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

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – NOVEMBER 15, 2019

TOP STORIES

Pentagon Officials Advocate for U.S. Access to EU Defense Projects

Deputy Secretary of Defense David Norquist pushed for [U.S. defense firms to](#)

[be able to participate](#) in the European Defense Fund and the Permanent Structured Cooperation Program (PESCO) at the NATO-Industry Forum in DC on Thursday. The European Union programs are aimed at strengthening industrial foundation, which respectively oversees U.S. \$14 billion and focuses on inter-European collaboration. Deputy Secretary Norquist emphasized the importance of non-EU allies like the U.S. being able to engage in these programs in order to protect trans-Atlantic security and defense collaboration. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has also spoken in favor of involvement by non-EU allies in EU defense projects. Concerns about the exclusion have been raised throughout 2019 by U.S. officials. In May, EU foreign policy and defense chief Federica Mogherini stated that while the EU was open to U.S. cooperation, the programs were created to be predominantly intracontinental.

Report Urges Caution Surrounding Risks in Army Acquisitions

A report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies outlines the [cost risks associated with the U.S. Army's plans to field two new vertical lift aircraft](#) by 2030. The report, released on Wednesday, encourages continuous and active management of the development, procurement and sustainment of two helicopters planned to be fielded in the next decade: a future attack reconnaissance aircraft (FARA) by 2028 and a future long-range assault aircraft (FLRAA) with a 2030 target. The development of the new helicopters is part of the Army's modernization plan, which continues to become more and more crucial as current helicopters reach limits to capability and technology. However, in addition to risks related to bringing aircraft out of development into production, the report argues that operational and sustainment costs must be focused on and kept down.

Turkey On Track to be Replaced in F-35 Program by March 2020

After suppliers were removed from the F-35 program due to the Turkish purchase of a defense system from Russia, the Pentagon needed to find alternate suppliers for 1,000 Turkish-produced parts. On Wednesday, F-35 program executive Lt. Gen. Eric Fick told Congress that [alternative sources have been found for all but twelve components](#) of the fighter jet produced by Lockheed Martin, keeping the phase-out on track to be complete by March 2020. The Lt. Gen. said that Pratt & Whitney and Lockheed have made “spectacular progress” in locating alternate sources. Furthermore, Ellen Lord, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, maintained that no delays in F-35 production due to the change in sourcing are anticipated.

Pelosi Says President Acknowledged Bribery, Impeachable Offense

The impeachment inquiry continues to escalate, with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy [Pelosi \(D-CA\) saying Thursday that President Trump has already acknowledged bribery](#). Pelosi told a press conference that “The bribe is to grant or withhold military assistance in return for a public statement of a fake investigation into the elections.” In addition to treason and “other high crimes and misdemeanors,” bribery is listed as an impeachable offense in the Constitution; precedent includes obstruction as well. Wednesday marked the beginning of public hearings on the impeachment inquiry. The second public hearing held today will involve former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch.

2021 DoD Budget: Expect “Trimming, Reducing, Some Eliminations”

Secretary of Defense Mark Esper announced the Pentagon’s [“good progress” made in its bureaucratic review](#) on Monday. In an effort to transfer funding to projects focused on great power competition with peer adversaries Russia and China, the Department of Defense has engaged in a review of its so-called “fourth estate.” The Pentagon’s next budget request, detailing the new savings, is expected to be sent to the Hill in February. Esper has a distinguished track record of funding reviews from his time as Army Secretary; now, he is encouraging each service to follow suit in order to allocate resources effectively in support of the National Defense Strategy.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1626

From Plymouth, the Pilgrim Fathers buy out their London investors.

1777

The Second Continental Congress adopts the Articles of Confederation.

1805

William Clark and Meriwether Lewis complete their expedition to the Pacific.

1917

The Bolsheviks take control in Moscow.

1920

The first League of Nations session is opened in Geneva.

1962

U.S. reconnaissance planes are threatened by Cuba.

1969

In D.C., 250,000 anti-Vietnam War protestors demonstrate and march.

1988

The Palestinian National Council decrees Palestine an independent state.

1990

A new republican government replaces the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

2007

5,000 people are killed by Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh.

LOOK AHEAD

Monday, November 18

8:30 AM EST

Discussion: The Center for Strategic and International Studies

Topic: Defense

Location: CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

9:00 AM EST

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Topic: Foreign Affairs

Location: CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

Tuesday, November 19

8:30 AM EST

Summit: Defense One

Topic: Technology

Location: 600 14th St. NW

10:00 AM EST

Hearing: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

Topic: US Research Enterprise Security from China

Location: 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

10:00 AM EST

Hearing: House Veterans' Affairs Committee

Topic: Forever GI Bill Implementation

Location: HVC-210 US Capitol

4:00 PM EST

Book Discussion: The George Washington University Elliott School of
International Affairs

Topic: Defense

Location: GWU Elliott School, 1957 E St. NW, Room 505

Wednesday, November 20

8:50 AM EST

Conference: The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement

Topic: Homeland Security

Location: Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H St. NW

10:00 AM EST

Hearing: Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Topic: US Policy on Russia

Location: 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building

10:00 AM EST

Hearing: Senate Armed Services Committee

Topic: DOD Audit

Location: 222 Russell Senate Office Building

Thursday, November 21

8:30 AM EST

Meeting: Health and Human Services Department; Agency For Healthcare

Research and Quality

Topic: Healthcare Research Programs and Budget

Location: AHRQ, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md.

8:45 AM EST

Forum: Government Executive Media Group

Topic: Defense

Location: Kimpton Hotel Monaco, 700 F St. NW

8:50 AM EST

Conference: The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement

Topic: Homeland Security

Location: Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H St. NW

10:00 AM EST

Discussion: The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

Topic: Defense

Location: AEI, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Auditorium

10:00 AM EST

Discussion: The Brookings Institution

Topic: Defense

Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Falk
Auditorium

Have a great weekend!

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