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Susie Wiles Makes Waves Ahead of Trump's Address

The White House quickly closed ranks around Susie Wiles after the release of a story where the chief of staff, one of the most respected people in Trump World, offered candid views on a host of her colleagues. President Trump offered his support and announced he'll address the nation on his presidency Wednesday evening.

Memo by Niall Stanage / p.8

Reporting by Brett Samuels / p.13

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Venezuela

GOP Senators Break With Hegseth Over Video of Missile Strike on Survivors

Republican senators are openly questioning Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth's decision not to release the full video of a Sept. 2 follow-up strike on two survivors of an initial military strike against a Venezuelan boat, second-guessing a key decision in the Trump administration's operations in the Caribbean Sea. Hegseth told reporters after the briefing Tuesday the video was too sensitive to be public.

Reporting by Alexander Bolton / p.12



Senate

Republicans Grow Uneasy as Pentagon's Kelly Investigation Escalates

Senate Republicans are growing increasingly uneasy with the Pentagon's investigation into Sen. Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced his office is escalating its probe into Kelly's role in a video he and other congressional Democrats made to remind service members of their duty to disobey illegal orders.

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