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Developments in the impeachment inquiry in the first half of this week warrant a departure from our regular weekly update. On Monday, the depositions of Marie Yovanovitch and Michael Mckinley were released to the public. The following day, the depositions of Gordon Sondland and Kurt Volker were released. Ambassador Bill Taylor's transcript was released yesterday. These transcripts have given the public their most comprehensive view of the depositions so far. The available testimony in the transcripts (there were redactions of sensitive information) followed a common theme regarding the nature of the questioning. Republicans spent most of their allotted time to question the validity of the impeachment inquiry and accuse the Democrats of excluding them from the process. The transcripts, however, seem to undermine claims that Republicans are being left out of the process.

On the testimony front, Mick Mulvaney was subpoenaed this week to testify by House investigators. Recent witness testimony has placed Mulvaney and his senior aides, including Acting OMB Director Russell Vought, at the forefront of the decisions regarding the delay in releasing \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine. It appears almost certain that Mulvaney, like Vought and other close associates of Mulvaney at the White House, will not comply with the House subpoena to meet with investigators. In contrast, Lev Parnas, a Giuliani associate who was arrested last month on federal campaign finance charges, has now said that he is prepared to comply with his subpoena for documents and testimony. Parnas's lawyers have said their client may invoke his fifth amendment right not to self-incriminate.

In a major development, Gordon Sondland, the US ambassador to the European Union and a large donor to the Trump campaign, reversed statements from his previous testimony saying that he never thought there was any precondition on the \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine. Now Sondland acknowledges that he told a top Ukrainian aide that the US would not send military aid until they committed to investigating Joe Biden. Sondland claimed that his memory of the incident was refreshed after reading testimony transcripts from Ambassador Taylor and Tim Morrison.

In another major development, we now know when the first public hearings in the impeachment inquiry will be. Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff announced that Ambassador Taylor and George Kent will appear next Wednesday November 13, and that former Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch will appear next Friday November 15.

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