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International News

Weapons and Technology

[Israel Needs Weapons to Stop Iran's Bomb](#)

- Summary: Israel is prepared to use military force to stop Iran's nuclear capabilities, but without U.S. backing it is impossible as Israel's defense budget is 1/30 of the Pentagon's (\$17.95B v. \$752.9B - FY2022). The U.S. did not express direct support, simply saying Iran isn't negotiating and Washington is prepared to "turn to other options". Secretary Blinken elaborated that the administration believes "diplomacy is the most effective way to [deal with the challenge posed by Iran]." With the current direction of nuclear talks in Vienna (see no. 3 for more detail) it is likely that the threshold is approaching for when the US will have to decide whether to continue pursuing peace talks or to prep for a nuclear Iran.
- Analysis: Though Israel says they will "act alone" if need be, the longtime alliance between the US and Israel would motivate the US to assist as Iranian retaliatory measures would most likely include arming Hezbollah (and Hamas) with nuclear weapons. With 85 million citizens and terrorist proxies in the MENA region, Iran's acquisition of nuclear weaponry is a significant threat that could inflict significant damage to US interests.

[China Sets Sights on Taiwan with New Hypersonic Missile Test](#)

- Summary: The U.S. was caught off-guard by a Chinese missile test from back in August, revealed this week through an article by the Financial Times. China counters the accusations of a missile launch, saying instead it was a routine spacecraft test. China's increasing investment in short-range hypersonic missiles indicates that this testing was likely a longer-distance weapon and not just a spacecraft. Spacecraft or not, this hypersonic glide vehicle tech can deliver nuclear payloads which could defeat American and Taiwanese missile defense systems, as fractional orbital bombardment systems (FOBS) are more difficult to track and anticipate than traditional ICBMs. This test also sets China in front of the U.S. and Russia in the nuclear technology race.
- Analysis: This missile launch revealed major intelligence gaps in the US IC on Chinese technological development. Hypersonic missiles are able to reach targets thousands of KMs away within 15-20 minutes of flight time. China's hypersonic arsenal expands their influence in the region, impacting US interests in Taiwan and the South China Sea.

- Briefing: The hypersonic glide vehicle (HVC) tested in late August is part of China's most recent development in hypersonic missile capabilities. These HCV's can allegedly be launched from DF-17 or DF-41 ballistic missiles with a range of 2,000 kilometers and 15,000 kilometers respectively. It is also possible that this HCV can be attached to China's submarine launched JL-2 ballistic missile (7,200 km range). US and Taiwanese strategy relative to China and the South China Sea will need to be amended as a result.

[China Denies Report of Hypersonic Missile Test](#)

- Summary: Financial Times reported China tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile in Aug. China denies this, claiming it was a spacecraft check. Chinese hypersonic missile program is closely related to space programs
- Analysis: Although hypersonic and space capabilities are closely intertwined, this was likely a weapons test. Possible maneuvering issues- vehicle missed 'target' by nearly 25 miles. Another concern- this test blindsided US intelligence. China testing a functioning hypersonic missile, faults and all, puts them and Russia dangerously ahead of US capabilities
- Briefing: China denies claims that the recent missile test was in practice for a nuclear warhead-equipped hypersonic missile. The test consisted of a missile with a hypersonic glide vehicle (HCV) that is designed to achieve hypersonic flight before detaching from the main missile and gliding toward the intended target. However, the Chinese government claims that this test was merely to develop a civilian spacecraft with "reusable technology."

[Upgrades for Chinese Military Airbases Facing Taiwan Hint at War Plans](#)

- Summary: Satellite images show work began last year to expand and reinforce three PLA air force bases in Fujian province. Improvements strengthen defenses from potential future attack.
- Analysis: Concerning, but not enough evidence to indicate immediate threat- China has been preparing for war with Taiwan for years. This is different from the multiple air incursions in previous weeks: those were offensive, this is defensive in nature. China has pushed a lot of its air capabilities into that region recently but is unlikely to take kinetic action against them in the near term. Thought Bubble- another escalation in a series of escalation, but no assessment of imminent threat (i.e., by the end of the year). China's more likely to continue its pressure campaign on Taiwan

- Briefing: China's reinforced airbases in Fujian Province provides the country's military with close proximity to Taiwan and equips highly efficient J-10 and J-16 fighter jets with quick access to the island using new hangars and runways. China has provoked Taiwan in the past, bombing Tachen Islands and shelling the islands of Quemoy and Matsu in 1954 and 1958. China must take Taiwan's seasonal patterns and weather into account when formulating an assault. April and October are cited as the most mild months of the year, and thus optimal for amphibious invasions.

Frontex and Greece Test Aerostat Systems for Maritime Surveillance

- Summary: The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) is finalizing aerostat systems for maritime surveillance in Greece, supported by European providers and due to be completed in November 2021. These aerostats have sensors, electro-optical and thermal cameras, and automatic identification system receivers along with immediate information broadcast to authorities. With the increasing instability in neighboring countries (Syria, Libya, etc.) and criminal activity in the Aegean Sea, this technology is beneficial to improve border control, help identify threats in real-time, and provide quick search and rescue response. Since it is supported by EU providers, this technology will likely expand past Greece and into other EU members' border security.
- Analysis: No major implications for the US. This technology can potentially assist our allies in Europe to mitigate criminal activity and to provide border security. Its rapid broadcast may also be beneficial to NATO forces for surveillance countermeasures against further Russian incursions into Eastern Europe.

Ongoing Crises

Hezbollah Accuses Lebanese Forces of Killing its Supporters

- Summary - During a Hezbollah demonstration at the Beirut Justice Palace against Judge Tarek Bitar, whose investigation into the Beirut Bombing has drawn quite a lot of controversy. Hezbollah members came under fire from unidentified shooters killing 7 and wounding 30. Hezbollah released a statement blaming the Christian Lebanese Forces party (LF) for the attack. Lebanese Forces have denied the attack but, these events add more tension to the already strained party relations in Lebanon which are rooted in a Muslim vs. Christian conflict. This rise in tension in-between LF and Hezbollah threatens to reignite Lebanon into Civil war. Though Hezbollah; the stronger party; has stated they

will not regress back to the 15-year civil war from 1975-1990, they are firm in their response to the attack saying that blood shed would be meet with blood shed. While investigating the recent Beirut port bombing, Hezbollah supporters were killed and injured 30 others. Hezbollah blames LF for the attack after they denounced accusations.

- Analysis: Risks of continued violence in Lebanon between Hezbollah and the LF (despite the LF not taking credit for the recent attack) adding to the already thick tensioned middle east situation.

Gang Leader 'Death Without Days' will Demand \$1 Million Ransom for Each of the 17 American and Canadian Missionaries – Including 5 Children – His Group Abducted in Haiti, Experts Warn

- Summary: Mawozo gang abducted missionaries for ransom (16 American, 1 Canadian) in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The US has activated hostage negotiators to Haiti to work with the Haitian government.
- Analysis: Missionaries from large corporations at risk of being abducted for ransom money, especially from the US. Creating tensions for missionaries within Haiti and other countries to rethink how they conduct mission work going forward

In Syria, a Kurdish attack Risks Triggering a New Turkish Offensive

- Summary: Kurdish militants based near Tal Rifaat have attacked Turkish forces in northern Syria, but Ankara's tolerance for this safe zone is wearing thin. Turkey is seemingly pointing toward a military retaliation but an offensive against Tal Rifaat would increase the risk of Russian and Syrian troop integration. Though Kurdish forces are considered an ally of the United States for their aid in Counter terrorism operations in Syria, Sanctions on Turkey would likely be the extent of United States support. A Turkish push into Tal Rifaat could consequently get major nations involved in a power struggle over Northwestern Syria.
- Analysis: Best case scenario is that Turkey decides to ease back on threats and the U.S. remains in the same position. Worst case – Turkey indulges in a boots on the ground offensive into Northern Syria which would likely force the U.S. to impose heavy sanctions and possibly provide some sort of military aid. Side notes to consider: The Tal Rifaat region has a pocket of Kurdish militant-controlled territory north of Aleppo that has acted as a buffer between Syria and its allies and Turkish forces for years. (Tal Rifaat is not under U.S. protection, while other areas such as Manbij to the East, are) If Turkey does attempt an offensive on the Tal Rifaat region, the Kurdish militants may involve

the Syrian Regime in-order to limit Turkish gains. This could aid in building deeper ties between the Kurdish and Damascus (Syria). Strains relations with Turkey as they expect Russia or the U.S. to handle the Ankara. Neither Russia nor the US have commented on approving this forward movement by turkey into Syria. Russia has moved some of their forces out of Syria in case Turkey doesn't wait for permission. Potential strain on Russian relations is possible determined from US response to this and from what Turkey does or does not do. Will the US send more aid to the Kurds there or abandon them as the previous administration did? Biden seems unlikely to assist.

- Brief: The YPG is the military arm of the YPD and SDF which are Kurdish democratic forces in Syria that are integral to US counterterrorism efforts against ISIS in the region. Defense one reports that the US has promised not to withdraw from the region, which could create an entrapment scenario leading to conflict with a NATO ally. Furthermore, 11,000 ISIS fighters are under Kurdish control in Syrian prisons, and should conflict erupt, they could escape or slip under the radar which could be problematic for an already unstable region. Russia's removal could be a decline to intervene which leaves the decision on the US for how to react. Turkey has also come under fire for its connections to terror financing, and a bill just passed that they could intervene in NGO's for purposes of "counterterrorism" which could be affected by these recent attacks

[Thousands Protest in El Salvador against 'dictator' President Bukele](#)

- Summary: On October 17th, an estimated 4,000 Salvadoran's protested against President Nayib Bukele through the capital of San Salvador. The protest was spurred by Bukele ousting El Salvador's Supreme Court judges, adopting the bitcoin as the country's legal tender, and the president changing his Twitter bio to "the coolest dictator in the world." Bukele dismissed the march, saying protestors "took to the streets to fight a dictatorship that doesn't exist." In May of this year, the Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, expressed concern over the vote that removed all magistrates within the country's constitutional chamber, saying that the country's Attorney General had been "fighting corruption and impunity" while being an effective partner with the U.S. El Salvador, which had used the U.S. dollar for twenty years, became the first country in the world in September to legalize bitcoin as a national currency, in which the government proclaimed will help the struggling economy. Authorities in El Salvador believe that bitcoin could help the country retain more than \$400m worth of financial fees lost when Salvadoran's send remittances home from abroad; these payments make up 22% of the country's GDP.

- Analysis: Financial experts are skeptical about El Salvador's move to Bitcoin. They point out that cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin are highly volatile, speculative assets with no physical backing, and thus are prone to alternately soar and plummet in value. Moreover, critics say adopting Bitcoin will cause an increase in money laundering and other criminal activities in El Salvador. 4,000 Citizens respond to a twitter change in the President Nayib Bukele's bio on social media to "Emperor" or "Dictator" of El Salvador. Citizens reject the presidents attempt for another consecutive term on his goal to make bitcoin a legal tender and his ouster of supreme court judges. Nayib doesn't listen to the people of El Salvador and if he continues acting like a dictator, the people might try to overthrow him like he is. The people there know that he is not listening to them.

[El Salvador Tries to Mine Bitcoin using Volcano Power](#)

- Summary: Article 7 of El Salvador's new law renders Bitcoin not only legal tender but "forced tender." Forced- tender laws like Article 175 of the Soviet Union's civil code are a communist staple and common during military occupations.
- Analysis: Against the El Salvadorians disapproval, volcanic energy will provide a good source to mine bitcoin, possibly leading to further unrest within the country. Cheap power and a supportive government are the two critical factors for attracting bitcoin mining operations, said Brandon Arvanaghi, a bitcoin mining consultant. El Salvadorians did not approve of making bitcoin tender so having an operation like this near a volcano for energy might create a target of that energy should the people decide they've had enough of Nayib ignoring them. As this is the first volcano powered bitcoin miner, the country has 22 other volcanoes that could potentially serve the same purpose as they compete in the bitcoin race.

[Cargo Crisis is Getting so Bad Companies are Beginning to Charter Cargo Flights to Keep up with Demand](#)

- Analysis: Strains on the lively hood of small business owners as they cannot afford to pay the \$2 million per cargo plane that some companies are able to. Companies that wouldn't ever use air shipping are going to air cargo companies to keep up demand as the holiday season approaches. Shortages of goods leaves shelves empty for American citizens like it was at the start of covid lockdowns.

Foreign Policy

[Iran's Raisi Says Nuclear Talks with Major Powers Should be Result-Oriented](#)

- Summary: Iran backs talks with major powers that are “result-oriented.” President Raisi says, “if Americans are serious, they should remove unjust sanctions on Iran.” Tehran is continuing to stockpile enriched uranium and installing centrifuges, breaching the limits of the 2015 JCPOA and growing closer than ever before to weapons-grade uranium (ex: reaching up to 60% purity and producing uranium metal). Concession by the United States to this end would minimize its leverage over Iran, giving Iran the upper hand for demands in the Vienna talks. It is likely that the talks will be unable to occur if Iran aspires to control the terms. Iran's progress towards IR-2M centrifuges for uranium enrichment indicates that Iran may soon use them in a breakout – if this is the case, then this would remove the nonproliferation benefits of the JCPOA. Result-oriented = focusing on the outcome rather than the process used to achieve the outcome.
- Analysis: A nuclear Iran is a direct threat to the US and Middle East regional security. If Iran continues their current path, the US needs to further examine deterrence options outside of multilateral peace talks.

[Mali-Wagner Group Deal Threatens Counterterrorism gains in the Sahel](#)

- Summary: Counterterrorism efforts have been halted in West Africa's Sahel region due to both changes inside Mali's consolidation of power as well as the disapproval of French soldiers operating in the region. Because of the halting of counterterrorism efforts, Jihadi groups will have the chance to intensify attempts to control civilian centers in the region. The Russian private military company The Wagner Group is currently pursuing a deal with the Malian Government, although the deal does not describe any counterterrorism efforts now.
- Analysis: The Russian PMC influence in West Africa could escalate tensions between western powers and Russia, only if the Russian PMC brutalizes the populations in efforts of. “counterterrorism”

[Russia Shuts Mission to NATO in Spy Row Retaliation](#)

- Summary: Concerning continuation of US-Russia diplomatic row. Complicated web of issues which have led to tit-for-tat expulsions (SolarWinds, NATO actions, Russian military exercises) Relations show no signs of mending soon

- Analysis: after a summer of provocative military actions on both sides, the shuttering of the diplomatic mission decreases communication & increases the risk of miscalculation.

[Russia Says it Pushed US Destroyer From Area Near its Waters](#)

- Summary: During Russian-Chinese joint naval drills, U.S. destroyer came near Russian ship. Russians claimed it was an attempt to intrude into Russian territorial waters. The ships came within 66 yds of each other, before the U.S. ship sped away.
- Analysis: Concerning but not threatening- both nations have done this before and will continue to do this ad nauseum. The US was the instigator this time, likely due to the Sino-Russian naval exercises in the vicinity. Thought Bubble- Not super concerning, again it's routine at this point. What's more concerning was the Sino-Russian naval exercises in the context of their overall relationship.

[Iran Supertanker Departing from Venezuela to Transport Heavy Oil](#)

- Summary: The bilateral oil trade could be a breach of U.S. sanctions on both countries, the U.S. Treasury Department told Reuters last month, citing government orders that establish the punitive measures.
- Analysis: Risks potential breach of U.S. sanctions in both countries as oil is an extremely valuable resource of trade internationally. Iran and Venezuela working behind the scenes without US approval of sanction for the past year

[Alleged Hezbollah Money Launderer Close to Venezuelan leader Extradited to US](#)

- Summary: Alex Saab is accused of money laundering for the Venezuelan government that ended up in the Hezbollah terror group. He's alleged to be the bridge for the Maduro regime deals that were made with several other countries on bribes, inflated pricing and where money was moving.
- Analysis: This could be key in other countries assisting the US in the fight against drug trade depending how the investigation goes forward

[US Submarine Hits 'object' while Underwater in the South China Sea](#)

- Summary: The Seawolf-class fast-attack submarine USS Connecticut (SSN 22) arrives at Yokosuka for a scheduled port visit in July. The US Navy said on Thursday it had hit an 'object' while on underwater patrol

in international waters leaving some crew with minor injuries. The ship has 140 crew members including 14 officers. They hold 8 torpedo tubes. The US was conducting freedom of navigation operations in the South China Sea to assert rights and freedoms within the bounds of international law. An “object” was hit by the Nuclear-powered submarine resulting in minor injuries to some of the crew with no damage to the vessel itself. None of the spaces near the nuclear propulsion plant were damaged and remain fully operational. The US Navy did not share intel on the location of the incident on the craft, the number of sailors with slight injuries or what the vessel collided into.

- Analysis: This is not a huge deal but does add to the slow growing tension between the US and China as we are already in Taiwan where China would rather us not be.

Terrorism

[Suicide Bombers Kill Nearly 50 at a Shiite Mosque in Afghanistan](#)

- Summary: 4 suicide bombers killed 47 and wounded dozens of Shiite worshippers at the Fatimiya mosque in Kandahar. The bombings were timed for maximum casualties during Friday's worship service. The attacks at the Fatimiya mosque were later claimed by ISIS-K, which views Shiite Muslims in a negative light compared to their Sunni counterpart. Witnesses report two suicide bombers detonating their bombs at the security gate to clear the way for the other two bombers, who targeting the crowd that was reported to have 500 worshippers.
- Analysis: No further interest towards US interests due to the US evacuation of Afghanistan. However, further conflict between the Taliban and ISIS-K can result in a civil war inside the newly governed country.

[Afghan Taliban's Victory Boosts Pakistan's Radicals](#)

- Summary: The Taliban's Victory in Afghanistan has increased extremism and violence throughout Pakistan. Reports of the extortion of local contractors as well as the increase of Radical religious parties in the country could further destabilize Pakistan. Many of these parties view Shiite Muslims as Heretics, which could escalate violence between Sunni and Shiite Muslims. A Gallup poll taken in Pakistan also reveals that 55 percent of Pakistanis interviewed would support the idea of Pakistan being an Islamic Government, similar to the Taliban's new government in Afghanistan.

- Analysis: The wish of an Islamic Pakistan could affect the way Pakistan views the United States. In the long term, it could even influence how Pakistan Acts towards the United States if Pakistan becomes radicalized
- Briefing: Pakistan has responded by pledging \$280 million in aid to the Taliban departing from its tradition of unspoken support to open bilateral relations. Pakistan cannot be viewed or treated with as an ally especially in U.S. counterterrorism efforts in considering these developments.

The Amess Assassination

- Summary: Ali Harbi Ali, a 25-year-old British national with Somali heritage, stabbed and killed Tony Amess in south Essex Friday. Amess, a MP belonging to the Tory party, was meeting with his constituents at Belfair Methodist Church in Leigh-On-Sea, South Essex when he was attacked by Ali. Ali was reported to have links to Islamic Fundamentalist Organizations.
- Analysis: An open seat in parliament can open up a spot for both the Tories and their rivals

Sir David Amess: Conservative MP Stabbed to Death

- Summary: 2nd murder (stabbing) of an MP within the past 5 years (2016 – Jo Cox Labour MP), while conducting a constituency surgery.
- Analysis: Targeted position to hold- MP. Stabbings increasing across the UK and neighboring countries against innocence or government officials

“The question shouldn’t be what we ought to do, but what we can do” – Rory Stewart

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Domestic News

Shipping Crisis

[Key U.S. West Coast ports stay open 24/7 to unsnarl supply chain](#)

- FedEx, UPS, and Walmart have committed to increase the amount of goods moved. These three companies account for 40% of packages in US. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have begun working 24/7 to increase production. This change is estimated to increase shipments by 3,500 a week.
- This current economic issue has weakened consumer confidence in the US economy and has lowered the Biden administration's poll numbers. Although, Biden has used this issue to promote his Build Back Better agenda with the reasoning it would build better resilience to disruptions of any kind.

[Florida Ports are Open for Business](#)

- Jacksonville port has received a record number of 1.4 million containers this year. Florida has not been experiencing the same backlog as CA and NY ports. Jacksonville port has been running 24/7 for some time.
- Jacksonville port has the infrastructure and the capacity to handle more business.

[Florida ports urge Cargo Ships to come here to avoid CA logjam](#)

- There is going to be a rise in prices due to consumer demand that can't be fulfilled. Mike Rubin, CEO and President of Florida Ports Council, puts forth the idea of ships coming through the Panama Canal to Florida's ports.

Climate Change

[U.S Intelligence Report Sounds New Climate Warning](#)

- Rising global temperatures show early signs in undermining the future of U.S. national security. The Biden administration wants to prioritize climate change in U.S. foreign policy and is creating a group to focus and mitigate the effects of climate change. 11 countries are at risk of instability and in the future may need humanitarian aid. This may have further implications for the

competition in the arctics for natural resources and minerals. Currently, Russia and multiple middle eastern countries are trying to resist a quick transition to decreasing use of carbon and fossil fuels as they believe it will negatively impact economic, political, and geopolitical standings.

- The U.S. and others will be expected to aid these 11 countries: Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Colombia, Haiti, North Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and Myanmar. Geopolitical tensions are expected to rise as countries will look toward more affluent nations for aid. Climate change will lead to an increase in competition for resources specifically in the Arctic.

Intelligence Community 'No country will be spared' from climate-related challenges

- The Intelligence Community is warning of possible threats the US may encounter because of climate change. The physical impacts of climate change will hit developing countries harder. The federal government believes that there is a link between climate change and migration. The report calls for humanitarian assistance programs to help address underlying causes of migration as well. The Biden administration released reports from the Defense and Homeland Security departments to change and prepare communities for climate driven emergencies.

National Intelligence Estimate on Climate Change

- Paris Climate Paris Climate Accords led to 196 countries to agree to limit temperature increases to 1.5°C on average per year by 2030. No country is expected to reach goals in cutting fossil fuel and CO2 emissions from use. The US faces the highest threats to national security in these categories: food and energy systems, demand for humanitarian aid, cross border migration, competition with China for resources, and an increase strain and competition in the arctic.
- Paris Climate Accords led 196 nations to agree to try and lower the global average temperature levels to under 1.5 °C (or 2.7 °F) above pre-industrial levels. By 2030 most countries will have failed to meet their pledge to limit the use of fossil fuels and CO2 emissions. Rising geopolitical tensions will lead to increased competition and risks in the Arctic for natural resources.

Virginia Governors' Race

[Virginia governor race: What to know about Terry McAuliffe vs Glenn Youngkin](#)

- Democrat McAuliffe is running against Republican Youngkin. McAuliffe served as governor from 2014 to 2018. Youngkin was a former CEO of the global investment firm Carlyle Group and brings with him a background in business.
- VA has been a majority Democrat state, and with Biden endorsing McAuliffe, it could continue to be that way. However, with Biden's approval ratings low, Republicans see this to reclaim VA. Youngkin's business background and lack of political background makes him appealing to voters concerned about the economy and who are looking for a change.

[Kamala's endorsement of Terry McAuliffe in more than 300 Virginia churches violates IRS roles](#)

- Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign message urges voters at black churches to vote for Terry McAuliffe. This video is to be distributed to 300 churches to air during morning services. There is little outrage over this, though it is as egregious as when pastors endorsed Trump during the former president's campaign.
- As of 1954, the IRS banned political campaign activity by churches and charities. Because there is little outrage over this currently, nothing substantial will be done against it unless the churches' tax exemption status is revoked.

[Virginia's governor race in a dead heat, polls show](#)

- According to a poll by Monmouth University, both candidates are tied 46-46 percent. McAuliffe had led the race up until two weeks ago, when 10 points of his women voters fell to Youngkin. McAuliffe was quoted saying he does not "think parents should be telling schools what to teach", while Youngkin's emphasis on education makes him appealing to women voters.
- For this election, the nonpresidential party is enthusiastic to vote. With Biden's approval rating low, Republicans see a window to win VA again.

The Hunt for Brian Laundrie

Dental records show remains found at Carlton Reserve are those of Brian Laundrie, FBI says

- Dental records of a body in Florida are confirmed to belong to Brian Laundrie. After a search by the FBI with Laundrie's parents a body with Laundrie's belongings. Late Thursday night the body was confirmed to be Laundrie's
- The remains found were reported to be skeletonized. Bodies decompose at different rates, but at the least, take a few weeks to become skeletons. While the body would decompose quickly in the Florida wilderness, this implies that Laundrie died relatively quickly after going missing.

Brian Laundrie Search Timeline: What We Know so Far in the Gabby Petito Case

- Following the disappearance of Gabby Petito her parents reported her missing on September 11, 2021. A timeline was then created of the actions of the primary suspect, Brian Laundrie. Laundrie has been missing since September 13th with a manhunt headed by the FBI searching for him. This could be the actions of a fleeing suspect.
- Laundrie and his parents' actions have been suspicious since the disappearance of Petito. The recent development of his body could not only mean that the hunt is over but questions about Gabby's murder may never be answered.

“An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge” – Proverbs 18:15
