kristi during our transition.

- Terry Banez the Executive Director of the Business Council will also support as needed as we do share some staff functions.

- Under Ruth Larson's leadership the municipalities have agreed to reconvene the Finance team to help us ensure the required structure, processes and procedures are put in place. That is already in motion.

- I will meet with our leadership team weekly as well as continue to work, with you, those overarching, formative actions required for successful stand-up of our new organization.

- We will soon have a short 10 minute presentation ready to give to any organization, groups or boards interested in what the WTC is about and doing. This legislation has created interest, now we need to share our progress and vision as we grow forward.

We are fortunate to have a solid staff that under this structure who will continue their support toward our destinations success. We appreciate their dedication and professionalism during this transition. Many have already asked what else they can do to help.

Thanks to each of you and your organizations for your many contributions.

Best! Oh...and **HAPPY YORKTOWN DAY!!!!!!** The place where freedom was won!

Thanks,

Jeff

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