

# Fwd: This is a request for a phone interview for radio with Secretary Kirstjen Michele Nielsen

March 5, 2018 at 12 20 PM

From Matt Wanning

To publicaffairs@doc.gov, Wilbur Ross

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From: **Matt Wanning** [b(6)]

Date: Mon, Mar 5, 2018 at 204 PM

Subject: This is a request for a phone interview for radio with Secretary Wilbur Ross

Secretary Ross and Mr. Catsimatidis have been friends for years.

Mr. Catsimatidis is a businessman here in the City and he also has the #1 radio program which airs Sunday mornings in New York, Washington DC., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Boston area. CatsRoundtable.com ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Catsimatidis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Catsimatidis))

The program is taped during the week. The phone interview takes about 8- 10 minutes. The interview is one on one with Catsimatidis. Airls east coast following Sunday morning.

We have the top guests in the Country. (see below) We regularly have top administrative officials on the program and hope Secretary Nielsen will join us.

Please let me know if this would be possible and I will work out the all details at the Dr.'s convenience.

Hope to hear from you.

**Matt Wanning**  
**c/o Red Apple Group**  
800 3rd Ave.  
5th floor  
New York NY 10022

[b(6)]

#203 February 4, 2018

Jessica Ditto, White House State of Union speech, 75% approved  
Dr. Mehmet Oz, Fake medical ads on TV and Social media  
James Kallstrom, former FBI Nunes memo  
Congressman Peter King, R-NY Nunes memo  
James Heimowitz, China Institute, trade  
Charles Sullivan, Super Bowl Patriots  
District Attorney Cy Vance, Cyber crime, Sex trafficking, Opioids  
Chele Farley, New York Senate candidate  
Governor Ed Rendell, Super Bowl Eagles

#204 February 11, 2018

U.S. Senator Rand Paul, R-KY  
Dr. Stephen Dobson, mosquitoes  
Larry Kudlow, the Market  
Ed Mullins, New York City Police  
City Councilman Ritchie Torres, public housing

John LoCicero, friend Mayor Ed Koch  
U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, D- CT  
Phil Larson, SpaceX  
Richard Hoagland, space author

#205 February 18, 2018

US Senator Mike Rounds, R- SD budget.. military  
US Senator Bob Casey, D- PA, budget, immigration, Mueller  
Jan Vertefeuille, World Wildlife, China bans sale of ivory  
Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr NYCHA repairs  
Professor Asher Matathias, historian, anti semitism  
Pamela Newman, Civilian Army representative  
President Elias Husamudeen, Correction Officers, Rikers guards  
Attorney General Pam Bondi, R- FL 17 killed high school, Parkland FL  
Fran Gilbin, Florida Principal, West Boca, Olympics Heights school

#206 February 25, 2018

Steve Kates, Dr. Sky  
Leo Taddeo, FBI Cyber warfare  
John Catsimatidis Jr.  
Dr. Peter Michalos  
Mike Asaro, whales  
Jay Timmons, MFA  
State Senator John Defrancisco, candidate for Governor  
Larry Byrne, NYPD  
NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

#207 March 4, 2018

Roger Stone, political commentator Nixon to Trump, Wiki leaks?  
Reince Priebus, former RNC chair, White House Chief of staff, mid terms  
Lt. Governor Mike Stack, Pennsylvania, special election March 13, 2018  
Commissioner Ray Kelly, former NYPD, guns in schools  
County executive Steven Bellone, new sheriff, former FBI Geraldine Hart  
Ed Hayes, top criminal lawyer, Joe Percoco trial, facing long sentence  
Andrea Catsimatidis, Manhattan GOP chair, report from Saratoga



## DHS Speaker Request Form

Thank you for your interest in having a DHS speaker at your event. In order to help us facilitate your request, please complete and submit the following form (and any corresponding attachments) to [speakersbureau@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:speakersbureau@hq.dhs.gov) **at least 2 weeks prior to the event**, and allow 3-5 business days for decisions to be made.

If you have any questions or need help completing the Speaker Request Form, please call the DHS Office of Public Affairs at 202-282-8010.

### Part 1: Event Organizer

Name of Organization Submitting Request:	<input type="text"/>
Event Sponsor(s):	<input type="text"/>
For Profit/Not for Profit:	<input type="text" value="For Profit"/>
Coordinator/Point of Contact: <i>(Name, title, email, office phone, cell phone)</i>	<input type="text"/>

### Part 2: Event Details

Event Name/Title:	<input type="text"/>
Event Location:	<input type="text"/>
Event Date/Time:	<input type="text"/>
Event Type: <i>(conference, dinner, small group, etc.)</i>	<input type="text"/>
Event Purpose/Goal:	<input type="text"/>
Event Website: <i>(if applicable)</i>	<input type="text"/>

**Part 3: Presentation/Speech Details**

Requested Topic:

Presentation Format:  
*(keynote address, roundtable, panel, etc.)*

Expected Duration:  
*(30 minutes, 1 hour, etc.)*

Question and Answer:  
*(Will the speech be followed by a Q&A session?)*

No

**Part 4: Audience Details**

Audience:  
*(Approximate size of audience. Also briefly describe its make-up and if membership is required to attend.)*

Honorable Guests:  
*(List names and titles of members of Congress, CEOs, or other VIPs participating in, or attending the event.)*

Media:  
*(Will media be invited? If so, will the event be open or closed press? Also describe and submit media list.)*

**Part 5: Additional Information**

Deadline for Acceptance:

Cost of Attendance:

*(please include member and non-member price, if applicable)*

Offer of Payment/  
Reimbursement:

*(none, dining, lodging, travel, etc.)*

Disclaimer/Release Form:

*(Please indicate whether or not the event sponsor will need the speaker to sign a disclaimer/release form.)*

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# Re: Follow up

August 3, 2017 at 8:34 AM

From Rob P

To Wilbur Ross

I assume you have this, but here are your nominees who were reported last night:

Cal. #253 - Elizabeth Erin Walsh, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

· Cal. #252 - Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

· Cal. #257 - Peter B. Davidson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

· PN 674 - Michael Platt, Jr., of Arkansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2017, at 11:08 AM, Rob P [b(6)] wrote:

Wilbur -

**b(6)**

Rob

Sent from my iPhone

# Re: UPDATED SCHEDULES

March 14, 2017 at 5:50 AM

From Dina Beaumont

To Wilbur Ross

Cc **b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**

Good Morning Sir, I understand but the schedule on Friday is in flux because we don't know Angela Merkel's schedule yet and therefore I have several meetings highlighted in RED on the schedule. Sorry for the confusion. I will try to find a way to be more clear.

Thank you, Dina

Dina M. Beaumont

**b(6)**

-----Original Message-----

From: Wilbur Ross; **b(6)**

To: Dina Beaumont; **b(6)**

Cc: Wendy Teramoto; **b(6)**

Sent: Tue, Mar 14, 2017 8:42 am

Subject: Re: UPDATED SCHEDULES

These schedules need to be reviewed more carefully. For example, how can I depart for the airport Friday at 1230 if I am in a meeting at 130? WLR

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:51 PM, Dina Beaumont; **b(6)** wrote:

Good evening Wendy and Sec. Ross,

Please see the extended updated calendars attached.

Thank you,

Dina

**b(6)**

cell

**From:** Beaumont, Dina [mailto:DBeaumont@doc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 7:42 PM

**To:** Rockas, James (Federal) <JRockas@doc.gov>; Smith, William (Federal) <wsmith2@doc.gov>; Price, Ollice (Federal) <OPrice@doc.gov>; OSY-ATD-Protection **b(6)**@doc.gov>; Murnane, Barbara (Federal) <bmurnane@doc.gov>; Schufreider, Jim (Federal) <JSchufreider@doc.gov>; Elouaradia, Lesley <Lesley.Elouaradia@trade.gov>; McNeill, Valerie <Valerie.McNeill@trade.gov>; Dubik, Rick (Federal) <RDubik@doc.gov>; Guido, John (Federal) <JGuido@doc.gov>; Alexander, Brooke (Federal) <BAlexander@doc.gov>; **b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**; Branstad, Eric (Federal) <EBranstad@doc.gov>; Comstock, Earl (Federal) <EComstock@doc.gov>; Herbst, Ellen (Federal) <EHerbst@doc.gov>; Burgess, Michael (Federal) <MBurgess@doc.gov>; ExecSecBriefingBook **b(6)**; McClelland, Michelle (Federal) <mMcClelland@doc.gov>; Rzendzian, Kelly (Federal) <KRzendzian@doc.gov>; Uthmeier, James (Federal) <JUthmeier@doc.gov>; Kiefaber, Clay (Federal) <CKiefaber@doc.gov>; Abrajano, Todd <TAbrajano@doc.gov>; Emergency Operations Center **b(6)**@doc.gov>; Norton, Barbara <BNorton@doc.gov>; Andberg, Jennifer (Federal) <JAndberg@doc.gov>;

b(6) - Dina Beaumont

**Subject:** UPDATED SCHEDULES

Hi TEAM,

Massive changes to the schedule, please review this weeks updated schedules attached.

If you have any questions/concerns, please let me know.

Thank you and have a great night.

Dina

Dina M. Beaumont  
Director of Scheduling and Advance  
Department of Commerce | Office of the Secretary  
dbeaumont@doc.gov | (202)482-7452 (o)

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<THE SCHEDULE OF SECRETAY ROSS - Friday, March 17, 2017.pdf>

<THE SCHEDULE OF SECRETAY ROSS - Thursday, MARCH 16, 2017.pdf>

<THE SCHEDULE OF SECRETAY ROSS - Wednesday, MARCH 15, 2017.pdf>

<Scheduling Spreadsheet - FORWARD.pdf>

<THE SCHEDULE OF SECRETAY ROSS - Tuesday, MARCH 14, 2017.pdf>



# RE: Bloomberg TV

February 28, 2017 at 6:06 AM

From "Teramoto, Wendy L"

To 'Emma Chandra', Wilbur Ross

I will have Secretary Ross's communications group reach out to you immediately. Wendy

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Emma Chandra (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [echandra6@bloomberg.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 06:47 AM Central Standard Time

**To:** Teramoto, Wendy L, **b(6) - Secretary Ross**

**Subject:** [EXT]Re: Bloomberg TV

Thank you Wilbur. Hello Wendy.

We'd love to speak with the Secretary at his earliest opportunity. Do please direct me to the right person at Commerce to take this request from here.

Thank you, Emma

**From:** **b(6) - Secretary Ross** At: 02/27/17 22:46:53

**To:** EMMA CHANDRA (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:),

**b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**

**Subject:** Re: Bloomberg TV

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2017, at 8:04 PM, Emma Chandra (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <echandra6@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Dear Wilbur,

Congratulations on your confirmation as Commerce Secretary! We here at Bloomberg are looking forward to talking to you about your plans for the department and the administration's agenda. Let me know how we can make that work.

All best,

Emma

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Dear Mr. Ross,

Emma Chandra from Bloomberg TV here. I wanted to check in given your Senate confirmation due today. With the new administration's bold trade agenda our anchors here at Bloomberg TV would love to speak with you at your earliest opportunity (I know you've spoken with David Westin and Vonnie Quinn in the past). To whom and how should I direct our request?

Very best, Emma

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From: EMMA CHANDRA (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) At: 01/25/17 16:27:32

To:

**b(6) - Wilbur Ross**

Subject: Re: Bloomberg TV

Mr. Ross,

Who should I be in touch with now? Do you have a new Press Secretary?

Emma

From: **b(6) - Wilbur Ross**  
At: 01/24/17 17:42:37

To:  
EMMA CHANDRA (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)

Subject: Re: Bloomberg TV

Thanks W

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2017, at 5:31 PM, Emma Chandra (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <echandra6@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Dear Mr. Ross,

This is Emma Chandra at Bloomberg TV. I received your new email address so wanted to re-connect.

Congratulations once again on your nomination to be Secretary of Commerce. Needless to say we would love to host you on Bloomberg once the confirmation process is finished. Perhaps we can stay in touch?

Thank you and best wishes,

Emma

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Sent from Bloomberg Professional for iPhone

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# Re: Friday night

February 28, 2017 at 6:43 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

What time do u want to leave for **b(6)** and I will make sure ur appts stop an hour before. If we don't have a hard time they will just continue to fill the schedule. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 8:29 AM, Wilbur Ross **b(6)** wrote:

I would rather see them early in the day as I would like to go to **b(6)** W

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 28, 2017, at 8:27 AM, Wendy Teramoto **b(6)** wrote:

Willie had put a Qualcomm dinner of your schedule. No idea what it is for. Do you want me to cancel? I had assumed you would be in **b(6)** Let me know. W

Sent from my iPhone

# Re: Friday night

February 28, 2017 at 6:39 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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Ok. Will set it up.

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# Re: Congratulations! Mark the Senate vote.

February 28, 2017 at 11:56 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To **b(6) - Israel Hernandez**

Cc Wilbur Ross

Great idea izzy and thank you for sharing it with us. Please let me know if you spoke to Todd and your process is moving forward. Look forward to seeing you soon. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 1:44 PM, **b(6) - Israel Hernandez** wrote:

Congratulations!

I read the pool report and saw the Vice President's remarks and your remarks as well. What a great day!

An action item to mark the occasion:

1) We should ask the Legislative Office at Commerce to reach out to the Senate and to send you last night's vote on paper. It comes on a nice official Senate letterhead with the Seal and lists the roll call confirming your nomination. It is nice to keep. You will enjoy having it to mark the occasion.

2) Plus it will be helpful to keep a list of who voted for you for future reference.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. I'm looking into making a trip to DC next week to help organize my paperwork.

Enjoy the day.

Best regards,

Izzy

# Fwd: Leaked audio

February 28, 2017 at 1:37 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Rockas, James (Federal)" <JRockas@doc.gov>

**Date:** February 27, 2017 at 10:37:15 PM EST

**To:** Wendy Teramoto; [REDACTED] **b(6)**

**Subject:** FW: Leaked audio

[http://gizmodo.com/leaked-audio-trump-cares-about-food-safety-but-only-if-1792719325?utm\\_campaign=socialflow\\_gizmodo\\_facebook&utm\\_source=gizmodo\\_facebook&utm\\_medium=socialflow](http://gizmodo.com/leaked-audio-trump-cares-about-food-safety-but-only-if-1792719325?utm_campaign=socialflow_gizmodo_facebook&utm_source=gizmodo_facebook&utm_medium=socialflow)

Please see above.

James G. Rockas  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
Department of Commerce | Office of Public Affairs  
[REDACTED] **b(6)** (c) | jrockas@doc.gov | (202)482-5035 (o)





# Social calendar

February 28, 2017 at 11:39 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

Cc Brooke Alexander

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I introduced Brooke to Hilary. Brooke will coordinate with Hilary to make sure all of your personal events are in the calendar. Dina is your Commerce scheduler and what she puts out is posted online and publicly available.

I suggest all schedule requests you get send them to Brooke and myself. We will then sort through what is Commerce related vs personal and then proceed accordingly. CC'ing Brooke so she is prepared. W

Sent from my iPhone

# Fwd: Meeting Request -- Rio Tinto CEO JS Jacques -- March 9/10

February 28, 2017 at 5:27 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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Interest?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Malan, Todd (US Ext Affairs)" [b(6)]@riotinto.com>  
**Date:** February 27, 2017 at 9:19:24 PM EST  
**To:** "dbeaumont@doc.gov" <dbeaumont@doc.gov>  
**Cc:** [b(6) - Wendy Teramoto] "ebranstad@doc.gov" <ebranstad@doc.gov>, "Stanton, Ryan (RTHQ)" [b(6)]@riotinto.com>  
**Subject:** Meeting Request -- Rio Tinto CEO JS Jacques -- March 9/10

Dina: Hope this finds you well. I am writing to request a meeting on March 9 or 10 with Secretary Ross for JS Jacques, Chief Executive of global mining and metals company Rio Tinto. Secretary Ross and Mr. Jacques have met in the past when JS was with Arcelor Mittal as head of strategy. Mr. Jacques is interested in discussing how Rio Tinto can support President Trump's infrastructure and manufacturing initiatives. He is in Washington March 9-10 and would be delighted to see the Secretary during this visit. I have attached a short paper on Rio Tinto's operations in the US. Let me know if you need more information. Best, Todd

Todd M. Malan  
Vice President, External Affairs & Communications - Americas

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## Rio Tinto in the US

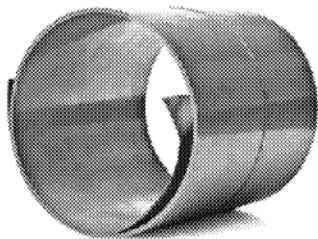
Rio Tinto operations in the United States have a history that dates back over 100 years. We supply metals and minerals that help power the US economy. Our major products produced in the US are copper, gold and industrial minerals. Globally, the US represents a top market for some of Rio Tinto's key products, such as aluminum, diamonds and copper.



Our 3,700 people work in more than 7 states across the US. We are strongly represented in Arizona, California and Utah, and have other operations across the West.

Approximately 18% of Rio Tinto's shareholders are based in the US, and in 2014 Rio Tinto sold \$6.4 billion worth of products into the US, representing 12.9% of all global sales. Also in 2014, Rio Tinto paid \$211 million in taxes to US federal, state and local governments.

Two of our four Group-wide product groups – Copper & Coal and Diamonds & Minerals – currently operate in the US. They are supported by our Exploration and Technology & Innovation groups.



### **Copper & Coal** **Rio Tinto Kennecott Copper - Utah**

Our Kennecott Utah Copper Mine has been a fixture in the Salt Lake Valley for more than 112 years. Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine is the largest private economic driver in Utah, and no other private sector operation has generated more production, exports, income and employment in Utah's history.

We work to prevent, mitigate or remediate any potentially harmful effects of our operations on the environment. We set self-imposed environmental targets to drive continual improvement. We strive to be a leader in environmental

performance by demonstrating good management of natural resources, responsibly reducing our environmental footprint and exceeding community expectations for sustainable development.

#### **Fast facts**

- Over the past 100 years, Kennecott has paid 60% of all taxes paid to the State of Utah.
- Kennecott operates one of only three copper smelters in the US. It is also the cleanest operating smelter in the world.
- In 2015, Kennecott will toll 300,000+ tonnes of copper from other producers through our smelter.

#### **Resolution Copper Company - Arizona**

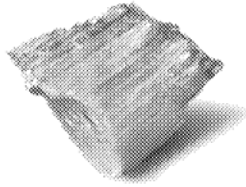
Resolution Copper is one of the largest undeveloped copper deposits in the world, located in the historic Magma Copper Mine adjacent to the town of Superior, Arizona. The Resolution copper deposit lies nearly 7,000 feet below the earth's surface, and is believed to be more than 1.9 billion tons.

Resolution Copper Mining is working to develop the mine, which at full production, will be the largest copper producer in North America. Over the 40 year life of the mine, it will be capable of producing nearly 25 percent of US copper demand each year.

#### **Fast facts**

- The Resolution Copper Mine is expected to have an economic value of \$61.4 billion over the estimated life of the project, directly and indirectly.
- The project will create around 3,700 project related jobs.
- Resolution Copper Mining has spent almost \$30 million reclaiming legacy tailings sites around the Town of Superior. An additional \$25 million will be spent in 2016.

Our 3,700 people work in more than 7 states across the US.



## **Diamonds & Minerals**

### **Boron – California**

Rio Tinto Minerals' mine in Boron, California supplies more than a third of the global demand for refined borates, key ingredients in fiberglass, glass, ceramics, fertilizers, wood preservatives and hundreds of other products. The mine has been in operation since 1927. It also operates facilities in Wilmington and Owen's Lake.

The mule teams that hauled borates out of our original mines in Death Valley are long gone, but the symbol endures in the 20 Mule Team Borax® product brand. In the marketplace, this brand is the mark of superior product quality and consistency, supply reliability, technical support and service.

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#### **Fast facts**

- Boron is a 'Zero Water Discharge' facility under California regulations.
  - Rio Tinto Minerals is one of the top ten single largest exporters in the Port of Los Angeles.
  - Rio Tinto Minerals has a long-standing relationship with Death Valley National Park, and donated 110 acres to the Park to expand its perimeter in 2010.
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Right - The Flambeau Mine in Wisconsin, during operation and after closure and cleanup.

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## **Legacy Management**

### **Holden Mine – Washington State**

The Holden Mine is located in a remote spot near Lake Chelan in north-central Washington State. It was one of the largest operating copper mines in the United States from 1938 to 1957. After the Holden Mine was closed, the Howe Sound Company sold the mine and the accompanying town site to the Lutheran Bible Institute for one dollar, and it is now known as Holden Village.

The cleanup addresses a number of environmental problems from the old Holden Mine, including installing a retaining wall to protect Railroad creek, decommissioning the abandoned mill, re-grading and re-vegetating tailings piles, and constructing a water treatment plant. Rio Tinto is working with federal, state and local officials to ensure the cleanup meets all applicable standards.

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#### **Fast facts**

- In a 2008 acquisition, Rio Tinto acquired the responsibility to rehabilitate the Holden Mine. Despite never having commercially benefitted from the mine, Rio Tinto has brought global expertise and a unique partnership to the project, at a cost of over \$500 million.
  - Over 370 people will be employed throughout the life of the project.
  - Rio Tinto's partner in the reclamation is Holden Village, a spiritual retreat and community. When completed, Holden Village expects to accommodate 5,000 visitors annually.
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#### **Exploration**

The goal of our Exploration group is to create value for Rio Tinto by discovering or acquiring new mineral resources. We have had a sustained commitment to exploration for almost 70 years and consider it to be one of our leading capabilities.

Rio Tinto Exploration (RTX) currently operates in five states and assesses opportunities in many others for a broad range of commodities. These include, copper, iron ore, nickel, uranium, diamonds and others.

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#### **Fast facts**

- RTX has made greenfield discoveries in Michigan, Arizona, Wisconsin, Nevada and elsewhere, and has discovered additional resources at existing Rio Tinto mines, prolonging their life spans.
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#### **Customers & Suppliers**

The US is an important market for Rio Tinto globally. We supply aluminum to the US automotive industry, copper and industrial minerals to renewable energy manufacturers, and gold and diamonds to retailers like Tiffany & Co.

Further, the US is home to many strategic suppliers to Rio Tinto's operations globally. This includes General Electric, Komatsu America, Bechtel, Modular Mining Systems, Inc. We are proud of these long-standing relationships with our US customers and suppliers.

# Congratulations

February 28, 2017 at 11:34 AM

From James Hennigan

To Wilbur Ross

Cc Earl Comstock

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Wilbur - congratulations on the decisive vote yesterday evening. I was sorry to miss your swearing-in this morning, but am out on the road visiting manufacturing facilities this week.

It was an honor to support your nomination and help lay the groundwork for your term as Secretary.

I hope you'll call on me if I can be helpful moving forward, either personally or from my perch at the NAM.

Sincerely,

Jamie

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Jamie Hennigan

**b(6)** (C)

# DOC Morning News Clips for Friday, March 30, 2018

March 30, 2018 at 4:37 AM

From "Reinert, William (Federal)"

To Undisclosed recipients: ;

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## DOC Morning News Clips for Friday, March 30, 2018

### The bitter lie behind the census's citizenship question

#### Washington Post

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross failed a crucial test of leadership this week. Buckling to President Trump, Attorney General Jeff Sessions and their anti-immigrant agenda, Ross agreed to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census, sacrificing the integrity, fairness and accuracy of the count. For the good of our democracy, Congress must overturn his decision.

**AG GROUPS GET THEIR DAY AT THE WINDER BUILDING:** USTR's newly sworn-in chief agriculture negotiator Gregg Doud will be doing his due diligence with meetings today with major agriculture industry groups to discuss their priorities and concerns with the administration's restive trade agenda. The farm groups representing producers of soybeans, pork, beef and other commodities as well as associations representing agricultural processors are expected to express their fears that tariffs against China and other countries will only invite punishing countermeasures that could seriously hurt U.S. exporters, according to sources familiar with the plans.

"If I were Gregg, I would certainly want to say that I had done that and given all those groups an opportunity to air their concerns and hear directly from him before he was put in the mix of having to make some key decisions," one observer said.

However, the frustration appears to cut both ways as the industry's public campaigning against President Donald Trump's trade actions have stoked frustration from U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, who has indicated that he is "tired of it" and said the efforts have been unhelpful to the administration's trade agenda, sources said.

**RULING EXPECTED SOON IN 232 COURT CASE:** Senior Court of International Trade Judge Jane Restani indicated Thursday that she would quickly make a ruling on a foreign steel company's request for a temporary restraining order against Trump's new 25 percent tariff on steel, a source present at the proceedings said. She also expressed skepticism about the request, giving supporters of the tariffs some hope, the source said.

Section 232 of the 1962 Trade Expansion Act allows the president to impose tariffs to deal with a threat to national security. But the case filed by the Swiss subsidiary of Russian steel company Severstal argues Trump's public statements make clear the duties were imposed for political and economic reasons and "therefore exceeded the scope of Congress' delegation of authority to the Executive Branch."

The Department of Justice team led by acting Assistant Attorney General Chris Readler filed a motion to dismiss the case, arguing the court lacks jurisdiction to review Trump's decision because he is not an "agency" under the Administrative Procedure Act.

"Courts are not permitted to review the president's findings of fact or his subjective motivations in matters committed to his discretion," the DOJ brief said. "Additionally, plaintiffs have failed to pursue administrative remedies that could obviate the need for this Court to resolve their claims at all, such that this suit is not ripe for review."

The DOJ team also argued that Severstal failed to meet any of the tests necessary for the judge to issue emergency relief, namely, that they are likely to succeed in their lawsuit and that they will suffer irreparable harm without relief.

"Finally, the public interest and balance of harms weigh heavily in favor of the United States. The secretary [of Commerce] and the president have determined that the tariffs are essential for the national security. The public's interest in national security significantly outweighs the plaintiffs' interest in not paying the tariffs for the duration of this proceeding, payments they would recover should they prevail," the DOJ brief said.

**FARMERS BACK ON TRUMP'S AIRWAVES:** A group of farm organizations isn't resting in trying to get Trump's attention, buying more ad time on some of Trump's most-watched channels. The ad was paid for by Farmers for Free Trade -- an advocacy group formed last year by several agriculture industry groups in response to the president's potential withdrawal from NAFTA and other administration trade policies.

"I'm supportive of the Trump administration, but I have a lot of concerns about current actions that have been taken on trade and tariffs. The fact that China is our No. 1 soybean customer makes us very vulnerable. Our farm and many others like ours will be one of the first casualties of a trade war," Indiana farmer Brent Bible says in the 30-second spot that will run for the next two weeks on Fox News, CNN and MSNBC in both the Washington, D.C., and West Palm Beach, Fla., media markets.

The ad is the second the group has invested in. Earlier this month, a similar ad featured Montana farmer and rancher Michelle Erickson-Jones cautioning against trade restrictive policies.

**STUDY PREDICTS BLEAK FUTURE FOR SOYBEAN GROWERS:** And the farm hits keep on coming with a study this week from Purdue University that found China's imports of U.S. soybeans could drop by 71 percent if Beijing were to impose a 30 percent tariff in response to U.S. trade restrictions. The study, commissioned by the U.S. Soybean Export Council, modeled prospective scenarios based on China hitting U.S. exports with duties between 10 percent and 30 percent.

A more modest 10 percent tariff would still be harmful: U.S. exports would drop by 33 percent, leading to an 18 percent decline in total soybean exports, the study found.

"The annual loss in U.S. economic well-being would range between \$1.7 billion and \$3.3 billion," Wally Tyner, one of the Purdue agricultural economists in charge of the study, said in a statement. "Chinese economic well-being also falls if they impose a tariff, in some cases as much or more than for the U.S. The reason for that is that soybean imports are very important to their domestic economy."

**TRUMP'S NEW KORUS STRATEGY: DELAY, DELAY, DELAY:** Trump is considering stalling the new trade agreement that his own advisers are trumpeting as "historic," "innovative" and "visionary" to use it as leverage in ongoing efforts to secure a nuclear deal with North Korea. Speaking at a campaign-style rally in Ohio on Thursday, the president said without elaborating that he "may hold it up until after a deal is made" with Pyongyang.

"Does everybody understand that?" he continued. "Because it's a very strong card, and I want to make sure everyone is treated fairly, and we're moving along very nicely with North Korea. We'll see what happens."

**It remains unclear what exactly Trump is trying to achieve by delaying the agreement,** which must still be signed by both countries and passed by the South Korean legislature. Asked for clarification, White House principal deputy press secretary Raj Shah said in a statement that "the president, taking into account all relevant considerations — including negotiations with North Korea — will determine the best time to sign a finalized agreement on behalf of the United States."

It's a bit of a confusing tactic, however, given that the updated deal has been branded as a win for the U.S., and the current KORUS agreement — which Trump has repeatedly criticized as a job-killer and a major cause of the U.S.'s bilateral trade deficit with Seoul — will remain in place until 2.0 is signed. Holding it hostage would ostensibly hurt the U.S. the most while bringing little in terms of leverage to pressure Seoul to lean on North Korea.

Plus, "talks are happening with a great deal of help from South Korea," National Foreign Trade Council board Chairman Carlos Gutierrez, a former Commerce secretary, wrote on Twitter. "They don't need more pressure from the U.S."

**KEEPING YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE:** At the same event, Trump reiterated his call to update trade deals that have long allowed U.S. trading partners to "plunder our wealth," saying that close allies have done more to hurt the U.S. economy than the country's enemies.

"They've stolen our wealth, they've stolen our jobs, they've stolen our plants and factories. No more. We're not letting other countries take advantage of us — even our friends," Trump said.

"Frankly, our friends did more damage to us than our enemies, because we didn't deal with our enemies," he said. "We dealt with our friends, and we dealt incompetently."

**SECTION 301 PRODUCT LIST NOT OUT YET:** Last week, USTR said the list of at least \$50 billion worth of Chinese products that could be hit with duties in the Section 301 investigation would be out this week. But as Friday dawns, there's still no sign of the list and no update from USTR when it will be

released. At this point, many industry sources are looking toward next week as the most likely time frame, given the administration's self-imposed deadline to release the list by April 6.

**USTR SCORES VICTORY FOR USED CLOTHING EXPORTERS:** Used clothing exporters on Thursday expressed thanks to the Trump administration for persuading four members of the East African Community to reverse policies that restricted imports of used clothing from the United States. "We are truly grateful to learn our trade relationship with Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi will be maintained, which could not have been successful without the U.S. government's support," Jackie King, director of the Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association (SMART), said in a statement. However, a fifth member of the EAC, Rwanda, decided to keep restrictions in place, prompting Trump to notify Congress on Thursday that he is suspending duty-free treatment for Rwandan apparel under the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act. That action takes effect in 60 days. The United States only imported about \$1.9 million worth of clothing and other textiles from Rwanda last year, out of total imports of \$43.6 million.

Roughly 22 percent of U.S. used clothing exports go to the EAC, which was recently expanded to include South Sudan. EAC members announced plans in March 2016 to begin phasing in a ban on used clothing imports, threatening more than 190,000 jobs in the U.S. recycled clothing industry, SMART said.

"The president's determinations underscore his commitment to enforcing our trade laws and ensuring fairness in our trade relationships," Deputy U.S. Trade Representative C.J. Mahoney said in a statement. "We have and will continue to work with Rwanda to resolve this situation."

**COMMERCE STILL MULLING SECTION 232 URANIUM PROBE:** There's still no word on whether the Commerce Department will launch the third Section 232 investigation of the Trump administration, this one targeting imports of uranium from Russia and neighboring suppliers. The Commerce Department received a petition on Jan. 16 from Ur-Energy Inc. and Energy Fuels Inc. asking Trump to restrict imports on the basis of national security.

A spokeswoman for the two companies said they have had some discussions with the Commerce Department about an investigation, but no decision has been made. U.S. nuclear power plant owners and operators purchased about 50.6 million pounds of uranium in 2016, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. About 11 percent came from domestic suppliers and 89 percent from foreign countries.

Canada accounted for 25 percent of U.S. imports, followed by Kazakhstan (24 percent), Australia (20 percent), Russia (14 percent) and Uzbekistan (4 percent). The list of smaller suppliers includes Malawi, Namibia, Niger, South Africa, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Germany and Ukraine.

The Commerce Department initiated a Section 232 investigation in 1989 "because of concerns that uranium imports exceeded 37.5 percent at that time," the two companies said in their Jan. 16 press release. "The problem is far worse now. In 2016, the combined uranium imports from three geopolitically and commercially linked countries - Russia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan - fulfilled nearly 40 percent of U.S. requirements."



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## U.S. Department of Commerce Announces Reinstatement of Citizenship Question to the 2020 Decennial Census

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Today, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced that a question on citizenship status will be reinstated to the 2020 decennial census questionnaire to help enforce the Voting Rights Act (VRA). Secretary Ross's decision follows a request by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to add a question on citizenship status to the 2020 decennial census.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the memorandum directing the Census Bureau to reinstate a question on citizenship to the 2020 decennial census.

The citizenship question will be the same as the one that is asked on the yearly American Community Survey (ACS). Citizenship questions have also been included on prior decennial censuses. Between 1820 and 1950, almost every decennial census asked a question on citizenship in some form. Today, surveys of sample populations, such as the Current Population Survey and the ACS, continue to ask a question on citizenship.

On December 12, 2017, DOJ requested that the Census Bureau reinstate a citizenship question on the decennial census to provide census block level citizenship voting age population (CVAP) data that is not currently available from government surveys. DOJ and the courts use CVAP data for the enforcement of Section 2 of the VRA, which protects minority voting rights.

Having citizenship data at the census block level will permit more effective enforcement of the VRA, and Secretary Ross determined that obtaining complete and accurate information to meet this legitimate government purpose outweighed the limited potential adverse impacts.

Congress delegated to the Secretary of Commerce the authority to determine questions to be asked on the decennial census. The Census Act requires the list of decennial census questions be submitted to Congress no later than March 31, 2018. Following receipt of the DOJ request, the Department of Commerce immediately initiated a comprehensive review process led by the Census Bureau, prioritizing the goal of obtaining complete and accurate data.

After a thorough review of the legal, program, and policy considerations, as well as numerous discussions with Census Bureau leadership, Members of Congress, and interested stakeholders, Secretary Ross has determined that reinstatement of a

citizenship question on the 2020 decennial census questionnaire is necessary to provide complete and accurate census block level data.

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**Canadian government calls new U.S. duties on newsprint 'unjustified'**

**CBC News**

Newsprint is the latest Canadian product to be hit with preliminary countervailing duties by the United States. The U.S. Department of Commerce slapped an overall tariff of 6.53 per cent on about 25 Canadian plants, mostly in Quebec and Ontario, following an investigation that began in August 2017. "Today's preliminary decision allows U.S. producers to receive relief from the market-distorting effects of potential government subsidies while taking into account the need to keep groundwood paper prices affordable for domestic consumers," **said Wilbur Ross**, commerce secretary. "The Department of Commerce will continue to evaluate and verify the accuracy of this preliminary determination while standing up for the American business and worker."

**Trump administration slaps tariffs on Canadian paper**

**CNN**

In a decision opposed by some Republicans, the Commerce Department late Tuesday applied tariffs as high as 10% to Canadian paper. This follows American tariffs of up to 18% on Canadian lumber, imposed last year. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross says Canadian paper companies get subsidies from their national government and it's unfair to American competitors. In 2016, imports of Canadian paper totaled \$1.3 billion.

**Organizers: Lighthizer, Mnuchin, Ross expected to accompany Trump to Davos**

**World Trade Online**

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer is expected to accompany President Trump to the World Economic Forum in Davos later this month, according to WEF organizers. The Associated Press reports that the organizers said Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin were also likely to travel with Trump. The high-profile gathering of government leaders, business executives and others runs from Jan. 23-26.

**Canada takes U.S. to WTO, U.S. says case helps China**

**Reuters**

Canada has launched a wide-ranging trade complaint against the United States, the World Trade Organization said on Wednesday, in a dispute that Washington said would damage Canada's own interests and play into China's hands. Canada's complaint, challenging Washington's use of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties, was based on almost 200 examples of alleged U.S. wrongdoing, almost all of them concerning other trading partners, such as China, India, Brazil and the European Union.

**The Controversial Question DOJ Wants to Add to the U.S. Census**

**The Atlantic**

A recent request by the Department of Justice to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 census could threaten participation, and as a consequence, affect the allocation of federal money and distribution of congressional seats. In December, the Department of Justice sent a letter to the Census Bureau asking that it reinstate a question on citizenship to the 2020 census. "This data is critical to the Department's enforcement of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and its important protections against racial discrimination in voting," the department said in a letter. "To fully enforce those requirements, the Department needs a reliable calculation of the citizen voting-age population in localities where voting rights violations are alleged or suspected." The request immediately met

pushback from census experts, civil-rights advocates, and a handful of Democratic senators, who say that the argument is unfounded and that the timing of the request is irresponsible.

### **Canada launches WTO case against U.S. trade remedy practices**

Canada took the first step on Wednesday toward opening a case at the World Trade Organization broadly challenging the United States' trade remedy measures.

In its request for consultations — the first formal step in initiating a WTO dispute — Canada takes issue with, among other things, how the United States handles trade cases when the WTO rules in the United States' favor. In its chief complaint, Ottawa says that Washington collects anti-dumping and countervailing duties in excess of WTO-consistent rates and then fails to immediately refund the difference.

Canada cites four agreements that it says the United States' current practices violate: the 1994 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the WTO's Anti-Dumping Agreement, the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.

The WTO complaint is the latest sign of increasing tensions over trade between the United States and Canada. The United States has so far this year slapped hefty duties on Canadian softwood lumber, certain types of paper and Bombardier jets, and the two countries are increasingly at odds over how to proceed in the continuing renegotiation of NAFTA.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer criticized Canada's decision to launch the WTO case as a "broad and ill-advised attack on the U.S. trade remedies system."

"Canada's claims are unfounded and could only lower U.S. confidence that Canada is committed to mutually beneficial trade," Lighthizer said in a statement, defending U.S. trade remedies as a way of making sure that trade is fair.

Lighthizer argued that the complaint, if successful, would serve to benefit other countries while only hurting Canadian workers and businesses, given that it would force the U.S. to remove certain duty imports that would lead to a flood of imports from China and other countries. That in turn would damage billions of dollars of Canadian exports to the U.S., he said.

"Canada's claims threaten the ability of all countries to defend their workers against unfair trade," he said.

"Canada's complaint is bad for Canada."

### **Canada defends WTO case against U.S. as a bid to defend its forestry sector**

Canada's decision to launch a case at the WTO challenging the United States' trade remedy practices arose out of an ongoing softwood lumber case between the two countries, Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said today.

"This WTO action is part of our broader litigation to defend the hundreds of thousands of good, middle class forestry jobs across our country," Freeland said in a statement to POLITICO.

In the WTO case, which first circulated among member nations in Geneva today, Ottawa broadly takes issue with U.S. trade remedy measures including, among other things, how the United States handles trade cases when the WTO rules in Washington's favor.

It marks the third line of attack Canada has launched against the U.S. decision to slap anti-dumping and countervailing duties on imports of Canadian softwood lumber, which is already the subject of separate legal challenges at the WTO and under a special NAFTA dispute settlement mechanism.

"The U.S. Department of Commerce's decision on punitive countervailing and anti-dumping duties against Canada's softwood lumber producers is unfair and unwarranted," Freeland said. "We continue to engage our American counterparts to encourage them to come to a durable negotiated agreement on softwood lumber."

Trade in lumber has for decades been an irritant in the two countries' relationship. In the past, disputes have been headed off by comprehensive agreements managing imports from Canada.

Besides lumber, the United States has also slapped duties this year on certain types of paper and Bombardier jets from Canada.

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### **Buchanan to head Ways and Means tax policy panel (back)**

By Aaron Lorenzo

Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) is taking over the Ways and Means Tax Policy Subcommittee.

The change was made official today during a private meeting of Ways and Means Republicans.

The slot became available as part of an overall reshuffling of subcommittee chairs triggered by the pending retirement of Pat Tiberi (R-Ohio), who's in his last week in Congress.

Tiberi had chaired the Health Subcommittee, but that gavel now belongs to Peter Roskam (R-Ill.), who had headed the tax subcommittee.

Buchanan gave up the Oversight Subcommittee chair, which now belongs to Lynn Jenkins (R-Kan.).

Buchanan, who headed the oversight panel for the past year and had been using the perch to craft legislation to restructure operations at the IRS, will continue to be involved in that bill. Buchanan has said frequently that he wanted to introduce the measure early this year.

On Monday, Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas) promised "action this year on this issue."

Brady has said a revamped IRS should focus on customer service, though critics have warned it would be problematic to try to remake the bureaucracy at the same time the agency is taking a lead role in implementing the new tax law President Donald Trump signed last month, H.R. 1 (115).

In other Ways and Means personnel news, Darin LaHood (R-Ill.) won the seat being vacated by Tiberi.

### **U.S. eyes common trade front with EU against China**

Washington is suggesting that it could forge a common front with Brussels against Chinese trade practices, even though the EU is bracing for U.S. President Donald Trump to unveil measures against European steel producers soon.

"We have the fortunate circumstance of a world where growth is accelerating ... [and] that gives us an opportunity to work together on challenges," said David Malpass, under-secretary for international affairs at the U.S.

Treasury. "China is certainly one, which presents a common challenge for the U.S. and Europe in terms of investment practices, its trade practices, and its own moving away from market liberalization."

Speaking to reporters in Brussels, he suggested that the U.S.-EU axis could fill a void left by the World Trade Organization.

The challenges posed by China "haven't been addressed by the [World Trade Organization]," Malpass said.

EU and U.S. companies have complained about new Chinese rules which demand communist party involvement in businesses and require foreign companies to hire party officials — stoking fears of government interference and industrial espionage.

Malpass's comments come in the run-up from the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, where Trump is expected to attend together with his trade representative Robert Lighthizer. EU trade chief Cecilia Malmström told POLITICO last month she saw that meeting as an opportunity to discuss changes to the multilateral trading system with the U.S. administration.

### **Donohue: Chamber to back trade promotion authority renewal for Trump**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports renewal of trade promotion authority to help President Donald Trump land new trade deals, and is cautiously optimistic he won't withdraw from NAFTA or the free trade agreement with South Korea, the group's president said today.

"We will vigorously support a return of trade promotion authority," Tom Donohue told reporters after his annual speech on the state of American business. Without trade promotion authority, it is too difficult for the U.S. to strike trade deals, since other countries know any agreement could be changed when it goes through the congressional approval process, Donohue explained.

The trade promotion authority law, passed in 2015, will expire on July 1, unless Trump requests a three-year renewal by April 1. Congress could block a renewal by passing a resolution of disapproval before the July 1 deadline.

Donohue brushed aside a question about whether the Chamber would change its position on renewing trade promotion authority for Trump if he withdraws from either NAFTA or KORUS in coming months. "I don't think they want to create the sort of problem that you articulated," he said in response to a question from a POLITICO reporter.

The business community seems to be making progress in persuading the administration of the importance of both agreements and will continue that effort until new deals are reached, he said.

In addition, it's likely that Congress would somehow intervene if Trump were to give a six-month notice that he is withdrawing from the NAFTA agreement, Donohue said.

### **Trump tells South Korean leader he's open to talks with Kim Jong Un**

President Donald Trump expressed a willingness to hold talks with North Korea during a call with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, according to a White House readout released today.

Trump told Moon during the Tuesday exchange he'd consider engaging in dialogue with North Korea and its leader Kim Jong Un "at the appropriate time, under the right circumstances," the readout said.

The president said previously over the weekend that he'd be open to diplomacy during a press conference with lawmakers at Camp David.

"Sure, I always believe in talking," Trump said when pressed on the possibility Saturday.

But the president added that the talks wouldn't necessarily be held without preconditions, saying that Kim "knows I'm not messing around."

"At the same time, if we can come up with a very peaceful and very good solution, we're working on it," Trump added.

The White House said Moon also thanked Trump for his leadership in bringing about recent diplomatic talks between South and North Korea, the first of such kind in over two years. Moon reportedly said Trump deserved significant credit for the dialogue.

The president took credit himself for the diplomatic developments in the Korean peninsula last Thursday.

"With all of the failed 'experts' weighing in, does anybody really believe that talks and dialogue would be going on between North and South Korea right now if I wasn't firm, strong and willing to commit our total 'might' against the North," Trump tweeted. "Fools, but talks are a good thing!"

### **Commerce sets preliminary duties on certain Canadian paper imports**

The Commerce Department has moved to place preliminary countervailing duties on imports of Canadian uncoated groundwood paper, an action Canada said would result in job losses in the American printing sector if finalized.

The department's examination of the imports, which totaled an estimated \$1.27 billion in 2016, determined that Canadian exporters have gotten countervailable subsidies ranging from 4.42 to 9.93 percent.

The decision was handed down late Tuesday, just hours after Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland visited with eight U.S. lawmakers and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross as part of a trade-focused trip to Washington. It also marked the latest skirmish in the growing trade tension between the two neighbors, as the U.S. has taken multiple anti-dumping and countervailing actions against Canadian exporters in recent months.

Ross said the duties are necessary to offer relief to U.S. producers. "Commerce will continue to evaluate and verify the accuracy of this preliminary determination while standing up for the American business and worker," he said in a statement.

Freeland, in a joint statement with Canadian Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr, warned of American job losses and cautioned that the duties would hurt U.S. newspapers, "especially those in small cities and towns" — seemingly an effort to direct attention to Trump's heartland political base.

"We are deeply disappointed with the unjustified preliminary countervailing duty rates announced today by the U.S. Department of Commerce," Freeland and Carr said, vowing to defend Canada's forestry sector.

Commerce is set to make its final determination on or about May 22. The department calculated specific preliminary countervailing duty rates for four Canadian companies: White Birch Paper Canada Company NSULC, 0.65 percent; Resolute Forest Products Canada Inc., 4.42 percent; Catalyst Paper Corporation, 6.09 percent; and Kruger Trois-Rivieres L.P., 9.93 percent. All other imports from Canada were given a preliminary subsidy rate of 6.53 percent.

The U.S. petitioner, Washington state-based North Pacific Paper Company, originally asked for anti-dumping duties ranging from 23.45 to 54.97 percent and unspecified additional countervailing duties.

### **U.S. Chamber calls for 'smart approach' to trade friction with China (back)**

By Doug Palmer

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports President Donald Trump's plan to get tough with China over industrial policies that hurt the United States, but it called on him to work with allies in his efforts.

"The White House is right to focus on China's industrial policies and their challenge to the global economy," Chamber President Tom Donohue said in a speech on the state of American business. "The status quo is not sustainable, but we need a smart approach. We need to work with allies in Europe, Japan, and elsewhere to forge a common response to China's state capitalism."

Donohue urged Trump to go after Chinese "market access restrictions, subsidies, data and cyber policies, forced tech transfer, and [intellectual property] theft."

The comments came as the White House is mulling what steps to take against Beijing under a trade investigation launched in August. Trump also faces other decisions that could affect China in separate trade actions involving steel, aluminum, washing machines and solar products.

### **Chamber to Trump: Keep NAFTA, KORUS and land new trade deals**

The head of the largest U.S. business group today urged President Donald Trump to go on the offensive to strike new trade deals, and warned that withdrawing from NAFTA and a bilateral pact with South Korea would be a "grave mistake."

"The president says he wants more trade and more trade agreements — so do we," U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue said in his annual speech on the state of American business. "So we need to go back on offense. We need to bolster our trade and investment ties with strategic partners."

"India should be a top priority," Donohue continued. "We need to tap the potential of growing regions, such as the Middle East and Africa. And we need to clinch new deals that will open markets — not undermine the ones we have. The bottom line is that growth will be weakened, not strengthened or sustained, if we pull back from trade." The veteran business leader said the Chamber supports the goal of modernizing NAFTA, but has concerns about many of the Trump administration's proposals in the ongoing talks. He warned Trump about the costs of withdrawing from the pact if a deal can't be reached in coming months.

"Withdrawing from NAFTA would be a grave mistake," Donohue said. "The American economy has taken several big steps forward with regulatory relief and tax reform, and the administration deserves lots of credit. But a wrong move on NAFTA would send us five steps back."

"The same holds for KORUS, a vital trade pact with a key ally, South Korea," he added. "We agree that in some areas the Koreans need to do more to faithfully implement the deal. But overturning it would hurt American farmers and manufacturers — and benefit only our foreign competitors."

### **'The world is on the edge right now': Former Treasury chief Jack Lew on a risky global landscape**

NEW YORK — The Trump administration has gotten lucky so far on the economy and in the stock market, according to former Treasury Secretary Jack Lew.

In the latest POLITICO Money podcast, Lew said President Donald Trump inherited a good economy and has benefited from a remarkable period of calm in global politics and economics. But it could all come unglued in 2018 with a flare-up in North Korea, a White House-sparked trade war or a big run up in deficits.

"They've had a lot of luck so far. We, in our first few years and for a long time, there was a crisis that exploded that you just had to deal with," Lew said from his office at investment firm Lindsay Goldberg in midtown Manhattan. "The world is on the edge right now but is not breaking through on most of those issues. The question is what happens if one of those crises actually switches from being potential to real."

Lew suggested that markets, which continue to hit new records under Trump, may have developed too much of an assumption that placid conditions will continue.

"The thing I don't have a good explanation for is the tolerance the markets have developed for uncertainty that used to rattle them more than it does now," said Lew, who previously served as White House chief of staff and budget director.

"You look at the number of things where it's kind of binary — whether things are really good or really bad, whether it's North Korea, the possibility of trade wars, future deficits in the U.S. — the range of issues that have in the past made markets nervous, it seems they are kind of treated as a new normal."

Lew also spoke about the 2016 election and how he feared Hillary Clinton was headed to a crushing loss.

"I had a bad feeling before the election," he said. "I can't say I expected it, but I can't say I was completely surprised. I did not treat it as a done deal. The fact that President Obama went to Michigan on a rather urgent basis just a few days before the election was a bit of a canary in the coal mine that things weren't where they needed to be."

Lew stayed in Washington on election night to monitor potential market reaction to a Trump win. And he tried to boost spirits at the White House — including Obama's — the day after.

"I went into work the next day, I went to the White House to the morning meeting, I went to Treasury to the morning meeting," Lew said. "And I tried to kind of buoy people's spirits with a bit of a historical recollection, that a lot of them who were younger than me hadn't experienced crushing election outcomes. And the country survived and we survived and the pendulum swung back. You take two steps forward, you take a step back."

### **A year later, Trump still able to woo farmers**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Donald Trump won the presidency in large part by appealing to rural voters. If the sentiment at this week's American Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention is any indication, he is still their guy.

Trump is the first president in years who seems to be listening to the needs of the agriculture industry, farmers and ranchers say, and so they stick with him despite their anxiety over his trade and immigration policies.

"I've been back on our family farm since 1992, and this is the first time we've had a president pay so much attention to agriculture," said Renea Jones-Rogers, who grows 600 acres of fresh market tomatoes in eastern Tennessee, and was recently appointed to the Agriculture Department's state farm committee. "He really wants to hear what farmers have to say and make things better."

Trump, a born and bred New Yorker more comfortable in business suits than dungarees, may seem like an unlikely champion of farmers. But he has been able to touch on the issues they care about, such as commitment to rolling back federal regulations and the patriotism he invokes during campaign-style speeches like the one he delivered here Monday.

The president took the stage as the country song "God Bless the U.S.A." blasted through the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, and he received many standing ovations during a rare speech that stuck mostly to script.

He boasted of his administration's efforts to roll back regulations and the Republican tax overhaul, H.R. 1 (115). (Trump overstated the size of the tax cuts, claiming they totaled \$5.5 trillion, when they are estimated to total \$1.5 trillion over a decade.)

He also played to the crowd when he said he would support an on-time farm bill that includes crop insurance — a popular program among farmers but obscure to the general public — "unless you don't want me to."

Some of the loudest applause was in response to Trump's statement, "We want our national anthem respected," which prompted chants of "U-S-A, U-S-A," along with the mention of rolling back EPA's controversial Waters of the United States rule and raising the estate tax exemption to \$11 million for an individual, and double that for couples.

Missing from his speech, however, were any reassurances that the U.S. would not withdraw from NAFTA, which would be disastrous for many grain and livestock farmers' bottom lines. Nor did he promise to improve a visa system for migrant agricultural workers to ease long-term labor shortages as he pursues a crackdown on illegal immigration.

For Kevin Paap, the president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau who grows corn and soybeans, the question he is most often asked by farmers is, "Where does the president stand on trade?"

While producers are supportive of deregulatory efforts and tax cuts, the significance of such moves is diminished if farm income shrinks, he said. Commodity prices have steadily dropped over the last four years because of global oversupply. For years, they have remained low, taking U.S. farm income down with them.

The USDA estimated that after three consecutive years of decline, net farm income will have increased in 2017 to about \$63 billion.

"We're appreciative of the tax bill, but quite frankly, with the financial stress in agriculture, farmers aren't looking for tax write-offs," Paap said. "If I don't have income, I don't have to worry about income tax deductions."

The best way to increase farm income is to increase prices, Paap said, and expanding export markets could go a long way. He was hoping that Trump during his speech would commit not only to completing NAFTA, but also to pursuing trade deals with other countries, like Japan, Vietnam and others involved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Trump pulled out of TPP during his first few days in office, and now the 11 other countries involved are moving forward without the United States.

But Trump only briefly talked about NAFTA, stating that he's working to get a "better deal" for the country, including farmers and manufacturers. He did stop short of making his oft-repeated threat to pull out of the trade deal if Canada and Mexico can't meet U.S. demands.

Another critical issue for many farmers is an overhaul of the H-2A temporary guest-worker program so it is easier to hire more immigrants to harvest crops and work on dairy farms that demand year-round labor.

Jon Hegeman, who owns an ornamental plant operation in White Plains, Ala., is a staunch Trump supporter who uses the H-2A program. During last year's Farm Bureau convention, he told POLITICO that if the United States doesn't fix the migrant worker program to address labor shortages on farms, the country would have to start relying on food imports.

One year later, the visa system is still burdensome, he says, but it at least it hasn't gotten worse.



"This process needs to be modernized, but it takes time," he said, noting that the Trump family uses H-2A and other visa programs to hire foreign workers at its vineyard in Charlottesville, Va., and properties across the country. "He understands labor."

Hegeman said he was supportive of Trump's push to build a border wall, or another type of barrier, to secure the southern border as long as it was proposed as part of comprehensive immigration reform.

As the White House and Congress are trying to hammer out a deal on the legal status of about 700,000 undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children, funding for the wall has become a bargaining chip. Trump met with 25 lawmakers Tuesday to discuss how to move forward on the future of the DACA program, border security and the possibility of an immigration overhaul.

Farmers are also dealing with the rising cost of health care, which many cited as one of their top concerns and an issue Republicans and Democrats should work together on.

Paap said he purchases a policy for him and his wife on the individual market that costs \$2,300 a month, and from the only insurance provider available where he lives in southern Minnesota.

"This is not just about the insurance market, but the cost of providing health care," Paap said, echoing remarks by Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), who hosted a workshop Sunday during the Farm Bureau convention.

The Kansas Republican — who opposed an initial attempt by the Senate to repeal the ACA last year, but ultimately voted for the version that John McCain (R-Ariz.) and others dramatically tanked — said that Congress should spend more time trying to find ways to reduce the cost of providing health care, and less time debating who pays for it.

"There is something more important than who pays," Moran said. "Let's find out why prescription drugs cost so much. Congress is missing out on this."

Despite the uncertainty on health care — as well as immigration reform and trade — the farm belt is still firmly Trump country. It could sway further in his favor if the White House helps deliver an on-time farm bill, which expires Sept. 30, and completes a NAFTA 2.0 that preserves gains in agricultural exports.

"He knows there is a need to support farmers," said Yvonne Dutschmann, who grows wheat and hay and raises cattle in Gatesville, Texas. She appreciated Trump's directive to EPA to review, and either revise or rescind, the WOTUS rule, and said she voted for Trump because at the time, "he was the lesser of two evils."

### **Coming soon to Davos: A Trump stink bomb**

The annual gathering of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, will be choking with the kind of people who disdain Donald Trump and genuinely regard his presidency as a menace to the planet. In other words: Exactly the kind of party Trump loves to crash.

Lots of very rich people. Lots of media. Lots of fevered what-is-he-really-up-to speculation. At the psychological level, the appeal of Davos for Trump is obvious.

The startling — though in some ways eye-rollingly logical — news on Tuesday that Trump will join all manner of global financial, political and media elites in their famed alpine lair later this month was for months quietly in the making, administration officials said.

WEF organizers had been lobbying for months for high-level administration participation, though they hadn't been counting on more than a cabinet secretary or two.

What planners didn't know was that some West Wing advisers were arguing that Davos would be the perfect venue for Trump to unleash an especially gassy stink bomb aimed at ideas — free trade deals, a more integrated global regulatory system, and all manner of liberal pieties cherished by global elites — he deplores.

One constant of Trump's rise to power is his desire to command the attention, if not the approval, of the very establishment institutions he claims to become contemptuous of. No surprise that news of Trump's Davos attendance was first leaked Tuesday morning to The New York Times, which Trump denounces and gives interviews to in seemingly equal measure.

Trump's controversial closing ad of the 2016 campaign featured video of GOP bogeyman George Soros speaking at a WEF event and included Trump railing against a "global power structure" that was crushing the American worker.

In 2017, days before his inauguration, Trump and Trumpism — with his denunciation of free trade, immigration, and international institutions — dominated the conversation at Davos. But the absence of actual Trumpites — with the exception of a wise-cracking Anthony Scaramucci and a media parade that followed him everywhere — was glaring.

Now Trump will be the first sitting president since Bill Clinton in 2000 to attend.

The gathering at Davos, at the base of some of the most exhilarating ski slopes in Europe, also typically attracts financial titans like Bill Gates as well as liberal celebrity activists like Bono and Angelina Jolie.

Beyond the emotional charge of appearing before many people who regard him as a mysterious new virus — as well as some Wall Street types like Blackstone CEO Steve Schwarzman who have been more supportive — there seems to be at least a whisper of a strategic rationale for Trump going to Davos.

One administration official said Trump's appearance will be a "Nikki Haley at the U.N." moment, referring to a speech from the U.N. ambassador in which she threatened to pull U.S. funding for the organization over its condemnation of the administration recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump will be trumpeting the same "America First Agenda" he promotes at home. Davos will also give Trump an opportunity to gloat to European and Asian competitors about the recently enacted tax bill that lowered the U.S. corporate rate to 21 percent, something that could pressure other governments to consider lowering their own rates.

"Europeans are worried about what Trump and the Republicans have done and they should be," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. "Because if they don't follow suit they risk losing out to investment in the U.S. I'd expect him to talk about that."

"I think it's a brilliant move," said Larry Kudlow, the conservative economist who could be Trump's next National Economic Council director. "He can sell his economic growth policy on the world stage and maybe take some whacks at the World Bank or the IMF. Remember, he went to NATO and told them to pony up and they did."

These quotes suggest a more purposeful strategy behind Trump's public utterances than is necessarily obvious from his daily Twitter barrage, which often seems dictated by whatever excites him in the daily news cycle.

It is notable, however, that Trump's Davos appearance — the exact day of his speech is not yet announced — will come just days before his Jan. 30 State of the Union address.

That is one traditional presidential platform that requires even a non-traditional president to do more than simply free-associate: The only way this nationally televised speech can succeed is if he lays out a coherent vision of how he views his presidency and what he plans to achieve in the year ahead. Most recent presidents have conceived of the State of the Union not merely as one night but part of a weekslong campaign before and after the speech to set the national agenda.

Last year Trump's first address to Congress — the equivalent of a State of the Union address — was one of the few times in his presidency in which large parts of the Washington political and pundit class gave him credit for articulating a coherent and detailed vision of his policy agenda and the ideas behind it.

Now, on the heels of the successful legislative effort to overhaul the tax code, people will be looking for new answers to one of the overarching questions about this president: It is always obvious the people and policies that Trump is against, but what is he for?

A year ago, adviser Steve Bannon was seen as one of the intellectual engines of the new administration — touting a nationalistic agenda that is anathema to most at Davos — but now he is exiled.

Still by Trump's side, however, are lots of people who feel perfectly at home at Davos — and who are expected to join him there, right before the big speech.

An administration official said the Trump delegation to Davos will be large and likely include Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn and son-in-law Jared Kushner, among others.

### **Senators unveil bill to track Buy American waivers**

A bipartisan group of four senators introduced legislation today to encourage federal agencies to purchase more American-made goods by publicly tracking when the agencies use waivers to buy foreign products.

"We must do everything we can to protect and maximize American jobs, and that starts by ensuring that our tax dollars aren't used to create jobs overseas. Unfortunately, in the last five years alone, U.S. federal agencies have spent \$47.7 billion on goods manufactured by foreign firms, resulting in contracts and jobs lost to overseas competitors," Rob Portman (R-Ohio) said in a joint statement with Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio).

Buy American laws give preference to domestic manufacturers when the government is spending money on certain projects. However, federal agencies may use waivers to purchase goods or services from a foreign supplier if an American-made good is unavailable or significantly more expensive. The Department of Defense, the largest purchaser of manufactured goods in the world, has spent almost \$200 billion on manufactured goods made by foreign companies since 2007, the senators said.

President Donald Trump signed an executive order in April to maximize use of Buy American provisions during his administration.

The proposed BuyAmerican.gov Act would direct the General Services Administration to establish a central, publicly available website called BuyAmerican.gov to collect and display information about each requested waiver. That would allow manufacturers and other interested parties to identify contract opportunities and hold federal agencies accountable for any abuse of Buy American waivers, the senators said. It also would codify Trump's executive order and require agencies to report on the implementation of, and compliance with, Buy American laws.

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### U.S. Pares Back Duties on Canadian Lumber in Softwood Spat

#### **Bloomberg**

The U.S. has slapped final anti-dumping and countervailing duties on Canadian lumber, the latest step in another lengthy legal battle over softwood. The Commerce Department announced slightly lowered initial rates Wednesday for producers West Fraser Timber Co. and Canfor Corp., with combined duties of 23.6 percent and 20.5 percent respectively. Duties for Resolute Forest Products Inc. and Tolko Marketing and Sales Ltd. were unchanged.

### Canada criticizes U.S. softwood lumber duties, vows to resist

#### **Reuters**

The Canadian government on Wednesday criticized the United States for a decision to impose duties on certain softwood lumber exports and underlined its determination to fight the move. The duties, which went into effect on Wednesday, are "unfair, unwarranted and troubling," Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said in a statement. Ottawa has already launched challenges against the duties - which range from about 10 percent to nearly 24 percent, below a preliminary range of about 17 percent to 31 percent - with the World Trade Organization (WTO) and through the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

### It's time the Census Bureau stops dividing America

#### **Washington Post**

The American people are dangerously divided, but one event looming on the horizon has the potential to put us on a path toward unity: the U.S. census. If President Trump makes no changes, the U.S. Census Bureau in 2020 will again seek to shoehorn some 330 million Americans into official racial and ethnic categories. This system doesn't just ignore science. It also completely overlooks a burgeoning "mixed-race" population that resents arbitrary racial straitjackets.

### The DOJ Wants A Citizenship Question On The Census. That Could Blow Up The Whole Survey

#### **Huffington Post**

The Department of Justice's recent request to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 census has sparked concerns that such a move would lower response rates within immigrant communities. An inaccurate Census would have severe consequences. The survey helps determine the allocation of nearly \$700 billion each year in federal money, the number of representatives each state has in the U.S. House and how other electoral districts are drawn.

### Citizenship question is crucial for a fair, updated 2020 Census

#### **The Hill**

The 2020 Census is just two years away. While most Americans think of the Census as decennial head count, it much more than that. The founders of our republic considered the Census so important that they wrote the requirement to conduct it once every 10 years into our Constitution. The Census tells us not just how many of us there are, but who we are, where we live, and how we will be represented in federal, state, and local legislative bodies. It also greatly influences how public resources will be allocated over the ensuing 10 years. Thus, the Census is not just a compilation of data to be analyzed by demographers, but a 10-year blueprint that will affect countless important policies. As such, the legal battles over the Census start long before that first form is printed.

## **Meet the truckers for NAFTA, whose lives depend on moving all those exported, and imported, goods**

In 1956, C.L. Werner left his family farm in Nebraska and sold his car to buy his first truck. Six decades later, he's the executive chairman of one of the nation's largest trucking companies — and has enough pull to dine with President Donald Trump.

Werner used that opportunity in 2017 to drive home his company's position on the importance of NAFTA to the trucking industry and the negative consequences that could result if Trump withdraws the U.S. from the free-trade deal with Canada and Mexico.

It likely made for an uncomfortable mealtime conversation for Trump, who once used Werner's company's hangar, near Eppley Airfield in Omaha, Neb., for a campaign rally in 2016.

Now, as the Trump administration continues to threaten a pullout of what the president has called the worst trade deal in history — with a crucial meeting on the horizon in Montreal, Canada — fears among truckers and others in the cargo industry are intensifying.

Trucking industry leaders warn that a North American economy without NAFTA would snarl trucking and shipping patterns and upend supply chains that have created hundreds of thousands of jobs for truckers over the 24 years the deal has been in place.

"Withdrawal from NAFTA would have a significant negative financial impact on Werner and, more importantly, a negative impact on the lives of many Werner associates," Lance Dixon, senior vice president for Werner Enterprises' Canada and Mexico operation, told POLITICO.

The trucking sector has seen its employment rise to 1.47 million workers in 2017, from 1.18 million in 1994, the first year of NAFTA. Nearly two-thirds of U.S. NAFTA freight is carried by trucks, according to figures from the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

The value of U.S. freight carried to Mexico by truck, train, pipeline, vessels and air stood at \$231 billion in 2016, compared with \$46.6 billion in 1995.

In August alone, about \$95 billion in freight crossed North American borders, up 4.6 percent from the same month last year, helping to support over 2 million jobs in five different transportation sectors, including 46,000 in trucking.

With so much at stake, Werner Enterprises has kept up high-level engagement with the Trump administration, members of the Trump family and senior members of Congress. Its outreach has also extended to House Speaker Paul Ryan, who met recently in Omaha, Neb., with Werner Enterprises CEO Derek Leathers and other local business leaders.

The company's political action committee gives to both parties, but tends to heavily favor Republicans over Democrats. It gave \$3,699 to Trump during last year's campaign, the watchdog group OpenSecrets.org shows on its website.

Werner Enterprises, which is based in Omaha, expects to carry about 160,000 to 170,000 loads between Mexico and the United States by the end of 2017. That would represent at least 25 percent of the company's operations. Its trucks deliver parts, consumer products and other goods made in the U.S. to Mexico and a lot of fruits, vegetables and confections on the way back.

That keeps about 400 to 500 drivers busy every day hauling freight to and from Mexico and Canada, with the help of support staff in Nebraska, Texas and California. Seven or eight other U.S. trucking companies do the same kind of work.

"We do believe that NAFTA needs to be updated, modernized, enhanced — whatever terminology you might like to use," Dixon said. "But to scrap the whole document, or to repeal the whole document, would be devastating to all of our economies — Canada, the United States and Mexico. Hopefully, that message is getting through to President Trump."

At this point, it is far from clear that it has, despite intensified outreach efforts by Republican senators and governors in recent weeks.

But Trump at least professes to be a big admirer of the trucking industry and truck drivers. One of the most memorable images from Trump's first year in office came when he sat behind the wheel of a big rig and laid on the horn when industry executives visited the White House in March for a session on the administration's effort to repeal Obamacare.

"No one knows America like truckers know America," Trump said at an event, delivering a speech in which White House speechwriters had laid it on thick. "You see it every day, and you see every hill and you see every valley and you see every pothole in our roads that have to be redone. Every town, every forest, from border to border, to ocean to ocean."

"You carry anything and everything — the food that stocks our shelves, the fuel that runs our cars, and the steel that builds our cities," Trump continued, then paused to quip: "You think I wrote that? Not bad, is it? Save that — I want to save that paragraph."

Trump blames NAFTA for shuttered factories and millions of lost manufacturing jobs, though U.S. factory employment was relatively stable — ranging from 16 million to 17 million workers — during the first seven years of the pact. It fell sharply during the 2000s, but many economists attribute those jobs losses to increased competition from China and to technological advances.

A study by researchers from Ball State University, in Vice President Mike Pence's home state of Indiana, examined the causes of the 5.6 million lost manufacturing jobs between 2000 and 2010 — the largest drop in U.S. history — and concluded that only 13.4 percent, or 750,000 jobs, were due to increased imports. In addition, "almost 88 percent of job losses in manufacturing in recent years can be attributable to productivity growth," the study found.

Whatever its precise effect on manufacturing, NAFTA appears to have been good for the transportation sector, as the volume of goods crisscrossing the continent has risen sharply.

In October, the American Trucking Association joined the main Canadian and Mexican trucking industry groups to issue a strong statement in support of modernizing NAFTA in a manner "that continues to benefit trade."

"Motor carriers haul the vast majority of the value of trade across our borders, which has benefited the North American supply chain for everything from autos to agriculture to pharmaceuticals," the statement read.

Other transportation sectors are also nervously watching the negotiations, amid worries that Trump could trigger the deal's six-month withdrawal process in a bid to pressure Canada and Mexico to give in to U.S. demands they believe are unreasonable.

Tearing up NAFTA would have a "huge" impact on railroads, said Ed Hamberger, president and CEO of the Association of American Railroads, employing one of Trump's favorite words. "You can't just uproot and unwind 25 years of investment," he said.

A recent AAR study found that 42 percent of railcar loads and intermodal units are directly connected to international trade, supporting 50,000 rail jobs and over \$5.5 billion in annual wages and benefits. Not all of that trade is with Canada and Mexico, but "the fastest growing corridors" of the NAFTA era have been north-south, rather than east-west, Hamberger said.

Much of that traffic is carrying autos and auto parts across borders, as well as supporting other supply chains that have built up over NAFTA's nearly quarter-century lifespan.

"Ending NAFTA would also likely impose far-reaching, negative effects to U.S. consumers, the auto industry, the freight rail sector and the U.S. manufacturing base," Hamberger and Mitch Bainwol, president and CEO of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, wrote in a recent op-ed on FoxNews.com.

"The symbiotic connection between our two important industries — so central to the health of the U.S. economy writ large — demonstrates why the Trump administration must tread thoughtfully and carefully over NAFTA talks," Hamberger and Bainwol continued. "Today's logistics chain is firmly established and cannot be easily upended."

Another industry leader recently took to the pages of The Wall Street Journal to stress the importance of continuing the pact to his company, to the U.S. economy and even to his grandchildren.

"Congress is trying to overhaul the tax code to boost the economy and help wages grow. But if the White House pulls out of NAFTA, it could lead to the re-imposition of higher tariffs on North American-produced goods," wrote Patrick Ottensmeyer, CEO of Kansas City Southern, a railroad with operations in the United States and Mexico. "This would effectively be a big tax increase on all U.S. production." Mexico has already started taking steps to reduce its reliance on imports from the U.S., and a recent Mexican business summit featuring Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, along with Chinese and Russian government officials, "was a chilling reminder that NAFTA's collapse would push Mexico, and perhaps Canada, to look elsewhere to stabilize their economies," Ottensmeyer added.

Thousands of transportation jobs up and down the Mississippi River and across truck and rail networks of the United States could be hurt if Trump pulls the plug on NAFTA, industry leaders told POLITICO. Barges carry millions of tonnes of grain each year down the iconic American waterway. Much of the cargo is offloaded at the Port of South Louisiana, a massive complex that stretches over 54 miles

between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, winding through the racially mixed Louisiana parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James.

It's put on ships headed around the world, including to nearby Mexico, which imported \$3.6 billion of wheat, corn and other cereal grains from the United States last year, up from \$904 million in 1995, the pact's second full year.

"We're actually the largest grain exporting port in the United States," said Paul Aucoin, the port's executive director. "All the grain barges from the Midwestern states come down river to the Port of South Louisiana."

Barges move in and out of the port about 60,000 times per year. Those shipments, along with the port's other trade activities, help support 30,180 jobs, or about 63 percent of all the jobs in the three-parish region. The \$1.8 billion in wages represent 41 percent of all personal income of residents in the three parishes, according to an economic analysis done for the port.

Aucoin had high hopes for the Trump administration when his personal crusade to persuade Washington to keep the mouth of the Mississippi river dredged to a level 50 feet appeared as No. 7 on the president-elect's infrastructure to-do list.

That's a major priority for the port because whenever the river's primary shipping channel falls below the 50-foot mark, ships have to operate with 1 to 5 feet less of cargo, at a loss of about \$1 million per foot.

"That adds up and we become uncompetitive and unreliable. We've got to face the music and dredge that river," Aucoin said.

People may think it's a Louisiana problem, but "it's not a Louisiana mouth of the river. It's the U.S.A. mouth of the river," Aucoin said. "All that grain — the Mississippi River connects to 31 states, 26 million people, and they all have to get out of the mouth of the river to get that product to another country."

There has been little action on infrastructure in the first year of the Trump administration, and it could be harder to find money for such projects if the Republican tax plan goes through and adds up to \$1.5 trillion to the budget deficit.

In the meantime, Mexico is routinely one of the Port of South Louisiana's top three customers, and anything — like higher tariffs if NAFTA is revoked — that encourages the U.S.'s southern neighbor to shop around for other suppliers is a concern, Aucoin said.

Even so, Aucoin admits he's not sure exactly what Trump has in mind when it comes to the pact. While many farm groups are increasingly worried Trump will pull out of the 24-year-old agreement, other export businesses don't know how seriously to take that threat.

"You don't know whether they're going to tweak it or pull out of it, or what the plan is. We keep hearing different things. We're just hoping whatever it is, it doesn't upset us too dearly," Aucoin told POLITICO.

### **Coal miner sues Inslee over denied export terminal permit**

Coal miner Lighthouse Resources is suing Washington Gov. Jay Inslee over the state's denial of a permit to build an export terminal to deliver coal to Asia.

Lighthouse Resources, in its lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Tacoma, argues that Inslee and the state's Department of Ecology violated current U.S. energy policy and the Constitution's foreign commerce clause in denying the permit. Lighthouse specifically references President Donald Trump's calls to increase domestic coal production, which has been in a decades-long decline as power plants switch to cleaner-burning natural gas.

"By taking actions and refusing to act in ways consistent with the federal Government's coal export policies, the Defendants have severely undermined the ability of the United States to speak with one voice in foreign commercial affairs," Lighthouse said in the suit.

The lawsuit is the last scuffle in the company's nearly six-year battle to build the Millennium Bulk Terminal on the Columbia River to ship coal from Wyoming and Montana to Japan, South Korea and China. Washington's Department of Ecology in September denied the terminal a water quality certification, effectively scuttling the project.

Lighthouse estimates the terminal would ship 44 million tons of coal a year, up to 60 percent more than current levels.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Washington state officials will reply to the lawsuit.

### **Canada vows to find a fix as U.S. duties on softwood lumber take effect**

Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland pledged to find a solution for Canada's domestic industry as U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duties on softwood lumber imports took effect today — and blasted the trade actions as "unfair, unwarranted and troubling."

"We will continue to work with the provinces and territories, as well as with Canadian industry and workers, to find an enduring solution," Freeland said in a statement. "Canada will also continue to engage with the U.S. administration and with American legislators to come to a new agreement on softwood lumber."

The anti-dumping duties, which range between 3.2 percent and 8.89 percent, and the countervailing duties, ranging from 3.34 percent to 18.19 percent, were published today in the Federal Register after the U.S. International Trade Commission voted unanimously last month to uphold the Commerce Department's final duty determinations.

"The government of Canada will continue to vigorously defend our industry and its workers against protectionist trade practices," Freeland said in the statement, noting that Canada is already immersed in legal challenges of the duties at the World Trade Organization and under a NAFTA dispute mechanism. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross responded by saying that the U.S. has "every confidence" it will prevail in the WTO dispute, adding: "It is no surprise that Canada is seeking to overturn the remedies we have imposed."

"The Trump administration will continue to stand up against unfair trade practices that harm American workers and businesses," he added. "Even our closest allies must follow the rules."

### **Trump administration blocks Chinese firm's merger with Moneygram**

The Trump administration has rejected a bid by Ant Financial, China's largest financial technology firm, to merge with American payments provider Moneygram.

The deal failed to win the approval of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, an interdepartmental group of cabinet and agency officials that reviews such transactions for national security concerns, according to a press release issued by the two companies.

"The geopolitical environment has changed considerably since we first announced the proposed transaction with Ant Financial nearly a year ago," said Moneygram CEO Alex Holmes in the release.

"Despite our best efforts to work cooperatively with the U.S. government, it has now become clear that CFIUS will not approve this merger."

CFIUS includes the secretaries of Treasury, Commerce, and Defense, among others. The Treasury Department declined to comment on the rejected deal.

"Treasury is prohibited by statute from publicly disclosing information filed with CFIUS," a Treasury spokesperson wrote POLITICO in an email.

Resistance has been building against the deal for months over concerns about a Chinese firm's ownership of a major U.S. payments provider with access to sensitive personal information.

Ant Financial is a spinoff from Chinese ecommerce giant Alibaba and is controlled by Alibaba executive chairman Jack Ma, but according to reports two of its largest investors are Chinese government-backed sovereign wealth funds.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Ant Financial and Moneygram say that despite the blocked merger they will seek to work together on their international payments business.

### **Trucking, dominant transport for trade, may be affected by USTR negotiating priorities**

This graphic illustrates how trucking could be affected by Trump's policies. It also highlights the 50 main ports that account for 93 percent of U.S. trade with Canada and Mexico.

### **Podcast: The intersection of Wall Street and Washington in 2018**

In this week's POLITICO Money podcast, we lay out the year ahead in politics and policy with an all-star roundtable featuring POLITICO's Nancy Cook and Aaron Lorenzo.

We dig into President Donald Trump's likely agenda for the year, which could include demands for a border wall, tough actions on trade and at least an attempt to get bipartisan support for a major infrastructure bill.

We also try to explain all the weird stuff that happened with the big tax cut bill, H.R. 1 (115), over the holiday break, including homeowners in blue states racing to prepay their 2018 property taxes and



states looking at creative solutions such as turning their incomes taxes into fully deductible charitable contributions.

We also look ahead to the impact the tax bill may or may not have this year and what that could mean politically as Republicans try to maintain their congressional majorities in the 2018 midterms. It's going to be a busy year at the intersection of Wall Street and Washington. Listen Wednesday morning to get smart fast.

### **White House: Trump wants 3-year GSP reauthorization**

The Trump administration wants Congress to quickly renew the Generalized System of Preferences program, which waives duties on thousands of goods from developing countries and expired at the end of 2016, a White House official said today.

"The administration supports a three-year reauthorization of GSP and hopes to get it done early this year," the official said, clearing up confusion about where the Trump administration stood on the issue. Before Christmas, a spokeswoman for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative declined to say whether the administration supported renewal of the decades-old program.

India, Thailand and Brazil are the three largest beneficiaries of the GSP, accounting for more than half of the nearly \$19 billion in total imports under the program in 2016, according to a USTR fact sheet.

Americans for Limited Government, a conservative organization closely aligned with Trump on trade, has urged Congress to consider dropping India from the program to put pressure on the government to provide improved access for U.S. goods and services.

However, the Alliance for Fair Trade with India, which regularly raises concerns about India's intellectual property practices, said today it strongly supported GSP renewal for India and all other countries.

"AFTI and its members urge Congress to act quickly to renew the GSP program and retain a critical tool to promote a stronger, fairer U.S.-India economic relationship," the group said in a statement.

# Re: Invitation from National Secretaries of Commerce for Secretary Ross

March 8, 2017 at 7:11 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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On Mar 8, 2017, at 8:27 PM, Wilbur Ross **b(6) - Secretary Ross** wrote:

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**From:** Ted Gayer **b(6)**@brookings.edu>  
**Date:** March 8, 2017 at 5:21:42 PM EST  
**To:** **b(6) - Secretary Ross**  
**Subject:** Fwd: Invitation from National Secretaries of Commerce for Secretary Ross

Wilbur,

Bruce Katz asked me to send you this invitation from the National Secretaries of Commerce. Let me know if there's another email or person to direct such things to.

Hope you are well, and hope to see you at Brookings soon!

Ted

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**From:** Bruce Katz **b(6)**@brookings.edu>  
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**Cc:** Ellen Ochs **b(6)**@brookings.edu>, Marikka Green **b(6)**@brookings.edu>  
**Subject:** Invitation from National Secretaries of Commerce for Secretary Ross

Ted,

I hope your travels in the UK are going well this week.

Through close colleagues, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo & her Secretary of Commerce, Stefan Pryor, I have been asked to see if we can assist the National Secretaries of Commerce organization in getting a time to meet with Secretary Ross when they are in Washington, D.C. next month. This would seem to me to be a "no brainer" but they do not have good contacts in the Department at this early stage. Might you help me connect them to someone who can manage this high-level request appropriately.

I would be most grateful Ted. Happy to talk at your convenience, as this is just around the corner. Formal invitation attached.

Safe travels,

Best,

Bruce

<Invitation for Secretary Ross - April 9th .pdf>

# Fwd: Our conversation,

March 1, 2017 at 1:59 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

 True Energy.docx 166.67 KB

Spoke to him. Wants a technology for cars that is neither gas nor electric

**b(5) - DP**

**b(5) - DP** W

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marc Goldman **b(6)**

**Date:** February 25, 2017 at 3:09:24 PM EST

**To:** **b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**

**Subject:** Our conversation,

Hi Wendy,

This is the subject that I think is perfect for Wilbur's new responsibilities. I will call you shortly.

Thank you

Marc

**True Energy**

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# News Release

Release No. 0007.17

## **USDA Releases New Report on Lifecycle Greenhouse Gas Balance of Ethanol**

***Analysis finds that U.S. corn-based ethanol reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 43 percent compared to gasoline, with additional benefits projected through 2022***

WASHINGTON, Jan 12, 2017—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the release of a report studying the lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) balance of corn ethanol. The report, [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.usda.gov/oce/climate\\_change/mitigation\\_technologies/USDAEthanolReport\\_20170107.pdf"](https://www.usda.gov/oce/climate_change/mitigation_technologies/USDAEthanolReport_20170107.pdf) ], finds that GHG emissions associated with corn-based ethanol in the United States are about 43 percent lower than gasoline when measured on an energy equivalent basis. Unlike other studies of GHG benefits, which relied on forecasts of future ethanol production systems and expected impacts on the farm sector, this study reviewed how the industry and farm sectors performed over the past decade to assess the current GHG profile of corn-based ethanol.

For a summary of the report findings see the [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.usda.gov/oce/climate\\_change/mitigation\\_technologies/Ethanol\\_Report\\_Factsheet\\_Final.pdf"](https://www.usda.gov/oce/climate_change/mitigation_technologies/Ethanol_Report_Factsheet_Final.pdf) ]. For more information on USDA's Climate Change activities, or visit [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.usda.gov/climatesolutions"](https://www.usda.gov/climatesolutions) ].

Marc Goldman; **b(6)** [PAGE ] of 2 (see other side)

**b(6)**

# Re: From Russia Ramsey and Howard Gutman

March 15, 2017 at 10:57 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

b(5) - DP

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2017, at 1:51 PM, Wilbur Ross b(6) wrote:

????w

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** b(6) - Howard Gutman  
**Date:** March 15, 2017 at 9:17:46 AM EDT  
**To:** "Ross, Wilbur L" b(6) b(6) - Secretary Ross "Ambassador (Rtd) Howard Gutman" b(6)  
**Subject:** From Russia Ramsey and Howard Gutman

Mr. Secretary--

We are checking back on the proposed dinner below.

Russ and Howard

Ambassador (Rtd) Howard Gutman  
b(6)  
www.gutmangroup.com  
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Wilbur -

Hearty congrats. Well earned. Enjoy every minute.

I am checking back on the Washington DC business community dinner discussed below. Please let me know if any of the dates work.

All the best.

Howard

Ambassador (Rtd) Howard Gutman  
b(6)  
www.gutmangroup.com

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**From:** Howard Gutman [mailto:**b(6)**]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 6:59 PM  
**To:** **b(6) - Wilbur Ross**  
**Cc:** Howard Gutman **b(6)**  
**Subject:** Business Community Dinner in Your Honor

Wilbur –

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying the transition to DC.

Our friends Russ and Norma Ramsey (Russ is the former head of Friedman, Billings & Ramsey, invested with you when he led George Washington University's Endowment, and saw you at the recent Alfafa Dinner at which he mentioned hosting a dinner for you) and Michelle and I would like to host a dinner in honor of you and your wife to introduce you to the local Washington DC business community and spouses. The dinner would be at either the Ramsey home or our home, would be non-partisan/nonpolitical and would be for about 25 couples (the business leaders in Washington DC consist of a fairly tight knit group).

If that would be acceptable to you and your wife, we would like to propose that it occur in April. We have cleared the following dates:

Thurs April 6  
Wed April 12  
Thurs April 13 - (April 14 is Good Friday)  
Wed April 19  
Tues April 25  
Wed April 26  
Thurs April 27

Could you please let me know if any of those dates work for you?

All the best.

Howard  
Ambassador (Rtd) Howard Gutman

**b(6)**



# Re: Congratulations.

March 4, 2017 at 6:46 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

b(5) - DP

b(5) - DP W

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 10:23 PM, Wilbur Ross b(6) wrote:

b(5) - DP

W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Pierrepont, Stuyve" b(6)@marsh.com>  
**Date:** February 28, 2017 at 6:39:05 PM EST  
**To:** Wilbur Ross b(6)  
**Subject:** Congratulations.

Wilbur. Congrats on your appointment. So happy you were successful. Happy to be of service, if I can be of help. Please keep in mind b(6) for NOAA . He would be a valuable asset.  
Best. Stuyve

Sent from my iPhone please excuse the tone, brevity, punctuation and spelling.

Stuyve Pierrepont  
Marsh  
Private Equity M & A Services

b(6)

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# Re: Request for Meeting

March 15, 2017 at 10:46 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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We will reach out. April 17 to 21 we plan to be in Japan but will confirm. W

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On Mar 15, 2017, at 1:36 PM, Wilbur Ross <wilburross@icloud.com> wrote:

Please set it up. W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Walton, Anthony" [b(6)]@sc.com>  
**Date:** March 15, 2017 at 11:53:23 AM EDT  
**To:** "Wilbur Ross" [b(6)]  
**Cc:** "Beresik, Michael" [b(6)]@sc.com>  
**Subject:** Request for Meeting

Dear Wilbur,

Our Group CEO, Bill Winters, would very much like to meet with you in DC for a general discussion on trade issues including possible bi-lateral and regional approaches. Trade is the DNA of Standard Chartered, and we believe we can contribute positively to the Administration's approach.

Additionally, we would like to further our discussions on approaches to infrastructure spending including the Infrastructure Bank I have previously outlined to you.

Bill Winters will be in DC on April 18, and our Washington office will reach out to your staff to coordinate a convenient time for you.

Best regards,

Tony

**Anthony J. Walton**  
Vice-Chairman, Americas

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# Fwd: scheduling a meeting with Secretary Ross

March 2, 2017 at 4:27 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

You are getting tons of these requests. I am flagging this one because it is a request from Julian Robertson. Let me know. W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Beth Anne Sukphisit [b(6)]@edf.org>  
**Date:** March 2, 2017 at 6:07:45 PM EST  
**To:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)]  
**Cc:** Laurel Lee [b(6)]@edf.org>  
**Subject:** RE: scheduling a meeting with Secretary Ross

Thank you for your quick reply, Wendy. I'm following up from Mr. Julian Robertson's message (below) to Secretary Ross, in hopes Fred may be able to meet briefly with the Secretary.

Kind regards,  
Beth Anne

**From:** Robertson, Julian  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** Wilbur L. Ross [b(6)]  
**Subject:** Fred Krupp

Dear Wilbur,

I was thrilled to hear that you have been affirmed as Secretary of Commerce. I know you will do the American people proud. Now, as I suspect you are getting used to hearing, I am going to request a favor.

Fred Krupp is President of the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). I think he is the foremost environmentalist in the United States. As such, he is a leading voice on issues you will confront as Secretary, particularly fisheries and climate change. EDF has designed market-based fisheries management policies that are delivering economic growth and long-term sustainability. Fred has helped New Zealand enormously in the development of its fisheries. EDF is committed to hard economics and science and its balanced view on climate issues is a big reason I have invested so heavily in their work.

Fred has plans to be in Washington on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and I would love to put you two together for fifteen minutes or so. Assuming a meeting is of interest to you, please give me a call.

Sincerely,  
Julian

Julian Robertson | Chairman  
TIGER Management, LLC | 101 Park Avenue, 48th Floor | New York, NY 10178  
Dir: [b(6)] Fax (212) 682-0368 [b(6)]@tigerfund.com

**From:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 5:58 PM  
**To:** Beth Anne Sukphisit [b(6)]@edf.org>  
**Subject:** Re: scheduling a meeting with Secretary Ross

Hello. Could you please tell me the background and purpose of the meeting. Many thanks. Wendy

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2017, at 5:50 PM, Beth Anne Sukphisit [b(6)]@edf.org> wrote:

Hello Wendy,

I assist Fred Krupp, President of Environmental Defense Fund. Fred will be in Washington, DC on Monday, March 6 and would appreciate a meeting with the Secretary, if possible. Fred could also be available Wednesday afternoon for a meeting.

Would you be able to assist me with scheduling, please?

Kind regards,  
Beth Anne

**Beth Anne Sukphisit**  
Assistant to Fred Krupp

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# RE: Bloomberg TV

March 1, 2017 at 6:44 AM

From "Teramoto, Wendy L"

To 'Emma Chandra'

Cc Wilbur Ross

Yes. JAMES Rockas. Jrockas@doc.gov. Please email him directly. If you don't hear back please let me know. Best, Wendy

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Emma Chandra (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [echandra6@bloomberg.net]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 07:42 AM Central Standard Time

**To:** Teramoto, Wendy L

**Cc:** **b(6) - Secretary Ross**

**Subject:** [EXT]RE: Bloomberg TV

Hi Wendy,

Wilbur joined us on Bloomberg yesterday evening ahead of the President's speech to Congress which was great. This was set up through the White House.

I'd still like to get connected with Commerce but haven't heard back from them. Do you have a contact in the press team you might send me?

Thank you, Emma

From: EMMA CHANDRA (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) At: 02/28/17 08:17:39

To: **b(6) - Secretary Ross**

**b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**

Subject: RE: Bloomberg TV

Thank you Wendy. Much appreciated! I'm in DC this week so I'll try and set up a meeting.

Emma

From: **b(6) - Wendy Teramoto** At: 02/28/17 08:06:14

To: EMMA CHANDRA (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:),

**b(6) - Secretary Ross**

Subject: RE: Bloomberg TV

I will have Secretary Ross's communications group reach out to you immediately. Wendy

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Emma Chandra (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [echandra6@bloomberg.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 06:47 AM Central Standard Time

**To:** Teramoto, Wendy L; **b(6) - Secretary Ross**

**Subject:** [EXT]Re: Bloomberg TV

Thank you Wilbur. Hello Wendy.

We'd love to speak with the Secretary at his earliest opportunity. Do please direct me to the right person at Commerce to take this request from here.

Thank you, Emma

From: **b(6) - Secretary Ross** At: 02/27/17 22:46:53

To:

EMMA CHANDRA (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:),

**b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**

Subject: Re: Bloomberg TV

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2017, at 8:04 PM, Emma Chandra (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <echandra6@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Dear Wilbur,

Congratulations on your confirmation as Commerce Secretary! We here at Bloomberg are looking forward to talking to you about your plans for the department and the administration's agenda. Let me know how we can make that work.

All best,

Emma

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Dear Mr. Ross,

Emma Chandra from Bloomberg TV here. I wanted to check in given your Senate confirmation due today. With the new administration's bold trade agenda our anchors here at Bloomberg TV would love to speak with you at your earliest opportunity (I know you've spoken with David Westin and Vonnie Quinn in the past). To whom and how should I direct our request?

Very best, Emma

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From: EMMA CHANDRA (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) At: 01/25/17  
16:27:32

To:

**b(6) - Wilbur Ross**

Subject: Re: Bloomberg TV

Mr. Ross,



Who should I be in touch with now? Do you have a new Press Secretary?

Emma

From: **b(6) - Wilbur Ross**  
At: 01/24/17 17:42:37  
To:  
EMMA CHANDRA (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)  
Subject: Re: Bloomberg TV

Thanks W

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2017, at 5:31 PM, Emma Chandra  
(BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)  
<echandra6@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Dear Mr. Ross,

This is Emma Chandra at Bloomberg TV. I received your new email address so wanted to re-connect.

Congratulations once again on your nomination to be Secretary of Commerce. Needless to say we would love to host you on Bloomberg once the confirmation process is finished. Perhaps we can stay in touch?

Thank you and best wishes,

Emma

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Sent from Bloomberg Professional for iPhone

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# Travel today

March 11, 2017 at 5:32 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross, hilary geary, Brooke Alexander

Just to confirm. Detail named [b(6) & b7(C)] will pick up the Secretary up at 845 in the lobby. Detail [b(6) & b7(C)] also just informed me that [b(6)] does not have either WLR nor Hilary confirmed on the flight. He said he will talk to [b(6)] once he gets to the airport. He is on his way there now to advance security. W

Sent from my iPhone

# I need 10 min sometime

March 11, 2017 at 6:30 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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Today or tomorrow but definitely before Monday. Update and we need to discuss team dynamics. W

Sent from my iPhone

# Re: India Foreign Secretary

March 1, 2017 at 8:23 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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Ok. Will have Branstad sit in on meeting. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 10:16 PM, Wilbur Ross: [REDACTED] wrote:

Wendy Teramoto

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 2:26 PM, Banga, Ajay: [REDACTED]@mastercard.com> wrote:

Hi

India's foreign secretary is in town today and tomorrow and I think was seeking fifteen minutes on your calendar to touch base on how to take the Strategic and Commercial Dialogue between Indian and the US forward.

Would you have time and if so whom can I get them to work with directly on it?

Thanks

Ajay

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# Fwd: Meeting

March 8, 2017 at 6:40 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

**b(5) - DP**

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Michael Wessel [b(6)]@wesselgroup.com>

**Date:** March 6, 2017 at 8:57:21 PM EST

**To:** "Wendy Teramoto" [b(6)]

**Subject:** Re: Meeting

As follow up, the meeting would just include me and Alan Price.

Michael Wessel  
The Wessel Group, Inc.  
1101 17th Street, N.W.  
Suite 1004  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
Tel: [b(6)]  
Fax: (202) 293-8890  
[b(6)]@wesselgroup.com

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**From:** Michael Wessel

**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 5:33 PM

**To:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)]

**Subject:** Meeting

Hope you're settling in...

I met with Peter last week, along with Alan Price (who was up in NY) and representatives of a company that faces a decision by the DOC before the end of the month on the administrative review on Oil Country Tubular Goods from Korea. Happy to send some follow up info. Would be very helpful if we could meet with the Secretary or someone directly in his office. This is an issue that is directly aligned with the USW (although they are not party to the case).

Let me know if we could arrange a time to meet.

Thanks.

Michael Wessel

President  
The Wessel Group, Inc.  
1101 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Suite 1004  
Washington, D.C. 20036

**b(6)**

# Schedule

March 10, 2017 at 4:44 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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Are u checking ur government given email? Dina is sending next weeks schedules out.

Sent from my iPhone



Re: ARM-Ross/Hilary Geary Reservation Hold **b(6)**  
March 11 2017 **b(6)**

March 10, 2017 at 9:17 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To hilary geary

Cc Brooke Alexander, Wilbur Ross

FYI. On the res I saw WLR is waitlisted on flight. Not sure how **b(6)** reservations work but just highlighting. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 10, 2017, at 10:35 PM, hilary geary **b(6)** wrote:

Mr R is trying to call you **b7(E)**

**b7(E)**

Sent from my iPhone  
Hilary Geary Ross

**b(6)**

On Mar 10, 2017, at 10:17 PM, Brooke Alexander **b(6)** wrote:

Thank you.

Brooke V Alexander

On Mar 10, 2017, at 10:11 PM, hilary geary **b(6)** wrote:

Sent from my iPhone  
Hilary Geary Ross

**b(6)**

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Shannon Cunningham **b(6)**@centurion.com>


**Date:** March 10, 2017 at 9:14:47 PM EST

**To:** **b(6)** - Hilary Geary

**Subject:** ARM-Ross/Hilary Geary Reservation Hold **b(6)** March 11 2017 **b(6)**

**b(6)**

**Reply-To:** Shannon Cunningham **b(6)**@centurion.com>

 US Centurion Banner

Mrs. Geary-Ross,

American Express Document Reference Number **b(6)**

American Express Record Locators:

**b(6)** - Hilary Geary Ross  
Wilbur Ross

Thank you for contacting centurion services. Please call us in regards to the reservation hold for the above record locators. Reservation is not ticketed and is not confirmed for March 11 2017

**b(6)** Regrettably the outbound flight only was confirming one seat when trying to finalize your trip, when we receive your return call we can go over additional options for you and Mr. Ross. Reference the above record locators when calling for quicker access to your file.

Kind Regards,

Harrison Berrier

Associate Relationship Manager/Centurion

1-877-877-0987

Cc: Relationship Manager-Shannon Cunningham

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# RE: Norwegian Secretary of State

March 15, 2017 at 2:42 PM

From "Teramoto, Wendy L"

To Harald Moræus-Hanssen, Wilbur Ross

I spoke to ethics. We can set this up as long as it is introductory which it will be. W

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Harald Moræus Hanssen [b(6)]@fearnleys.no]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:14 AM Central Standard Time  
**To:** b(6) - Secretary Ross  
**Cc:** Teramoto, Wendy L  
**Subject:** [EXT]Norwegian Secretary of State

Dear Wilbur

Børge Brende – the Norwegian Secretary of State – or Foreign Minister as we call it, is in Washington DC next week

He is asking me if it would be possible to meet you (Wilbur Ross)

He would be available any time on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March - or on Wednesday morning – or late Monday afternoon

(Børge Brende is in my estimation a good guy [b(6)] his first job was for [b(6)]  
 [b(6)] Brende's boss – the Norwegian Prime  
 Minister Mrs Erna Solberg is also [b(6)] both represent the ruling Conservative Party)

Best regards  
Harald Moræus-Hanssen

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# Re: Capital Link Forum NYC - Monday, October 2, 2017

March 30, 2017 at 6:25 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

**b(5) - DP** W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2017, at 9:22 PM, Wilbur Ross **b(6)** wrote:

I don't think I will be in NYC then WLR

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2017, at 6:55 PM, Nicolas Bornozis **b(6)**@capitallink.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Ross,

I hope all is well!!

Would you consider being the Keynote Speaker at our New York Maritime Forum on Monday, October 2, 2017 and share your views on Global Commerce?

This is an event that discusses the global commodity, energy and shipping markets and aims to showcase NY as a maritime and commerce industry hub. We will send a formal request through the proper channels, but I thought also of approaching you directly.

Wishing you the best and hoping to see you soon again,

Nicolas

**b(6)**

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# Fwd: scheduling a meeting with Secretary Ross

March 4, 2017 at 6:37 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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From Julian Robertson. See below. Do u want to do this!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Beth Anne Sukphisit [b(6)]@edf.org>  
**Date:** March 3, 2017 at 1:30:33 PM EST  
**To:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)]  
**Cc:** Laurel Lee [b(6)]@edf.org>  
**Subject:** RE: scheduling a meeting with Secretary Ross

Wendy,

Thank you again for your reply last evening. I've received contact information for scheduler Dina Beaumont and have sent a request to her as well.

If there is anyone else you recommend I connect with, I appreciate your assistance.

Kind regards,  
Beth Anne

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**From:** Beth Anne Sukphisit  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 6:08 PM  
**To:** 'Wendy Teramoto' [b(6)]  
**Cc:** Laurel Lee [b(6)]@edf.org>  
**Subject:** RE: scheduling a meeting with Secretary Ross

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**From:** Robertson, Julian  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** 'Wilbur L. Ross' [b(6)]  
**Subject:** Fred Krupp

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Sincerely,  
Julian

Julian Robertson | Chairman  
TIGER Management, LLC | 101 Park Avenue, 48th Floor | New York, NY 10178  
Dir: [b(6)] Fax (212) 682-0368 [b(6)]@tigerfund.com

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**From:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 5:58 PM  
**To:** Beth Anne Sukphisit [b(6)]@edf.org>  
**Subject:** Re: scheduling a meeting with Secretary Ross

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On Mar 2, 2017, at 5:50 PM, Beth Anne Sukphisit [b(6)]@edf.org> wrote:

Hello Wendy,

I assist Fred Krupp, President of Environmental Defense Fund. Fred will be in Washington, DC on Monday, March 6 and would appreciate a meeting with the Secretary, if possible. Fred could also be available Wednesday afternoon for a meeting.

Would you be able to assist me with scheduling, please?

Kind regards,  
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# Re: Hearing

March 6, 2017 at 8:13 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To "Lighthizer, Robert E. (Retired Partner)"

Cc Wilbur Ross

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On Mar 6, 2017, at 4:18 PM, Lighthizer, Robert E. (Retired Partner)

**b(6)** @skadden.com> wrote:

It looks like the Finance Committee tomorrow will notice my hearing for next Tuesday, the 14th.

Bob

Re: ARM-Ross/Hilary Geary Reservation Hold **b(6)**  
March 11 2017 **b(6)**

March 10, 2017 at 9:14 PM

From Wendy Teramoto

To hilary geary

Cc Brooke Alexander, Wilbur Ross

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Thank you.

Brooke V Alexander

On Mar 10, 2017, at 10:11 PM, hilary geary **b(6)** wrote:

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**Subject:** ARM-Ross/Hilary Geary Reservation Hold **b(6)** March 11 2017 **b(6)**  
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Wilbur Ross

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**Subject:** Icahn in the news...

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Watchdog presses U.S. lawmakers to probe Icahn's role with Trump

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A government watchdog group, Public Citizen, said on Wednesday it has asked lawmakers to investigate whether Carl Icahn violated lobbying disclosure laws, a complaint the billionaire investor denied and called a "witch hunt."

# Ok if I meet u in lobby at 825

March 15, 2017 at 4:26 AM

From Wendy Teramoto

To Wilbur Ross

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# DOC Afternoon News Clips for Tuesday, April 10, 2018

April 10, 2018 at 1:21 PM

From "Reinert, William (Federal)"

To Undisclosed recipients: ;

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## DOC Afternoon News Clips for Tuesday, April 10, 2018

### How Trump Misunderstands Trade

#### NYT

President Trump recently tweeted, referring to the United States trade deficit with China, "When you're already \$500 billion down, you can't lose!" In 1776, Adam Smith observed that nothing "can be more absurd than this whole doctrine of the balance of trade." Sadly, almost 250 years later, the president — along with his economic adviser Peter Navarro and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross — has elevated this economic fallacy into a pretext for protectionism.

### China's Xi renews vow to open economy, cut tariffs as U.S. trade row deepens

#### Reuters

Chinese President Xi Jinping promised on Tuesday to open the country's economy further and lower import tariffs on products like cars, in a speech seen as an attempt to defuse an escalating trade dispute with the United States.

### White House 'encouraged' by Xi speech but seeks 'concrete actions'

The White House welcomed Chinese President Xi Jinping's pledges to further open up his country's market but stressed that words alone would not stop President Donald Trump from moving forward on possible tariffs on Chinese goods.

"Certainly we are encouraged by President Xi's words," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters today during a daily press briefing. "But at the same time, we want to see concrete actions from China, and we're going to continue moving forward in the process and in the negotiations until those things happen."

The comments come in response to a major speech Xi delivered this morning in China during which he pledged, among other things, to lower tariffs on automobiles, mount a drive to boost imports to the country and strengthen protection of intellectual property.

Sanders said the commitments mark "a step in the right direction" but are not enough to stop Trump from considering imposing tariffs on up to \$150 billion in imports from China to punish Beijing for what the White House sees as the theft of intellectual property.

Beijing has pledged to respond in kind, but the tariffs have yet to take effect. The U.S. administration has laid out a consultative process that will prevent any duties from being formally implemented until late May at the earliest. When asked what specifically Trump wants to see from the Chinese before he considers backing down from his tariff threats, Sanders did not answer directly.

"This is going to be something that's going to be part of private negotiations that we have with the Chinese," she said. "But certainly we want to see more than just the rhetoric."

### Trump praises Xi's 'kind words on tariffs'

President Donald Trump applauded Chinese President Xi Jinping today for remarks in which he pledged to work to further open up his country's market and lower tariffs on automobiles, saying the Chinese leader's promises would yield "great progress" between the two countries.

"Very thankful for President Xi of China's kind words on tariffs and automobile barriers...also, his enlightenment on intellectual property and technology transfers," Trump posted on Twitter. "We will make great progress together!"

Trump's Twitter praise came in response to a speech Xi delivered this morning in China, during which the Chinese leader also committed to strengthening protection of intellectual property and said he would mount a

drive to boost imports to the country, a move that could reduce China's trade surplus with the U.S., which Trump has long criticized.

But even as Xi touted promises that correspond with some elements of the Trump administration's China wishlist, he also avoided addressing some of Washington's core grievances, particularly surrounding its industrial policies. Plus, the promises Xi made, including on autos, were not particularly new and did not include any hard deadlines that would indicate Beijing intends to follow through, analysts say.

"It wouldn't make sense for the Trump administration to herald this speech as a big step forward if they want something more than limited market access," said Scott Kennedy, a China analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "If the Trump administration's goal is to have China constrain its industrial policy ... then the speech fell far short of that in just about every way."

### **Kudlow: Xi speech a potential gamechanger**

The White House is still evaluating Chinese President Xi Jinping's comments that China is entering a new phase of market opening, but the action could be significant if China follows through, White House chief economic adviser Larry Kudlow said Tuesday.

"It seemed like a peaceful speech with the intent of market openings," Kudlow said in an interview on "The Hugh Hewitt Show." "If it does, it changes the whole game. Financial markets are rallying, Hugh, so they saw it first in the Asian markets, so it's a good sign. Let's just say that. It's a positive sign."

Xi made the announcement in a speech earlier on Tuesday at the Boao Forum for Asia, which is taking place this week in Hainan, China. Without mentioning President Donald Trump or the United States by name, Xi promised action to boost imports, to reduce market access barriers and strengthen intellectual property protection. He also promised specifically that China would reduce its 25 percent car tariff.

Traders in the U.S. stock markets were viewing Xi's speech as a positive sign of easing of trade tensions. As of 10:30 a.m., the Dow Jones industrial average was up about 450 points, or 1.8 percent, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.5 percent.

"We're going to evaluate the speech. But from what I gather reading the news reports, he did a lot more than blink," Kudlow said, apparently in reference to a stare down between Xi and Trump, who has threatened to raise tariffs on China over alleged theft of U.S. intellectual property and forced technology transfers. "He made, I don't know what the code is in China, but he may have blinked three times."

"Look, he's talking about market openings. He's talking about reducing barriers. He's talking particularly in the automobile industry," Kudlow said. "He also talked about intellectual property theft. He also talked about technology, force technology transfers. In other words, all of the things that we've been saying are wrong, he addressed in his speech in a positive way, that change is coming."

"And he said it'll come sooner rather than later. Now I can't interpret that, yet. We've got to get our whole team together today and have a look. They've said similar things in the past. I acknowledge that. But it covered the waterfront, and it was billed as a major speech," Kudlow said.

### **Industry groups urge G-20 to establish global aluminum forum**

Industry associations representing aluminum makers in the United States, European Union, Canada, Brazil and Japan are urging G-20 countries to consider establishing a new global forum to address overcapacity.

"While unilateral trade measures can help target narrow problems of unfair trade, collective action is needed to induce systemic change," the groups said in a letter sent today to G-20 foreign ministers. "The G-20 represents the appropriate forum to facilitate dialogue and trust among parties, aiming to remove non-market policies affecting our industry."

A global forum on aluminum overcapacity would follow a similar forum established under the G-20 to tackle overcapacity in the steel sector. The industry groups called on G-20 leaders to consider creating a new forum when they meet in Buenos Aires, Argentina, later this year.

The industry groups said they are particularly worried about China's contribution to the global supply of aluminum.

"While efforts to curtail subsidized or illegal production in China are welcomed, recent data shows that such measures are insufficient to tackle the abundant overcapacities and the real increase of production in China amounting to 13.3 percent compared to 2 percent in the rest of the world in 2017," the groups said in the letter.

### **White House: Trump has power to fire Mueller**

Facing a crisis in Syria and a sudden escalation of the federal investigations into his closest personal associates, President Donald Trump announced Tuesday he'll skip an upcoming trip to Latin America and instead stay in Washington.

Trump's decision to scrap this weekend's long-planned travel to the Summit of the Americas in Lima, Peru, will leave the president largely alone in the White House with little on his schedule, giving him time to stew and watch cable news.

Angry and increasingly isolated, the president is more unpredictable than ever, according to four people close to him.

These people worry that Trump — who has lost several key advisers in recent months, including former staff secretary Rob Porter, personal aide Johnny McEntee, and communications director Hope Hicks — may make a snap decision to fire senior Justice Department officials who he blames for Monday's raid on the office and apartment of his personal lawyer Michael Cohen, a longtime confidant at the Trump Organization who remained in New York.

"A TOTAL WITCH HUNT!!!" Trump wrote on Twitter Tuesday morning. He also added: "Attorney-client privilege is dead!"

A GOP operative close to the White House told POLITICO: "The all caps tweet, that's the primal scream. That's the war cry."

"He's losing his shit," the operative added. "We're at a different level now."

While the president has long complained — both publicly and privately — about the Russia investigation overseen by special counsel Robert Mueller, his rage has surged since Mueller's recent decision to subpoena the Trump Organization. Monday's raid further cemented the president's belief that Mueller and others in the Justice Department are out to get him.

Trump is especially frustrated with deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein, according to a person familiar with the president's conversations. Rosenstein, a former U.S. attorney, has overseen the Mueller probe since Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself last year.

The New York Times reported Tuesday that Rosenstein personally signed off on the Cohen raid. Rosenstein also played a key role in Trump's firing of former FBI director James Comey, whose memoir — widely expected to be critical of Trump — is due to be released on April 17.

Given Trump's ongoing frustration with the Mueller investigation, one former campaign official predicted that both Rod Rosenstein and Mueller would be fired by the end of the week.

The telltale sign came in the form of Trump's body language on Monday night, said the same official; his arms crossed and his punchy rhetoric meant, to those who've worked with him closely, that Trump was not happy and no amount of information could change his mind.

In recent weeks, the president has increasingly leaned on Fox News personalities for advice, regularly calling Sean Hannity, Jeanine Pirro and Fox Business Network anchor Lou Dobbs.

Dobbs used his Monday night show to call for Mueller's firing, saying, "I would fire the SOB in three seconds if it were me." One of the people close to Trump said he was afraid comments like Dobbs' could further encourage the president to remove the special counsel, a move that many Republicans believe would be disastrous for his presidency.

But two other people close to the White House wrote off Trump's comments as his usual bluster, and said they weren't aware of any concrete plans to oust senior Justice Department officials.

"I would be very, very surprised if you saw any type of DOJ or Mueller shakeup at the direction of the president," said one Republican close to the White House. "I think the president has a sense that it would be very difficult to do it and to follow up with other appointments that would get Senate attention."

Lawmakers mounted a renewed defense of Mueller on Tuesday, with one Republican senator pushing to pass legislation that would shield the special prosecutor from White House interference.

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) is pressing for the Senate Judiciary Committee to take up his legislation aimed at insulating Mueller from any attempt to fire him. Tillis is in discussions with Sens. Chris Coons (D-Del.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) about merging two separate Mueller protection bills and then persuading Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley to pass them.

"It's a good bill that's going to have enduring value beyond this presidency," Tillis said.

West Wing staff had welcomed Trump's trip to Latin America, which was supposed to include a stop in Bogota, Colombia and a return to Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, taking him out of the country as Comey embarks on a media blitz surrounding his book.

It's not clear whether Trump will remain in Washington next week or keep plans to meet with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Mar-a-Lago, a redux of a golf weekend the pair enjoyed early in Trump's presidency. Trump hates leaving the White House for extended periods of time, unless it's to visit one of his properties, and has long been reluctant to embark on lengthy foreign trips, according to a person close to the president. "He's a homebody," the person said.

Vice President Mike Pence will take Trump's place at the meetings in Peru, while the president will "monitor developments around the world," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement.

Trump spent Tuesday receiving updates on the situation in Syria in the aftermath of a suspected chemical attack last weekend, including from his new national security adviser John Bolton, according to one White House official.

The president said Monday that the U.S. had "a lot of options militarily" to respond to a suspected chemical weapons attack in Syria over the weekend. He said that his administration would decide how to react in the next "24 to 48 hours." No response has yet been announced.

The suspected poison gas attack on Saturday in the suburbs of Damascus killed dozens of people. After a similar chemical attack a year ago, Trump ordered missile strikes on a Syrian air base. Before the weekend attack, however, he had said he wanted "to get out" of the civil-war-ravaged country.

Pence visited Latin America last year to meet with the presidents of Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Panama in an attempt to increase pressure against Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro's regime.

"The Vice President is honored to represent the United States at the 8th Summit of the Americas at President Trump's request," Jarrod Agen, Pence's deputy chief of staff, said in a statement. "He looks forward to promoting policy that will lead to an even stronger U.S. economy and working with our close allies in Latin America to collectively hold undemocratic actors in the region accountable for their actions."

### **China launches WTO case against U.S. steel, aluminum tariffs**

China on Tuesday formally launched action at the World Trade Organization against President Donald Trump's new tariffs on steel and aluminum products by requesting consultations with the United States, which is the first step in the WTO dispute settlement process.

The move came the same day that Chinese President Xi Jinping gave a major speech at a forum in Southern China promising to further open the Chinese economy. China is the first country to formally challenge the duties, which were applied to steel and aluminum imports from a broad range of nations.

Trump imposed the new 25 percent tariff on steel and 10 percent tariff on aluminum on the grounds that imports of both products pose a threat to U.S. national security by undermining the long-term viability of the domestic industries.

China charges that the tariffs are inconsistent with provisions of the WTO's 1994 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the Agreement on Safeguards. The latter pact allows countries to temporarily impose duties on imports in response to a surge that threatens to disrupt domestic industry.

However, the United States did not impose the steel and aluminum tariffs under its safeguards statute, known as Section 201 of the 1974 Trade Act. Instead, Trump took the action under a much more rarely used provision, Section 232 of the 1962 Trade Expansion Act, which allows the president to restrict imports on national security grounds.

China has previously treated the new duties as a safeguard action to justify its recent decision to retaliate against roughly \$3 billion worth of U.S. exports. It argued it is entitled to take that action under WTO safeguard rules since the United States refused to consult on the trade measures and offer China compensation.

But the Trump administration said there was no justification for China to make such a move.

"These actions are not safeguard measures and, therefore, there is no basis to conduct consultations under the Agreement on Safeguards with respect to these measures," Dennis Shea, the U.S. ambassador to the WTO in Geneva, wrote in a letter last week to Zhang Xiangchen, his Chinese counterpart.

Trump delayed implementation of the duties until May 1 for seven trading partners to allow them to take other action to eliminate the alleged national security threat to the United States. Only one country, South Korea, has taken that step, by agreeing to a quota on its steel exports to the U.S., but not on its aluminum products.

### **Trump praises Xi's trade promise that China will welcome more imports**

President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he was "very thankful" that his Chinese counterpart promised significant changes that strike at the heart of several of the American leader's complaints about Beijing's trade and business practices.

"Very thankful for President Xi of China's kind words on tariffs and automobile barriers...also, his enlightenment on intellectual property and technology transfers," Trump tweeted. "We will make great progress together!" Trump's Twitter praise followed a major speech Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered Tuesday morning in which he pledged to reduce tariffs on autos, strengthen protection of intellectual property and mount a drive to boost imports as part of "a new phase of opening up."

In what may have been a direct answer to the escalating tensions with the U.S., Xi said stronger intellectual property protection "is the requirement of foreign enterprises and even more so of Chinese enterprises."

Xi did not mention Trump by name in his remarks, or Trump's threat to impose tariffs on Chinese goods. But he repeatedly seemed to be offering an alternative vision of global development to Trump's more nationalist model. On Tuesday morning, the White House offered measured optimism about Xi's comments. White House chief economic adviser Larry Kudlow said Xi's pledge that China is entering a new phase of market opening could be a significant development if China follows through with action.

"It seemed like a peaceful speech with the intent of market openings," Kudlow said in an interview on "The Hugh Hewitt Show," cautioning that the White House was still evaluating Xi's speech. "If it does, it changes the whole game. Financial markets are rallying, Hugh, so they saw it first in the Asian markets, so it's a good sign. Let's just say that. It's a positive sign."

As of 2 p.m., the Dow Jones industrial average of 30 blue-chip stocks was up more than 467 points, or nearly 2 percent. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index also rose 1.8 percent, as stock traders interpreted Xi's speech as an indication that trade tensions were easing between the two global economic powers.

Trump had escalated worries last week by asking his administration to look at whether to slap tariffs on an additional \$100 billion in Chinese goods as part of a punishment to stop what the White House sees as the theft of intellectual property from corporations that want to do business in China.

Declaring that "China does not seek a trade surplus," Xi also vowed a drive to boost imports, including by reducing tariffs on autos and additional products. Trump has often complained that China has a 25 percent tariff on cars, compared with a U.S. tariff of just 2.5 percent. As recently as Monday, he referred to the disparity in auto tariffs between the two countries as an example of "STUPID TRADE."

Xi said China will also issue a revised "negative list" in the first half of 2018 detailing which sectors remain off-limits to foreign investment and which, by implication, will be opened up.

He added that China would commit to increasing its imports in a way that satisfies Chinese consumers' demands. He said China hopes that in turn, "developed countries will stop imposing restrictions on normal and reasonable trade of high-tech products" — also an indirect response at Trump's complaints.

Xi promised to ease foreign ownership restrictions in autos, shipbuilding and aircraft. He also pledged to implement and expand financial services market openings announced near the end of 2017.

"In a world aspiring for peace and development, the Cold War mentality and zero-sum mentality look even more out of place," he said. He also called for "a new approach to state-to-state relations, featuring dialogue rather than confrontation and partnership instead of alliance."

The speech at the Boao Forum, sometimes referred to as the "Davos of Asia," comes as Xi has consolidated his political power in recent months. In March, the Chinese legislature eliminated term limits, effectively positioning Xi, 64, to serve as president for life. His remarks also coincide with the 40th anniversary of economic reform initiated by Deng Xiaoping.

Throughout his speech, Xi extolled the gains that the Chinese people have received from opening up over the past four decades, while ignoring that many foreigners believe those efforts have stalled in recent years.

"With regard to all those major initiatives I have just announced, we have every intention to translate them into reality sooner rather than later," Xi said to applause from his audience, which included many of Asia's top leaders and other dignitaries like Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund. "We want the outcomes of our opening up efforts to deliver benefits as soon as possible to all enterprises and people in China and around the world."

Kudlow said that Xi's speech mentioned "all of the things that we've been saying are wrong," but he warned that China has made many of the same promises before.

"Look, he's talking about market openings. He's talking about reducing barriers. He's talking particularly in the automobile industry," Kudlow told Hewitt. "He also talked about intellectual property theft. He also talked about technology, forced technology transfers. In other words, all of the things that we've been saying are wrong, he addressed in his speech in a positive way, that change is coming."

### **Mexico makes moves toward compromise on NAFTA rules of origin**



Mexico would be willing to increase the regional content requirements for automobiles to an upper limit of 70 percent as part of a new NAFTA, a source close to the talks confirmed Monday.

The Office of the U.S Trade Representative initially proposed a requirement that 85 percent of the parts of cars come from the three NAFTA countries to be eligible for reduced tariffs under the deal. The current agreement has a 62.5 percent requirement.

Minister-level discussions last week built on recent progress on automotive rules, according to Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, but getting to a compromise on the issue would put negotiators one step closer to a renegotiated deal.

"Mexico is willing to be flexible on some aspects of autos," a source close to the talks told POLITICO. "The ball is now in the U.S.' court. How much are they willing to go back on some of the other red lines that Mexico and Canada" have expressed?

Automotive rules of origin has remained one of the thornier issues in the negotiations. The U.S. had also proposed a requirement that cars made in Canada or Mexico contain 50 percent U.S. content to avoid tariffs — a move that both Mexico and Canada had shut down early on as a nonstarter. USTR has since withdrawn the proposal, the source said.

Mexico would also support including high-value work — like research and development expenses — in the NAFTA regional content, which was a key component of Canada's auto proposal. However, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer had previously criticized Canada's informal counterproposal as "the opposite of what we are trying to do."

The U.S. has proposed giving the three countries a three-year transition period to adjust to any new content requirements, the source said. However, industry groups in Mexico have said that companies should be given at least seven years.

USTR's revamped autos proposal would also require that a certain percentage of a car be made by workers in a specific wage bracket to qualify for reduced duties, The New York Times reported last week. That proposal, which could demand wages upward of \$15 an hour, remains unattainable for Mexico, the source said.

Mexican Economy Minister Ildefonso Guajardo called the U.S.' position to factor in wages "in some ways aspirational for Mexico, but at the same time, unattainable in the short term." Mexico's minimum wage is about \$4.70 a day.

"This proposal, as it stands, benefits Asian manufacturers more than it benefits North American manufacturers," the source said. "If you drastically increase wages, you incentivize companies moving over to cheaper markets." The U.S.' revamped position is a step closer to a renegotiated NAFTA; however, the U.S. auto industry is not fully on board with USTR's proposal yet, Guajardo said Monday.

"For [Mexico], it's a surprise that a negotiator tell you, 'It's going this way, but I still haven't convinced Ford, and still haven't convinced General Motors, and still haven't convinced Chrysler,'" Guajardo said on Mexican news outlet Noticias Televisa. "So, it's going to be somewhat difficult. How are you going to sell a solution that doesn't have the backing from the members of the industry?"

Freeland acknowledged Friday that negotiators had entered an "intensive phase of engagement" with progress on rules of origin that has come "thanks to some creative proposals from the United States a few weeks ago."

Guajardo added that there was no chance that an agreement in principle would be set for the Summit of the Americas later this week in Lima, Peru. But he said there was about an 80 percent chance of reaching an agreement in principle by May.

Lighthizer, Guajardo and Freeland are expected to meet again later this week at the two-day summit, which begins Friday. Technical teams continue to meet this week, the source said.

### **Ross offers begrudging support for Ex-Im Bank**

The U.S. should probably have a functioning U.S. Export-Import Bank to compete against countries like China that offer low-interest financing to help their companies win contracts, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said today.

"Nobody's in favor of corporate welfare. We certainly are not. But we also live in a world that we don't totally control," Ross said at the Heritage Foundation. His remarks come as the Ex-Im Bank remains unable to approve transactions worth more than \$10 million because it does not have a quorum on its board of directors.

Ross said he recently met with General Electric, which complained it had lost "a big project in Egypt" to a Chinese competitor because the Chinese government provided a 30-year loan at an interest rate of just 1.5 percent.

"That's not a market rate," Ross said told the conservative free market group. "It poses a conundrum. Are we better off just letting them do that and take away several thousand American jobs, or having something [like Ex-Im] to be somewhat competitive? That's what makes it so complicated."

The ideal solution would be for no country to provide concessionary funding for big projects, Ross said. "But when other people are doing it, you've got to make the choice: jobs or doing something your principles don't like you to do. It's a tough decision. It's a tough decision."

# Re: Counsellor Masashi Adachi of Japan

September 9, 2017 at 6:52 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To "Toby S. Myerson"

Cc Wendy Teramoto, Eric Branstad

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Please work something out. WLR

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2017, at 11:22 AM, Toby S. Myerson [b(6)]@longsightadvisors.com> wrote:

Dear Wilbur,

I hope you are well. I am certain you are busy.

You were kind enough to agree last May to see Masashi Adachi, a prominent and influential member of Japan's upper house of parliament. Unfortunately, your travel schedule made that meeting impossible. Adachi-san will be visiting Washington DC on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are available, he would very much like to meet you and get to know you. If you are not available those days, perhaps someone on your staff might be available to meet with him.

Adachi-san is a really able man who is very close to the leadership of the Abe government. I know him well, since he used to work with me in the Paul, Weiss Tokyo office. I am sure you and your team will enjoy getting to know him.

Please give me your thoughts, and hope to be able to catch up soon.

All the best,

Toby

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**From:** Wilbur Ross [b(6)]

**Date:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 3:31 AM

**To:** Toby Myerson [b(6)]@longsightadvisors.com>

**Cc:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)], Eric Branstad [b(6)]

**Subject:** Re: Counsellor Masashi Adachi of Japan

Toby is friend of mine who has been prominent as a lawyer in many Japanese transactions. I would like to accommodate his request. Please schedule. Wilbur Ross

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2017, at 9:48 AM, Toby S. Myerson [b(6)]@longsightadvisors.com> wrote:

Dear Wilbur,

I hope this note finds you well, and I certainly hope you are enjoying your new challenges. All of us are rooting for you.

My very good friend, Masashi Adachi, will be visiting Washington DC on May 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. Masashi is a member of the Upper House of the Japanese Parliament, he is Director of Foreign Affairs for the LDP and he is a very close advisor to Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga. He would very much like an opportunity to meet with you or someone senior on your staff to get acquainted and exchange some general views on the U.S./Japan economic relationship, infrastructure finance and investment and other matters of mutual interest.

Masashi was a member of the legal department at Sumitomo Corporation, when I first got to know him. He got an LL.M. degree from NYU and is a member of the New York Bar. He also worked as Asian Counsel for me in the Paul, Weiss Tokyo office. (Hope that doesn't disqualify him in your eyes.) He then went into politics and successfully ran for office. Masashi is very smart, extremely conversant in English and is one of the sophisticates in the Japanese Parliament on U.S./Japan bilateral economic relations, U.S. law and business.

If it can be arranged appropriately, it would be great if you had a few minutes to meet with him and also introduce him to one of your key deputies to exchange ideas on the U.S. Japan economic relationship, infrastructure investment and other matters of concern. There is no agenda here other than to make the personal contact.

Please let me know your thoughts.

All best wishes,

Toby

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# Fwd: AOA meetings permitted and if it fits the schedule I would like to do this

September 9, 2017 at 6:46 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To "Wendy L. Teramoto"

Please check. W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paul Singer, [REDACTED] **b(6)**  
**Date:** September 8, 2017 at 9:22:18 PM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED] **b(6) - Secretary Ross**, Wilbur Ross, [REDACTED] **b(6)**  
**Cc:** "Anne Dickerson" [REDACTED] **b(6)**, Angela Meyers, [REDACTED] **b(6)**  
"balexander@doc.gov" <balexander@doc.gov>, Susan Ralston, [REDACTED] **b(6)**  
**Subject:** AOA meeting

Mr. Secretary/Wilbur,

We are hosting your former AOA friends and colleagues for a meeting in New York City on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and I would love to have you address our crowd on the important topics of the day. The time slot is flexible between 8:30AM-4:30PM.

In particular, we would value your thoughts regarding trade, regulatory reform, tax reform, and more. You are at the center of the debate, and could provide great insights for our network.

I have copied Angela Meyers who can provide additional details on the meeting if your schedule permits.

We'd be thrilled to have you with us and look forward to hearing from you.

Best,  
Paul

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Thank you.

# Fwd: Invitation from National Secretaries of Commerce for Secretary Ross

March 8, 2017 at 6:27 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

 Invitation...April 9th .pdf 131.3 KB

**b(5) - DP**

W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ted Gayer **b(6)** @brookings.edu>  
**Date:** March 8, 2017 at 5:21:42 PM EST  
**To:** **b(6) - Secretary Ross**  
**Subject:** Fwd: Invitation from National Secretaries of Commerce for Secretary Ross

Wilbur,

Bruce Katz asked me to send you this invitation from the National Secretaries of Commerce. Let me know if there's another email or person to direct such things to.

Hope you are well, and hope to see you at Brookings soon!

Ted

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bruce Katz **b(6)** @brookings.edu>  
**Date:** March 8, 2017 at 9:48:23 PM GMT  
**To:** Ted Gayer **b(6)** @brookings.edu>  
**Cc:** Ellen Ochs **b(6)** @brookings.edu>, Marikka Green **b(6)** @brookings.edu>  
**Subject:** Invitation from National Secretaries of Commerce for Secretary Ross

Ted,

I hope your travels in the UK are going well this week.

Through close colleagues, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo & her Secretary of Commerce, Stefan Pryor, I have been asked to see if we can assist the National Secretaries of Commerce organization in getting a time to meet with Secretary Ross when they are in Washington, D.C. next month. This would seem to me to be a "no brainer" but they do not have good contacts in the Department at this early stage. Might you help me connect them to someone who can manage this high-level request appropriately.

I would be most grateful Ted. Happy to talk at your convenience, as this is just around the corner. Formal invitation attached.

Safe travels,

Best,

|| Bruce



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**Executive Office of Commerce**

State House

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross  
1401 Constitution Ave, N.W.  
Washington, DC, 20230

Secretary Ross:

Congratulations on your recent confirmation as United States Secretary of Commerce. As state-level commerce leaders, we very much appreciate the mission and important work of the U.S. Commerce Department, and we look forward to working with you to ensure the United States' ongoing economic vitality.

To that end, we are convening top statewide commerce leaders from around the country in Washington D.C. on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to discuss key subjects such as revitalizing manufacturing in U.S., state-level best practices in business attraction and business growth, investing in innovation and advanced industries, workforce development, and federal policy and partnerships.

We would welcome it if you were to address this group on your priorities, emerging policy initiatives, and/or other key topics. Many state economic development leaders are eager to hear how they might partner with you and your team to advance and enhance our economy. Would any time on April 9<sup>th</sup> work with your schedule for you to address this group of statewide leaders?

Thank you for your consideration, and congratulations again.

Sincerely,

**b(6)**

Stefan Pryor  
Secretary of Commerce  
State of Rhode Island

**b(6)**

**b(6)** @commerce.ri.gov

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Secretary, Louisiana Economic Development  
State of Louisiana





Jay Ash  
Secretary of Housing and Economic Development  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Brian Bonlender  
Director, State Department of Commerce  
State of Washington

Val Hale  
Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development  
State of Utah

**Re: Wendall Weeks--CEO of Corning--March 16 at 2 pm**

March 1, 2017 at 8:10 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

Yes. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 5:05 PM, Wendy Teramoto [b(6)] wrote:

**b(5) - DP**

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kaplan, Gilbert" [b(6)]@KSLAW.com>  
**Date:** March 1, 2017 at 5:03:15 PM EST  
**To:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)]  
**Subject:** Wendall Weeks--CEO of Corning--March 16 at 2 pm

Wendy, Following up on our call, when I met with Wilbur a few weeks ago I proposed that we encourage Foxconn to build a major plant in the U.S. and that we also encourage a few semiconductor companies and Corning to locate adjacent to the Foxconn plant.

Foxconn is the enormous contract manufacturer that basically makes all iphones and similar products (they are a Taiwanese company that does most of their manufacturing in China). Corning makes the glass for the iPhone.

Wilbur seemed to really like this idea and asked if I could bring in someone from Corning to discuss it. Wendell Weeks, the CEO of Corning, will be in Washington on March 16 and could meet at 2pm on that date. (He has meetings scheduled on the Hill and at the White House later that day).

Could we schedule that meeting? I think if we could get Foxconn to locate a plant to make iphones and similar products in the U.S.--with a ring of U.S. input suppliers around them-- that would be a great signature accomplishment for Wilbur's term as Secretary.

Thanks, Gil

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# Re: Marc Neuman

March 11, 2017 at 12:55 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

Ok. W

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On Mar 11, 2017, at 12:09 PM, Wendy Teramoto **b(6)** wrote:

Spoke to him. He confirmed tomorrow at your apt at 11:15 **b(5) - DP**

**b(5) - DP**

W

Sent from my iPhone

# Re: An Invitation from the German Ambassador

March 5, 2017 at 7:33 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

Cc hilary geary, Brooke Alexander

This's is a party for an anti trump  
Book. Please decline. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2017, at 1:40 PM, Wendy Teramoto [b(6)] wrote:

Did you want to attend? Let me know and I can have brooke rsvp either way if you haven't. W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Alexander, Brooke (Federal)" <BAlexander@doc.gov>  
**Date:** March 4, 2017 at 6:33:12 PM EST  
**To:** "Beaumont, Dina" <DBeaumont@doc.gov>  
**Cc:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)]  
**Subject:** Fwd: An Invitation from the German Ambassador

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** hilary geary [b(6)]  
**Date:** March 4, 2017 at 6:12:54 PM EST  
**To:** Wilbur Ross [b(6)], "Alexander, Brooke (Federal)" <BAlexander@doc.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: An Invitation from the German Ambassador

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Hilary Geary Ross

[b(6)]

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ".WASH L-101 Guido, Mary" [b(6)] @wash.auswaertiges-amt.de>  
**Date:** February 16, 2017 at 10:48:54 AM EST  
**To:** [b(6) - Hilary Geary]  
**Subject:** An Invitation from the German Ambassador

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ross,

Please find enclosed an invitation from the German Ambassador and Huberta von Voss-Wittig, inviting you to an evening with Dr. Richard Haass, author of "**A World in Disarray: American Foreign Policy and the Crisis of the Old Order**," on Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Residence of the German Ambassador. We also invite you to a private, seated dinner following the discussion.

The Berliner Salon will be moderated by Jerry Seib, Executive Washington Editor, The Wall Street Journal.

Please reply by March 2, and let us know if you have any questions, or dietary restrictions.

Best,

Mary Guido

**Mary Guido**

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# Re: Congressman Neal

March 13, 2017 at 8:39 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To "Lockhart, James"

Cc "Teramoto, Wendy L"

Thanks. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 2:43 PM, Lockhart, James b(6) wrote:

Wendy,

Please tell Wilbur that I heard Congressman Neal talk at the NYSE Ireland Day breakfast today. He mentioned in his speech that he had a good meeting with Wilbur and that he said he was going to start the 90 day NAFTA review process.

Afterwards I talked with him. He said that he was very impressed with Wilbur's knowledge and asked me to pass that on to Wilbur. Neal is the Ranking Member Minority member of Ways and Means.

Regards,

Jim

James B. Lockhart III  
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# Re: Per Jamie Dimon and Business Roundtable: Invite for Secretary Ross

March 2, 2017 at 4:51 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

Ok w

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2017, at 5:31 PM, Wendy Teramoto [b(6)] wrote:

Read all the way at the bottom [b(5) - DP]

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)]  
**Date:** March 1, 2017 at 11:03:17 PM EST  
**To:** Wilbur Ross [b(6)]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Per Jamie Dimon and Business Roundtable: Invite for Secretary Ross

[b(5) - DP] Let me know what you think. W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Willie Gaynor [b(6)]@rca-dc.com>  
**Date:** March 1, 2017 at 10:56:09 PM EST  
**To:** Wendy Teramoto [b(6)], Eric Branstad <ebranstad@doc.gov>, dbeaumont@doc.gov, BAlexander@doc.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: Per Jamie Dimon and Business Roundtable: Invite for Secretary Ross

Team,

Please see below from the BRT. If he's in town this is well worth the Secretary's time.

Dina - I will connect you directly with Jessica tomorrow.

Wendy and Eric - BRT is the association for the CEOs of the largest companies in the country. Very valuable ally now run by Josh Bolten, who was the former Chief in the last years of Bush 43. He's a great guy [b(6)] and someone whom you both and Wilbur should get to know.

Brooke - I'm not telling you anything new ;)

Happy to facilitate in anyway, but highly recommend this gets added to the schedule.

Best,

Willie

William C. T. Gaynor II  
Rock Creek Advisors, LLC

O [b(6)] C [b(6)]

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Boulanger, Jessica"  
**Date:** March 1, 2017 at 9:55:03 PM EST  
**To:** William Gaynor [b(6)]@rca-dc.com>  
**Cc:** "Miller, Bill" "Wilson, LeAnne"  
**Subject: Per Jamie Dimon and Business Roundtable: Invite for Secretary Ross**

Hello Willie,

Business Roundtable Chairman and JPMorgan Chase Chairman & CEO Jamie Dimon would like to invite Secretary Ross to be the luncheon speaker at the upcoming Business Roundtable CEO Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Business Roundtable HQ (300 New Jersey Avenue NW). We expect roughly 100 top CEOs in attendance and would love to share additional details, and formal invitation, with Secretary Ross' staff. Thank you, in advance, for your help connecting Business Roundtable to the Secretary's team.

Best,  
Jessica

Jessica Boulanger  
Business Roundtable  
BRT.org



# Re: Our conversation,

March 1, 2017 at 8:10 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

Forget it. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 3:59 PM, Wendy Teramoto **b(6)** wrote:

Spoke to him. Wants a technology for cars that is neither gas nor electric. **b(5) - DP**

**b(5) - DP** W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marc Goldman **b(6)**

**Date:** February 25, 2017 at 3:09:24 PM EST

**To:** **b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**

**Subject:** Our conversation,

Hi Wendy,

This is the subject that I think is perfect for Wilbur's new responsibilities. I will call you shortly.

Thank you

Marc

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Sent from my iPhone

# Re: Tomorrow

March 13, 2017 at 8:47 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

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Yea they are coming at 930w

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 6:18 PM, Wendy Teramoto [b(6)] wrote:

I am staying at [b(6)] which is a block from [b(6)] if the storm is as crazy as they are expecting can I please meet you at [b(6)] and go to doc with the u. I know the detail cars will be able to get through the snow.

Sent from my iPhone

# Re: Invitation to Jan Society Annual Dinner

April 8, 2017 at 7:07 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To "Sakurai, Motoatsu"

Cc "Jones, Christy", "Wendy L. Teramoto"

If this fits the calendar I would like to do it but ido. It want to Jhaveri them announce beforehand that I will be attending. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 8:22 PM, Sakurai, Motoatsu **b(6)**@japansociety.org> wrote:

Dear Wilbur san:

We see you in TV very often these days!

We know that you are very busy. But please come to our Annual Dinner (details attached). This letter has been sent to your office in Washington, but in the interest of expediency I wanted to email it to you as well.

Best regards,

Motoatsu Sakurai  
President  
Japan Society

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理事長  
櫻井本篤

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URL: www.japansociety.org

<Japan Society 2017 Annual Dinner - Invitation.pdf>

<Invitation to Wilbur L. Ross.pdf>

# Re: SUNTORY CEO MAY 19 DC

May 3, 2017 at 4:06 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Peter Tichansky

Cc Wendy Teramoto

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Please try to fit into the schedule. WLR

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2017, at 12:32 PM, Peter Tichansky b(6) @bcIU.org> wrote:

Dear Secretary: I have a request from Suntory's Chairman Tak Niinami for a follow-up meeting with you following your Tokyo visit – he's available Friday, May 19 anytime other than 2:00-3:00 pm. Please let me know if we might be able to secure. Thank you. Peter/BCIU b(6)

# Re: Hoping the Secretary can meet 3-5 tech CEOs March 15th (5pm) or 16th (breakfast / 9:30am or 11am), please

February 28, 2017 at 5:53 AM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

Please set it up. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 7:48 AM, Wendy Teramoto [b(6)] wrote:

[b(5) - DP]

W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bruce Mehlman [b(6)]@mc-dc.com>

**Date:** February 27, 2017 at 7:35:43 AM EST

**To:** [b(6) - Wendy Teramoto]

**Cc:** "Kassinger, Theodore W." [b(6)]@omm.com>

**Subject:** Hoping the Secretary can meet 3-5 tech CEOs March 15th (5pm) or 16th (breakfast / 9:30am or 11am), please

Dear Wendy:

Greetings. I lead a group of high tech CEOs who hope to meet with the Secretary when they are here in Washington March 15<sup>th</sup> (pm) & 16<sup>th</sup> (am). A veteran of the Commerce Department myself – Asst. Secretary for Technology Policy – Ted Kassinger (cc'ed) knows me well. We hope the Secretary can meet with them for 30-45 minutes, please.

The Technology CEO Council (TCC) CEOs are familiar to the Secretary and include Ginni Rometty (IBM), Michael Dell (Dell), Brian Krzanich (Intel), Steve Mollenkopf (Qualcomm), Tom Leighton (Akamai), Mark Durcan (Micron) & Jeff Jacobson (Xerox). Ginni, Tom & Mark will be here on 3/15-16 for sure, with others possibly joining these 3 (locking down calendars now).

TCC focuses on ways technology can advance U.S. economic growth & innovation leadership, with a deep interest in Commerce Dept. issues including trade, tax and technology. TCC wrote the report on making government more efficient that IBM's Ginni Rometty shared with President Trump & VP Pence in New York, and these CEOs are nearly finished with new ideas for increasing lackluster productivity growth. The TCC met multiple times with President Obama and his team, and with Presidents Bush & Clinton before that, collaborating on ideas & initiatives.

Our CEOs could meet with the Secretary any time from breakfast through noon on the 16<sup>th</sup>... or 5pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> if that's better for the Secretary, with the only outstanding question mark being the VP's calendar (his team is looking for a meeting time in the same windows).

Thank you very much for letting me know if this is of interest and possible. And good luck to the Boss today!!

Bruce

Bruce Mehlman, Executive Director  
Technology CEO Council

**b(6)** @mc-dc.com

Cell **b(6)**

# Re: URGENT: Meeting Request from Ambassador of JAPAN

February 28, 2017 at 6:04 AM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto

Please set it up it doesn't necessarily have to be this week but should be soon. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2017, at 9:45 PM, Wendy Teramoto: **b(6)** wrote:

SWLR- would you like to do this meeting? W

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Teramoto, Wendy L" **b(6)**  
**Date:** February 27, 2017 at 9:44:05 PM EST  
**To:** **b(6) - Wilbur Ross**  
**Cc:** **b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**  
**Subject:** FW: RE: URGENT: Meeting Request from Ambassador of JAPAN

-----Original Message-----

**From:** BUKER KIYOMI **b(6)**  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 05:20 PM Central Standard Time  
**To:** Teramoto, Wendy L  
**Subject:** [EXT]RE: URGENT: Meeting Request from Ambassador of JAPAN

Hi, Wendy! How are you? We are very happy to learn that Mr. Ross will be confirmed tonight!!! Ambassador Sasae would very much like to meet with Mr. Ross this week, and could you please arrange a meeting between Mr. Ross and Ambassador Sasae? Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you so much. Kiyomi

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Kiyomi M. Buker (Ms.)  
 Social Secretary to the Ambassador  
 Ambassador's Office / Protocol Section  
 Embassy of Japan  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** BUKER KIYOMI  
**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 9:55 AM

To: **b(6) - Wendy Teramoto**  
 Subject: FW: URGENT: Meeting Request from Ambassador of JAPAN  
 Importance: High

Good morning, Wendy! Thank YOU so much for your call!!!  
 As requested, Ambassador Sasae would very much like to meet with Secretary Designate Wilbur Ross earlier this week, and could you please kindly ask him and let me know a possible timing?  
 Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank YOU so much!!! Kiyomi

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From: BUKER KIYOMI  
 Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 4:40 PM  
 To: **b(6) - Carrie Hayes**; **b(6) - Maryann Lungariello**  
 Subject: URGENT: Meeting Request from Ambassador of JAPAN  
 Importance: High

Dear Carrie and Mary ann,  
 Good afternoon! How are you? I know you all are very very busy, but I have sent a meeting request to Commerce secretary-designate Wilbur Ross as follows.  
 During the Aifaifa Club dinner in DC last Saturday, Ambassador Sasae was sitting right next to him. During the dinner conversation, Ambassador Sasae expressed his wish to meet with Mr. Ross this week or next week, and Mr. Ross kindly suggested to contact Wendy in his office. So she will be able to arrange a meeting for Ambassador Sasae and Mr. Ross. We are hoping to arrange a meeting next Tuesday, the 7th or Wednesday, the 8th of February.  
 Could you please refer me to Wendy-san in your office and let me know the status of the meeting request?  
 Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank YOU so much. Kiyomi

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-----Original Message-----

From: BUKER KIYOMI  
 Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 4:00 PM  
 To: **b(6) - Wilbur Ross**  
 Subject: RE: Meeting Request from Ambassador of JAPAN



Good afternoon! I am so sorry to bother you, but Ambassador Sasae wants me to follow up on the meeting request to Secretary Wilbur Ross early next week like Tuesday, the 7th or Wednesday, the 8th. Ambassador Sasae told me to contact Wendy-san at your office in NYC, and I called and left a message, but I haven't heard back yet. We understand you and your team are very very busy with transitions and everything. I would very much appreciate if you could kindly refer me to Wendy-san or someone who could schedule a meeting with Secretary Ross early next week!!! Thank YOU so much. Kiyomi

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-----Original Message-----  
From: BUKER KIYOMI  
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 12:25 PM  
To: [b(6) - Wilbur Ross]  
Subject: Meeting Request from Ambassador of JAPAN  
Importance: High

Dear Commerce secretary-designate Wilbur Ross,  
Good afternoon! My name is Kiyomi Buker with Japanese Ambassador's Office. How are you?  
Please allow me to send you a meeting request from Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae directly.  
Ambassador Sasae very much enjoyed seeing and talking with you at Alfalfa Club dinner last Saturday. During the dinner, Ambassador Sasae asked you for a meeting right after your confirmation.  
I would very much appreciate if you could kindly refer me to your assistant to arrange a meeting.  
Thank YOU so much!!! Looking forward to hearing from you.  
Very Best, Kiyomi

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# Fwd: Save the Date- Bahrain

August 25, 2017 at 7:42 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Wendy Teramoto


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**b(5) - DP**


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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Harry Edelson  **b(6)** @edelsontech.com>

**Date:** August 24, 2017 at 12:32:02 PM EDT

**To:**  **b(6) - Secretary Ross**

**Subject:** FW: Save the Date- Bahrain

The Kingdom of Bahrain is hosting a dinner at the Westin Grand Central (212 East 42<sup>nd</sup> St) on September 20. I have been asked to invite a few high level people to the dinner. Please be aware the date may change because it falls on a religious holiday – I will let you know. If you would like to attend, please let me know.

Best regards,  
Harry Edelson

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**From:** Gloria Star Kins

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:28 PM

**To:** Harry

**Subject:** Save the Date- Bahrain

At the request of H.E. Sheikh Hussam of the Kingdom of Bahrain, President of the Prime Minister's Court, whom you met last year, please save the 20th of September at the Westin Hotel.  
Please expect hard copy of invitation soon.

<http://www.fowpal.org/fowpal/news/prime-minister-bahrain-receives-world-peace-culture-award>

<http://www.fowpal.org/fowpal/president>

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**b(6)**

Gloria Starr Kins  
Editor in Chief & Publisher  
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UN Correspondent

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RSVP contact details

**b(6)**

# Re: Expanding your Trade Resources outside of DOC

June 27, 2017 at 1:12 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To William Gaynor

Thanks. WLR

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 10:15 PM, William Gaynor <[b(6)]@rca-dc.com> wrote:

Mr. Secretary,

We haven't had a chance to discuss this, but I think there are three key areas in other departments critical to your trade agenda which can and should be in your sphere of influence - specifically:

- 1.) The FTC
- 2.) The Anti-Trust Division at the Justice Department
- 3.) The Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment at the State Department

1.) While it appears the FTC is in the final stages of personnel decisions, I highly recommend you meet with [b(6)] if you haven't already. While some conservatives feel she didn't oppose the moves of the Obama FTC strongly enough, she was present while those decisions were being made and nobody was in a better position to see how to legally and quickly undo some of their most damaging work. [b(6)] who I believe you've interviewed, would be an excellent candidate as well because he is a true outsider and has no interest in using a position on the Commission as a career stepping stone (as many of the other DC-focused candidates do). While on its face the entertainment industry doesn't seem like a relevant fit the motion picture business has evolved from a labor-intensive and capital-intensive domestic focused business to one that relies on technology, exports, union negotiation and has to deal with technology and distribution disruptions. Having gotten to know [b(6)] I'm certain he'd make a very strong and loyal commissioner. Locking up those two key votes is all you need to effectively run the Commission.

2.) The Assistant Attorney General for Anti-Trust has been named, and it is a long time friend of mine, Makan Delrahim. Makan will oversee how DOJ, along with your team at DOC, investigate foreign national involvement in trade disputes, most notably in Sherman & Clayton Act cases as well as in general international anti-trust cases. Makan is a very smart attorney, and again will be a strong ally. If you haven't yet met with Makan, I recommend you and the team get to know him. I'm happy to facilitate if need be.

3.) The Under Secretary for Economic Growth at State has a significant portfolio and leads State's efforts to develop and implement international policies related to economic growth, energy, agriculture, the oceans & environment, science and technology. Have to love the redundancy of government as this sounds a lot like a portion of your portfolio! As far as I can gather, this position has not been named, but it is one Israel and Gil Kaplan's incoming team should work closely with and hopefully someone you can have an influence in selecting. The role at State naturally comes with a more bureaucrat-to-bureaucrat focus, but this office traditionally has significant resources and is definitely one where you should have influence.

Review with your team, but having a hand in the selection of and close relationships with the appointments in these three specific offices will significantly broaden your already strong resources when it comes to the execution of your trade policy.

As always, I am available if there is anything you need, but wanted to put this idea in front of you while the personnel process was ongoing. I hope we can get out on the tennis court soon!

Best,  
Willie

William C. T. Gaynor II | President  
Rock Creek Advisors, LLC

P: [b(6)] | C: [b(6)] [b(6)]@rca-dc.com



# Re: Profiles in Leadership Dinner with Reince Priebus

April 18, 2017 at 8:38 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Eric Branstad

Ok w

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2017, at 7:44 AM, Eric Branstad **b(6)** wrote:

Secretary Ross,

We will be in California at the Milken Conference and you'll be flying directly to New York following for Wednesday May 3 with Bloomberg.

Appreciatively  
Eric

Eric D. Branstad

**b(6)**

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2017, at 6:27 PM, Wilbur Ross **b(6)** wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**b(5) - DP**

**From:** **b(6) - Ronna McDaniel** @gop.com **b(6)** @gopteam.gop>

**Date:** April 19, 2017 at 5:32:51 AM GMT+9

**To:** **b(6) - Secretary Ross**

**Subject: Profiles in Leadership Dinner with Reince Priebus**

**Reply-To:** **b(6) - Ronna McDaniel** @gop.com

Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to a Profiles in Leadership Dinner with Special Guest Reince Priebus. The event will be held on May 2, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Please find attached the Save the Date. To RSVP for this event, please contact **b(6)** @gop.com by April 28 as space is limited. Only current **b(6)** are eligible to attend.

I am grateful to you for all that you have done and continue to do.

Warm Regards,  
Ronna

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# Re: Breaking News

March 1, 2017 at 1:40 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To "Speyer, Jerry I."

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Thanks Jerry. Come visit. W

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 27, 2017, at 11:24 PM, Speyer, Jerry I. b(6) @TishmanSpeyer.com> wrote:

Hi Wilbur,  
Congratulations and enjoy this new adventure!  
Bravo!  
Jerry

Begin forwarded message:

From: CNN Breaking News  
<CNNBrekingNews@mail.cnn.com<mailto:CNNBrekingNews@mail.cnn.com>>  
Date: February 27, 2017 at 8:28:00 PM EST  
To: <no-reply@siteservices.cnn.com<mailto:no-reply@siteservices.cnn.com>>  
Subject: Breaking News

The Senate confirmed billionaire Wilbur Ross as commerce secretary in a 72-27 vote on Monday evening. <<http://money.cnn.com/2017/02/27/investing/wilbur-ross-commerce-secretary-confirmation-senate/index.html>>

Ross is expected to be a powerful figure in the Trump administration, leading the way on efforts to renegotiate NAFTA<<http://money.cnn.com/2017/02/02/news/economy/mexico-nafta-negotiations-90-days/?iid=EL>>, the controversial trade agreement with Canada and Mexico. He will also be a key voice on Trump's efforts to slash taxes<<http://money.cnn.com/2017/02/23/news/economy/mnuchin-tax-reform/index.html?iid=EL>> and ramp up infrastructure spending<<http://money.cnn.com/2017/01/27/investing/us-concrete-ceo-donald-trump-infrastructure-mexico-wall/index.html?iid=EL>>.

The green light came nearly three months after Trump first tapped<<http://money.cnn.com/2016/11/30/investing/wilbur-ross-commerce-secretary-trump/?iid=EL>> the famed investor for his cabinet.

But the confirmation vote was not without controversy.

Democrats pushed for answers on Ross' role as vice chairman of the Bank of Cyprus, which has links to Russia. Minutes before the vote, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer protested the White House's refusal to release written answers from Ross about the bank. Ross has indicated he will step down from the Bank of Cyprus after he takes office.

Ross is expected to be sworn in on Tuesday prior to Trump's speech to a joint session of Congress.

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# Re: CNBC

April 21, 2017 at 11:23 AM

From Wilbur Ross

To "Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal)"

It is stil a work in progress. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 21, 2017, at 2:16 PM, Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal) <LoriAnn.Larocco@nbcuni.com> wrote:

You would appreciate this: POTUS tax comments moved S&P up 3 or 4 points at 1:55 PM or so, funny because a lot of traders had sold in the hour before as stocks hit lows of the day and there was general concern going into the French election.

Any guidance on what to expect with the Tax Reform Plan? (off the record). I really want to give a solid platform for the administration for our global audience to explain it. This is too important to just have a blanket release. I want to make sure I have strong guests etc. I have a request in for Secretary Mnuchin (I hope WH lets him out) as well as offered OpEd option too.

Hope you are having a great day ☺

*Lori Ann*

**Lori Ann LaRocco**

**Sr. Talent Producer**

**Author, "Opportunity Knocking", "Dynasties of the Sea", "Thriving in the New Economy"**

Phone: 201-735-3044 | Cell: **b(6)** <image001.gif> @loriannlarocco

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# Re: Cnbc

August 25, 2017 at 12:58 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To "Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal)"

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On background. This is just tactics not substance. WW

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2017, at 4:29 PM, Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal) <LoriAnn.Larocco@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Hi,  
Eamon breaking this news now/  
**WH to Eamon Javers: WH Will Not Release Its Own Tax Plan.** Eamon will do this on Closing Bell after the break. WH will not release its own tax plan, instead will let Hill take the lead. WH official says WH never committed to releasing its own plan, and is deferring to Congress because they write the laws.

I have been working with treasury to have mnuchin, yourself, Cohn, ryan and Brady on (eventually) from the vault. Does this change your overall tax plan goals? Much of what POTUS wanted was similar to house anyway. Just curious. (This is off the record)

Lori Ann

Lori Ann LaRocco  
Sr. Editor of Guests, CNBC Business News, Breaking News/BookingCNBC  
Cell [b(6)] Work: 201-735-3044

# Re: FYI re Trilateral

March 25, 2017 at 2:11 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To John Connorton

I apologize. I thought the office had responded. I am not in DC. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2017, at 3:55 PM, John Connorton: **b(6)** @hawkins.com> wrote:

At this point I am assuming that you are not attending any part of this weekend's Trilateral Commission meeting including tonight's dinner about the Trump Agenda. While I am in Washington, DC this weekend, I am not attending the meeting myself. But a very quick report relayed to me from a few different attending friends is that Mnuchin was fine. He more or less repeated info already in the public domain in his remarks and in response to Q and A. Nothing that would surprise you.

Carlyle's David Rubenstein introduced Mnuchin. David was the Trilateral member who helped arrange Mnuchin's participation. No other Trump Administration officials are participating.

John

John V. Connorton, Jr.  
Of Counsel  
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# Re: I asked to get together our usual place before

December 5, 2017 at 7:13 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Rick Hohlt

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I do not understand your email. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2017, at 6:18 PM, Rick Hohlt b(6) wrote:

Current media attention, not sure if I can for the rest of the week. In case it comes to you for approval.

# Fwd: ACTION REQUIRED: Please Docusign-US-India Strategic Partnership Forum-Docs

November 21, 2017 at 11:43 AM

From Wilbur Ross

To Earl Comstock

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What is this all about? WLR

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dr. Mukesh Aghi" [b(6)]@usispf.org>

**Date:** October 31, 2017 at 3:35:33 PM EDT

**To:** Undisclosed recipients: ;

**Subject:** ACTION REQUIRED: Please Docusign-US-India Strategic Partnership Forum-Docs

**Mukesh Aghi** has sent you a new DocuSign document to view and sign. Please click on the 'View Documents' link below to begin signing.

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# Fwd: April 19 - Cyprus-US Chamber of Commerce event

March 7, 2017 at 9:18 AM

From Wilbur Ross

To **b(6) - Earl Comstock**

**b(5) - DP**

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Nicolas Nicolaou **b(6)** @cyprususchamber.com>  
**Date:** March 7, 2017 at 9:47:28 AM EST  
**To:** **b(6) - Secretary Ross**  
**Cc:** **b(6) - Director of US Cyprus Chamber** @cyprususchamber.com>  
**Subject:** April 19 - Cyprus-US Chamber of Commerce event  
**Reply-To:** **b(6)** @cyprususchamber.com

Dear Mr Ross,

I hope that my email finds you well.


I am writing to inquire about the Cyprus-US Chamber April 19 event and anticipated clearance from the Communications office. We believe we can still execute the event if we can get clearance by the end of the week.

Another option may be to explore an alternate date in May/June that would allow more time for Communications clearance and more planning on our part.

Saying that, we are very excited and committed to having the event on April 19 as originally planned. We are awaiting for your guidance.

Best regards

Nicolas Nicolaou  
President, Cyprus-US Chamber of Commerce  
cell: **b(6)**  
email: **b(6)** @cyprususchamber.com  
<http://www.cyprususchamber.com/>

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# Re: VERY IMPORTANT - Secretary Ross Participation in PM Abadi CEO Roundtable & Dinner -- March 20th 7PM

March 17, 2017 at 5:25 AM

From Wilbur Ross

To hilary geary

I think it would be good for you to attend. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2017, at 8:05 AM, hilary geary <hilarygeary@me.com> wrote:

Should I go to this xx

Sent from my iPhone

Hilary Geary Ross

b(6)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Alexander, Brooke (Federal)" <BAlexander@doc.gov>

**Date:** March 17, 2017 at 7:33:20 AM EDT

**To:** hilary geary; b(6)

**Subject:** FW: VERY IMPORTANT - Secretary Ross Participation in PM Abadi CEO Roundtable & Dinner -- March 20th 7PM

Mrs. Ross:

See below. I'm not aware that you confirmed your attendance ...just want to double check.

Thank you

Brooke

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**From:** Beaumont, Dina

**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 7:32 AM

**To:** Alexander, Brooke (Federal) <BAlexander@doc.gov>; Branstad, Eric (Federal) <EBranstad@doc.gov>; Teramoto, Wendy (Federal) <WTeramoto@doc.gov>; Rockas, James (Federal) <JRockas@doc.gov>

**Cc:** Comstock, Earl (Federal) <EComstock@doc.gov>; b(6) & b7(C)

**Subject:** VERY IMPORTANT - Secretary Ross Participation in PM Abadi CEO Roundtable & Dinner -- March 20th 7PM

Hi Team,

**Please see the run of show below for Monday night.** The Sec. is making remarks at the dinner. Brooke, please see Note 3 for Mrs. Ross information. Please let me know if you need anything from me.

I will be sending b(6) & b7(C) over to advance this event. If any of you want to attend, please let me know.

Thank you, Dina

1. **NAMES OF ATTENDEES:** The Chamber has the final list of attendees for the CEO Roundtable, the Iraqi Delegation, and prominent leaders who will be attending the dinner and could be referenced in remarks by Secretary Ross at the dinner. Steve will forward to Dina

2. **AGENDA/RUN OF SHOW:**

6:45PM: Sec Ross arrival at US Chamber met by Steve Lutes and escorted to Library.

7:00PM-7:45PM: CEO Roundtable begins. Intro of Secretary Ross by Myron Brilliant, EVP, US Chamber. NOTE: Sec. Ross 5 minute opening to "welcome PM Abadi and members of Iraqi delegation and emphasizes here to listen to business and identify opportunities" and turns meeting over to PM Abadi. Next: PM Abadi 5 minute welcome. Q&A Facilitated by Myron Brilliant who will also wrap up and handover to Sec. Ross for final comments.

8:00-8:20PM: Opening Welcome of Main Dinner "200+" at US Chamber main hall. Myron Brilliant opening welcome to US Chamber and intro of Secretary Ross. Secretary Ross 7-10 Min Opening statement followed by PM Abadi (intro by Myron Brilliant). NOTE: Dinner follows speeches. Secretary Ross seated at head table with PM Abadi senior Iraqi leadership and US business leaders.

9:30PM: Dinner finishes.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

The Secretary will be introduced at the CEO Roundtable by Myron Brilliant, EVP, US Chamber (see bio below). The Secretary and PM Abadi will both make **brief** opening remarks: "welcome and here to listen to business leaders about how to do business in Iraq".

**NOTE1:** The concern is that there will not be enough time for business leaders to speak. Or there is concern that the CEO Roundtable will become a "Govt to Govt" discussion. Given Secretary Ross' career, approach, and outlook, that it is unlikely, but I wanted to flag for you.

**NOTE2:** PM Abadi will be coming from a full SFRC Mtg on the Hill led by Senator Corker. There will be no time on the schedule to meet one on one in advance.

**NOTE3:** we are delighted that Secretary Ross's wife is coming. She will be escorted to the main dining hall -- while Secretary Ross is at the CEO Roundtable -- where there is a reception beginning at 6:30 and dinner seating starts around 7:00. Mrs Ross will be escorted and introduced to senior executives and leadership. If Mrs. Ross needs to have an additional friend or colleague attend, I am sure that can be arranged. If she would like to arrive closer to the start of the dinner -- 7:30, please let us know. Currently, given seating constraints at the head table, we would like to ask that Mrs Ross be seated at the second head table with the PMs senior advisor Dr. Naufel and additional Ministers. **Please advise.**

**BIO:**

**Myron Brilliant, Executive Vice President and Head of International Affairs** at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, drives the global business strategy of the organization.

He leads the largest international affairs team of any U.S. business association, representing the Chamber and its members before foreign governments, the U.S. government, and international business organizations.

In 2009, Brilliant assumed leadership of the Chamber's International Affairs Division and greatly expanded the organization's global footprint by placing expert staff in Beijing, Brussels, Brasília, Tel Aviv, and Istanbul. He directed successful advocacy campaigns for congressional passage of trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea, as well as legislation to establish a level playing field for U.S. companies in Russia. Brilliant leads the Chamber's ongoing work on trade matters including the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, and U.S.-China relations. His responsibilities also extend to 12 Chamber hosted business councils that work to enhance trade and investment ties to Brazil, Egypt, Japan, Korea, South Africa, and Cuba, among other nations.

Brilliant has pioneered new Chamber business initiatives focused on key markets, such as the regional Middle East Initiative, the U.S.-Mexico Leadership Initiative, the U.S.-China Track II dialogue, and the newly created Africa Business Center. He is frequently quoted in the media on a broad range of issues relating to international business and trade policy, and he is a regular guest on CNBC, CNN, and other news programs.

Brilliant serves on a number of boards including the Atlantic Council, the U.S. Council for International Business, and the Center for International Private Enterprise. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Committee on United States-China Relations, and he serves as an economic development adviser to the governor of China's Guangdong Province.

Previously, Brilliant was the Chamber's vice president for Asia, where he significantly expanded the reach and impact of the Chamber's Asia program. Recognizing his many years of work on U.S.-China relations, *Washingtonian* magazine in January 2007 dubbed Brilliant a key player in its "Who's Who Guide" of influential leaders on U.S.-China economic policy. He also took a leadership role in the business community's advocacy for congressional approval of permanent normal trade relations with China, as well as free trade agreements with Singapore and Australia. Before joining the Chamber in 1994, Brilliant was an attorney with Stewart and Stewart in Washington, D.C. He received his J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law and his B.A. in government and politics from the University of Maryland. He is married and has three children.

# Yomiuri Shimbun

October 11, 2017 at 9:07 AM

From Jacob Margolies

To Wilbur Ross

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**Dear Secretary Ross:**

**The Yomuri Shimbun would like to interview you prior to the Japan trip. It will be a front page story. I am attaching an official request on Yomiuri letterhead; it has already been submitted to Commerce Department. Contact info is on letter. Or I can be contacted at this email. phone b(6)**

**Hope you are doing well!**

**Jacob**

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Jacob Margolies  
General Counsel for America  
The Yomiuri Shimbun  
New York Bureau:  
747 Third Avenue, 24<sup>th</sup> floor  
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Commerce Secretary

Dear Mr. Ross:

My name is Takanori Yamamoto, Washington Bureau Correspondent of *The Yomiuri Shimbun*, Japan's largest and most influential conservative daily newspaper with a daily circulation of more than 9 million. I would like to request an interview with the Honorable Commerce Secretary Ross.

I understand that while the Secretary Ross sat down with Japanese minister of economy, trade and industry Seko primarily to discuss expanding trade and investment between the two countries. How will this new bilateral framework identify and resolve complex issues within infrastructure investment, trade rules and macroeconomic policy? What will be DoC's role in the bilateral discussions to coordinate fiscal and monetary policies, infrastructure investments, energy issues, cyber security and bilateral trade?

Secretary Ross's visit was generating significant interest in Japan and the Asia-Pacific. As the chairman of the Board of Japan Society, Secretary Ross's contribution to bilateral relationship between Japan and US is still fresh in the minds of the Japanese people. As Japan's leading paper, *The Yomiuri* would like nothing more than to document Secretary Ross's continued engagement with Japan.

An interview with our paper would ensure that Secretary Ross's views are conveyed to a wide international audience. Our recent interviews with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte were published both in Japanese and English, and have been picked up by media outlets around the world. In addition to multiple interviews with past and present Prime Ministers of Japan, we have also interviewed numerous U.S. presidents from previous administrations. Our award-winning 2014 interview with President Obama received much attention here in the U.S., and was translated in full in the *Washington Post*.

Our interview with Secretary Ross would similarly be published in Japanese and in our English-language counterpart, *The Japan News*. It is worth noting that *The Yomiuri* has been an outspoken advocate for a stronger US-Japan alliance, calling on the government to increase military spending, which we believe will lead to greater stability in Asia. *The Yomiuri* also maintains the view that bilateral economic dialogues deepen bilateral cooperation, which would then give rise to mutually prosperous economies in both countries. No other paper in Japan shares our editorial stance. We hope to continue to be the go-to platform for the U.S. to effectively and efficiently convey the Trump administration's message to the widest audience in the region and beyond.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 783-0363 or taka8137@yomiuri.com. Alternatively, please reach out to Mineko Tokito at mineko.tokito@gmail.com. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

**b(6)**

Takanori Yamamoto  
Washington Bureau

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# Re: Congratulations and best of luck!

March 2, 2017 at 4:46 PM

From Wilbur Ross

To Jacob Margolies

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Thanks. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2017, at 6:00 PM, Jacob Margolies [b(6)] wrote:

Dear Mr. Ross,  
Congratulations on becoming Commerce Secretary! Very pleased we had the chance to interview you earlier this year.  
If you ever want to talk to Yomiuri--on background; off the record; or for an interview, please let me know. Good luck on your new mission!  
Jacob Margolies  
The Yomiuri Shimbun  
work 212 752 2196; mobile [b(6)]

# Economic Studies Council dinner

May 10, 2018 at 3:12 PM

From Ted Gayer

To Wilbur Ross

Cc Elizabeth Jacobsen

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Dear Wilbur,

Any interest in joining us at our next ESC dinner in NYC on Wednesday, June 20? We'll be talking trade policy, with Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky and Bob Davis. Brookings trustee Ezra Zilkha is graciously hosting us at the Knickerbocker Club, 2 East 62nd St, New York, NY 10065. The reception will begin at 6:30pm, followed by the dinner and discussion at 7:00pm.

I hope you can make it and participate. Please let Elizabeth b(6)@brookings.edu) know if you'll attend at your earliest convenience and no later than June 14.

Hope all is well with you.

All the best,  
Ted

Ted Gayer  
Executive VP, The Brookings Institution  
VP and Director of Economic Studies and  
Joseph A. Pechman Senior Fellow

# Re: CNBC

July 14, 2017 at 11:59 AM

From Wilbur Ross

To "Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal)"

Typo. It would be Thursday morning. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2017, at 5:53 AM, Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal) <LoriAnn.Larocco@nbcuni.com> wrote:

That would work. Very cool indeed. I just emailed squawk and timing works- please consider yourself booked.

Let me know if there are graphics or bullets you want us to produce for you to support the conversation.

Lori Ann LaRocco

Sr. Talent Producer

CNBC

Cell: [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 13, 2017, at 10:19 PM, Wilbur Ross [REDACTED] wrote:

On background, Next Tuesday we have the Steve Schwarzman-Jack Ma unofficial group all day at Commerce followed by dinner at my house. The next morning Sec'y Mnuchin, Gary Cohn, Ambassador Lighthizer, Ambassador Branstad and I begin the second Economic Dialogue with China, ending with a working dinner for the two delegations at my home. Therefore Wednesday morning would be neat but I would have to do it from Washington. I can do it as early as 7 AM. You would then be the first live interview. What do you think? W

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2017, at 9:43 AM, Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal) <LoriAnn.Larocco@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Do you think we can have you on July 16<sup>th</sup>? Would love to produce it up with the findings, etc.

**From:** Wilbur Ross [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 12:55 PM

**To:** Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal) <LoriAnn.Larocco@nbcuni.com>

**Subject:** Re: CNBC

We will provide the Congressional committees with further details by mid July and will discuss the update with them prior to beginning formal Negotiating sessions in mid August. Relevant cabinet members have had get to know each other meetings with their M and C counterparts. As to China, we will update the public on the progress after the end of the 100 days, July 16 and expect the report will be positive. Wilbur

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 7, 2017, at 5:16 PM, Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal) <LoriAnn.Larocco@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Here you go, sorry for the delay. Has been a busy morning with jobs and G-20. Awesome speech yesterday by POTUS. I don't know if you saw Ken Langone's guest hosting on Squawk Box yesterday. He was fantastic. I pre-interviewed him- he is actively putting money into BAC, JPM and WFC as a result of the lifting of bank regs. This shows the markets are taking action on the policies of the administration which is great news. He also stressed and I stressed to the network as well.: Don't focus on what POTUS is tweeting. Focus on what the administration is doing. Lots of irons in the fire. Good news to report.

Please find Kayla's questions below. Thank you again for answering. Again, will not be sourced back to you.

#### **NAFTA**

- How fully formed is Commerce/USTR/WH/Congress' negotiating stance on NAFTA at this point?
- Is it reasonable to expect negotiations with Mexico and Canada to begin in earnest when the 90-day window ends in mid-August?
- What input is still needed from the relevant Senate and House small groups on negotiation?
- What conversations have proven fruitful in laying groundwork between Cabinet members and their Mexican and Canadian counterparts?

#### **CHINA**

- The 100-day deadline for the China directives is approaching. Have the events of the intervening months (criticism over North Korea, Paris withdrawal, G20) affected the cooperation on trade?
- Progress has been seen on the agricultural side (chicken, beef, biosafety). What progress has been made in financial services? (Payments, bond underwriting, foreign ownership)?

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Send me her questions. W

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On Jul 7, 2017, at 3:38 PM, Larocco, Lori Ann (NBCUniversal) <LoriAnn.Larocco@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Hi, we are doing a NAFTA piece next week. Kayla Tausche is going to be the reporter (she is now our commerce reporter) and she's going through USTR media traps with no luck.

I want to try to get reliable facts for her. Can someone in your office speak with me? Would not do direct sourcing. We just want real facts

so we can educate the markets. So sad how my profession has gone down the toilet. You can't trust a lot you read.

Thanks :)

Lori Ann LaRocco  
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