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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

Lawmakers ask whether massive hack amounted to act of war

Lawmakers are raising questions about whether the attack on the federal government widely attributed to Russia constitutes an act of war.

[The hacking may represent the biggest cyberattack in U.S history](#), and officials are scrambling to respond.

The response is further complicated by the presidential transition — President Trump has yet to comment publicly on the attack — and the fact that the U.S. has no clear cyber warfare strategy.

“We can’t be buddies with Vladimir Putin and have him at the same time making this kind of cyberattack on America,” Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) said of the attack during an interview Wednesday on CNN. “This is virtually a declaration of war by Russia on the United States and we should take that seriously.”

Trump repeats his vow to veto the defense budget bill, but won’t say when

President Donald Trump on Thursday reiterated [his vow to veto the annual defense authorization bill](#) rather than allow it to become law, but White House officials still have not provided a timeline for when that attempt to block the legislation may happen.

The commander-in-chief took to Twitter to level his latest veto threat, writing

Thursday that the veto “will make China very unhappy. They love [the bill].” Trump also said that a revised version of the annual defense budget policy bill “must have Section 230 termination, protect our National Monuments and allow for removal of military from far away, and very unappreciative, lands.”

How President-elect Biden can reinvigorate defense innovation

The world is on the cusp of a new era of warfare dominated by unmanned systems, artificial intelligence, networked weapons and sensor fusion. We recently got a glimpse of this future in the rapid devastation that Turkish-backed Azeri forces delivered to the Armenian military with low-cost drones and smart weapons.

While China and Russia exploit advances in emerging technologies, the United States military struggles to adopt them. [If the U.S. does not adapt quickly to this new way of fighting wars, we will become vulnerable to attacks from authoritarian regimes](#) that pose an existential threat to our national security, our democracy and our way of life.

Donald Trump ran for president as a disruptor, and one area he promised to disrupt was national defense. But while speaking the language of disruption, Trump spent even more on the same old ships, vehicles and aircraft at the expense of emerging technology. He got historic increases in defense spending from Congress and squandered them on the past.

President-elect Joe Biden and his team must do what Trump promised and failed to do: Disrupt national defense. To his credit, Biden has acknowledged that the United States’ decline in military technology is a threat to our national security. But while recognition is a crucial first step, the Department of Defense needs a new innovation playbook. As Air Force Chief of Staff Ge. C.Q. Brown said: “We must accelerate change, or lose.”

Amazon Web Services challenges Pentagon decision to stick with Microsoft for cloud contract

WASHINGTON — In new court arguments over the Pentagon’s enterprise cloud contract, [Amazon Web Services said the agency erred in affirming its pick of Microsoft, noting the AWS offer is cheaper.](#)

Microsoft rebuffed the claim, saying that AWS only lowered its bid for the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure contract, known as JEDI, after seeing Microsoft’s price tag, according to redacted court filings released Tuesday by the Court of Federal Claims. Microsoft argued that its technical advantages are superior, which AWS rejects, calling the contracting process biased toward Microsoft and asking the judge for an objective review.

The long-disputed contract, potentially worth up to \$10 billion over a decade, will provide cloud-computing capabilities to the war fighter in tactical environments and serve as an important platform for artificial intelligence development. Pentagon IT

officials have said that the delay has hindered those efforts.

Microsoft won the contract in October 2019, and when AWS objected, a judge found that AWS' initial protest had merit and was likely to succeed based on only the first of six errors that the company alleged in the evaluation process. DoD completed a corrective action to review proposals again, reaffirming Microsoft as the winner in September this year.

Top U.S. general meets with Taliban negotiators

[The top general in the U.S. military met with Taliban negotiators in Qatar this week](#)

in a bid to reduce violence in Afghanistan, his office said Thursday.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley and State Department representatives met with Taliban representatives in Doha "as part of the military channel established in the U.S.-Taliban agreement," his spokesperson, Cmdr.

Sarah Flaherty, said in a statement.

"The chairman discussed the need for an immediate reduction of violence and accelerate progress towards a negotiated political solution which contributes to regional stability and safeguards U.S. national interests," Flaherty added.

Russia has tested anti-satellite missile, U.S. Space Command says

Russia has tested an anti-satellite missile, U.S. Space Command announced Wednesday.

[The test involved a direct-ascent anti-satellite \(DA-ASAT\) missile, a system capable of destroying satellites in low Earth orbit](#) that has been tested multiple

times, the command said in a statement.

If the weapon were tested on an actual satellite or used operationally, it could cause a large debris field that could endanger commercial satellites and "irrevocably pollute the space domain," according to the release.

"Russia publicly claims it is working to prevent the transformation of outer space into a battlefield, yet at the same time Moscow continues to weaponize space by developing and fielding on-orbit and ground-based capabilities that seek to exploit U.S. reliance on space-based systems," Army Gen. James Dickinson, the commander of U.S. Space Command, said in the statement.

Six largest veterans groups call for VA secretary's firing

The country's six largest veterans groups on Wednesday called for Veterans Affairs (VA) [Secretary Robert Wilkie to be fired](#) over a watchdog report revealing that he disparaged a congressional aide who said she was sexually assaulted at a VA facility.

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), AMVETS, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Vietnam Veterans of

America wrote in a letter to the White House that Wilkie had lost the trust of veterans over the conclusions in the bombshell report and that his actions could prevent people from seeking care from the VA.

"This is a tremendous breach of trust among veterans and Secretary Wilkie must be held accountable," they wrote. "His actions not only threaten to deter veterans from seeking care at VA, but also undermine the efforts of VA staff who have been working to bring an end to sexual harassment throughout the department."

Still no COVID-19 relief bill as U.S. Congress faces shutdown deadline

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -[The U.S. Congress looked increasingly unlikely on Friday to meet a deadline to agree on \\$900 billion in fresh COVID-19 aid](#) and instead may pass a third stopgap spending bill to keep the government from shutting down at midnight.

After months of partisan finger-pointing and inaction, Republicans and Democrats have been negotiating intensely this week on what is expected to be the biggest package since Spring to provide relief to a country struggling with a pandemic that is killing over 3,000 people a day.

They have reported progress, but enough differences remained by late on Thursday that talks looked likely to stretch into the weekend. That would force Congress to pass a stopgap spending bill - known as a continuing resolution, or CR - to keep the government operating for a few days after current funding expires at midnight.

Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

We understand that some people may be concerned about getting vaccinated once a [COVID-19 vaccine is available](#) in the United States. While these vaccines are being developed as quickly as possible, routine processes and procedures remain in place to ensure the safety of any vaccine that is authorized or approved for use.

Safety is a top priority, and there are many reasons to get vaccinated.

Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19

Below is a summary of the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination based on what we currently know. CDC will continue to update this page as more data becomes available.

COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19

- COVID-19 vaccines are being carefully evaluated in clinical trials and will be authorized or approved only if they make it substantially less likely you'll get COVID-19.
- Based on what we know about vaccines for other diseases, experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill

even if you do get COVID-19.

- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, [particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19](#).
 - Experts continue to conduct more studies about the effect of COVID-19 vaccination on severity of illness from COVID-19, as well as its ability to keep people from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination will be a safer way to help build protection

- COVID-19 can have [serious, life-threatening complications](#), and there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. And if you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you.
 - Clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines must first show they are safe and effective before any vaccine can be authorized or approved for use. The known and potential benefits of a COVID-19 vaccine must outweigh the known and potential risks of the vaccine for use under what is known as an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). [Watch a video on what an EUA is](#).
- Getting COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as immunity. But experts don't know how long this protection lasts, and the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness.
- Both natural immunity and immunity produced by a vaccine are important aspects of COVID-19 that experts are trying to learn more about, and CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

COVID-19 vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic

- Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.
 - The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC's recommendations [to protect yourself and others](#) will offer the best protection from COVID-19.
 - Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available. As experts learn more about how COVID-19 vaccination may help reduce spread of the disease in communities, CDC will continue to update the recommendations to protect communities using the latest science.

Biden Transition Updates

9 ARRIVALS

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Note: On December 10, 2020, President-Elect Biden announced his intention to nominate Thomas Vilsack to be Secretary of Agriculture.

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Note: On December 10, 2020, President-Elect Biden announced his intent to appoint Susan Rice to be Director of the Domestic Policy Council.

Recently: Contributing Opinion Writer at The New York Times (2018 - 2020)

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Inside the Oval Office

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Federal Personnel

9 ARRIVALS

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Note: Richard Donoghue will become Acting Deputy Attorney General effective December 24, 2020.

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Note: Jeffrey Rosen will become Acting Attorney General effective December 24, 2020.

Recently: Deputy Secretary at Office of the Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Transportation (2017 - 2019)

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[Brian Allen](#) has a new position as [Member \(Designate\)](#) at National Museum and Library Services Board [NMLSB], Office of the Director, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities [NFAH]

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Key Congressional Staffers

9 ARRIVALS

[Kaleb D. Froehlich](#) has a new position as [Chief of Staff \(Incoming\)](#) at Office of Senator Lisa Murkowski

Note: Effective December 18, 2020.

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1 DEPARTURE

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[218 BC](#) Second Punic War: Battle of the Trebia - Hannibal's Carthaginian army heavily defeat Roman forces on Italian soil

[1271 Kublai Khan](#) renames his empire "Yuan" (元 yuán), marking the start of the Yuan Dynasty of China

[1603](#) First fleet of the Dutch East India Company under Admiral Steven van der Haghen departs for the East-Indies

[1642 Abel Tasman](#)'s expedition sails around Farewell Spit and into Golden Bay, first sighting local Māori in New Zealand

[1917](#) The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, authorizing [prohibition](#) of alcohol, is approved by the US congress and sent to the states for ratification

[1957](#) World's 1st full scale nuclear power plant for only peacetime use begins to generate electricity, at the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania

[2019](#) U.S. House of Representatives votes to impeach President [Donald Trump](#) for abuse of power (230-197) and obstruction of Congress (229-198)



LOOK AHEAD

The Congressional Oversight Commission holds a teleconference, beginning at 2 p.m., to examine the funds authorized by the "CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act" National Security Loan Program, which provides up to \$17 billion for loans and loan guarantees to businesses critical to maintaining national security.

2:00 PM EST on 12/18/2020

202-224-5050

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Participants:

- Defense Undersecretary Ellen Lord

The Woodrow Wilson Center's Polar Institute holds a virtual film screening and discussion, beginning at 3:30 p.m., on "Polar Guardians: Coast Guard Icebreaking in the High Latitudes."

3:30 PM EST on 12/18/2020

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Ryan McKenna; Information on the webcast is available

at <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/polar-guardians-coast-guard-icebreaking-high-latitudes>

Participants:

- former Lt. Gov. Fran Ulmer, (D-Alaska)
- Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Karl Schultz
- former Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad Allen

- Michael Sfraga, Director of the WWC Polar Institute

The Heritage Foundation holds a webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., on "Homeland Security and the China Challenge."

11:00 AM EST on 12/21/2020

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Webinar information is available at <https://www.heritage.org/homeland-security/event/virtual-event-homeland-security-and-the-china-challenge>

Participants:

- Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf
- James Jay Carafano, Vice president of the Heritage Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute

The Hudson Institute holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 12 p.m., on "After the Taliban: Implications for India-Afghanistan Relations."

12:00 PM EST on 12/21/2020

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Carolyn Stewart; Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.hudson.org/events/1906-video-event-after-the-taliban-implications-for-india-afghanistan-relations122020>

Participants:

- former Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Senior visiting fellow at the Center for Policy Research
- Aparna Pande, Director of the Hudson Institute Initiative on the Future of India and South Asia
- Afghanistan Ambassador to the United Nations Adela Raz
- Omar Sharifi, Director of the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies
- Prakhar Sharma, Senior researcher at the International Republican Institute

The Woodrow Wilson Center's Nuclear Proliferation International History Project holds a virtual book discussion, beginning at 4 p.m., on "Political Fallout: Nuclear Weapons Testing and the Making of a Global Environmental Crisis."

4:00 PM EST on 12/21/2020

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Participants:

- Author Toshihiro Higuchi, Assistant professor of history at Georgetown

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Have a great weekend!

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