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Colleagues,

Here are some items of interest.

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Journalism Has Entered A Golden Age

<http://www.businessinsider.com/a-golden-age-for-journalism-2013-8?op=1>

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AP Exclusives: the al-Qaida papers (Shared by Paul Colford)

http://storify.com/AP_CorpComm/ap-exclusive-the-al-qaida-papers?utm_medium=sfy.co-twitter&utm_content=storify-pingback&utm_source=t.co&awesm=sfy.co_sCYQ&utm_campaign=

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The American President: Photographs from the Archives of The Associated Press (Shared by Harry Cabluck)

<http://www.jfk.org/index.cfm?objectid=C9A85A4D-AEF8-1A4D-60379A06853A9093>

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AP retracts "unusually warm period" from photo of meltwater lake (Shared by Mark Mittelstadt)

<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/what-global-warming-2012-data-confirms-earth-cooling-trend>

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Reader to Gannett: please sell The Tennessean

<http://www.nashvillescene.com/pitw/archives/2013/08/13/desperately-seeking-the-newspaper>

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New media gets seats at White House briefings (Mittelstadt)

<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Journalism/2013/08/13/New-Media-Gets-Seat-At-WH-Briefings>

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Snowden: NSA targeted journalists critical of government after 9/11

<http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/316751-snowden-nsa-targeted-journalists-critical-of-government-after-911>

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Secret Service kept tabs on Reddit co-founder, free information activist Swartz

<http://www.myfoxny.com/Story/23124440/documents-show-secret-service-kept-tab-of-swartz>

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Journalist was investigating CIA director prior to fatal car crash

<http://www.infowars.com/report-michael-hastings-was-investigating-cia-director-john-brennan/>

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Power of the press: thuggish cop picks wrong target

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/08/08/1229906/-Thuggish-cop-picks-wrong-target>

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AP Beat of the Week (Shared by Valerie Komor)

Colleagues,

Scoring a beat at the White House -- perhaps the most scrutinized location on the planet -- takes savvy, persistence and excellent sources. AP White House Correspondent Julie Pace showed all three last week when she broke the news of President Obama's decision to sit out a summit in Moscow with Vladimir Putin to protest Russia's decision to take in fugitive leaker Edward Snowden.

Snowden's effort to elude a U.S. dragnet has consumed the White House ever since he gave out National Security Agency surveillance secrets to the world.

From his first refuge in Hong Kong, then from the no-man's land of a transit area at a Moscow airport, Snowden defied Washington's efforts to bring him home to face federal charges.

As Russian authorities weighed Snowden's request for asylum, the Obama administration urged the Kremlin to deport the American. Russia has no extradition treaty with the United States, so Washington had to rely on

Russian goodwill, but to no avail for the U.S. hopes. Russia's decision to let Snowden stay in the country temporarily raised a Cold War-era question: Would the White House retaliate?

Pace recognized the high stakes and was determined to be first with word of any U.S. move. She had already been the first to report that White House responses at a news briefing July 16 hinted that President Obama might cancel a bilateral summit with Russian President Putin because of Snowden.

In the following days, she pressed her sources to reveal the White House decision, and each time she was waved off -- nothing new to report on the U.S. strategy. Then on Aug. 1, AP got enough to report that Obama was reconsidering the summit.

The big news came the next week in a cell phone call as Air Force One touched down in Los Angeles. While the president's plane taxied on the runway, Pace's phone rang with a number she recognized from the White House. The source said he wanted to talk about the administration's decision in the Snowden case. Pace was surrounded by news agency and TV competitors and asked if she could call back. The source said no, this was the only time he could talk.

Pace moved away from the pack and began taking notes. She was still on the phone and scribbling in her notebook as pool reporters got off Air Force One. On the tarmac, Pace could barely hear over the whine of the plane's engines and the roar of the helicopter that awaited the presidential party. Phone pressed to her ear, she walked away from the clutch of reporters to ask follow-up questions. A blast of wind blew away a page of her notes and she ran to grab it.

When Pace got on a helicopter with her colleagues, one reporter shouted, "What have you got? What have you got?" Pace kept mum to his dogged questions.

After the NewsAlert hit the wire Aug. 7, the other reporter could only say, "I knew you had something." Indeed. The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal and Fox network all credited AP for the story. <http://bit.ly/11PM4KG>.

For source-building, persistent questioning and intense interest in being first with the news of the cancelled summit, Pace wins this week's \$500 Beat of the Week prize.

Others whose work impressed the judges:

_Tom Odula, newsman; Jason Straziuso, chief of bureau; Sayid Azim, photographer; Khaled Kazziha, senior producer; Idi Ali Juma, videographer; and Joe Mwihia, videojournalist in Nairobi, for outperforming the competition on coverage of Nairobi's international airport fire. An early tip to Odula gave the AP a crucial head start in morning traffic to beat Nairobi's gridlock and reach the scene. Besides getting a three-hour video beat over Reuters -- whose crew got stuck in traffic -- Odula and Straziuso confirmed from Kenyan officials that first responders had looted the terminal.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/big-fire-rages-at-nairobi-airport-flights-rerouted-from-kenyan-capital-218628271.html>

_Eric Tucker, newsman, Mid-Atlantic/Washington, for obtaining an exclusive copy of a deposition from a doctor who examined a man authorities said was a victim of vigilante justice after throwing a brick through a

Washington, D.C., nightclub window. The deputy medical examiner said her autopsy concluded the man died of accidental causes, but she signed off on it as a homicide under pressure from her boss.

<http://wapo.st/1ctG9AY>

_Rukmini Callimachi, West Africa bureau chief, for writing exclusively about two letters sent by the head of al-Qaida in Yemen to his counterpart in Mali, offering advice on how to win support from the people.

<http://news.yahoo.com/yemen-terror-boss-left-blueprint-waging-jihad-175555744.html>

_Kantele Franko, newsperson, Columbus, Ohio; and Energy Writer Jonathan Fahey, New York, for finding a current angle in an anniversary story about the 2003 blackout that darkened eight states and parts of Canada. Franko and Fahey found that while utilities have addressed the problems that led to that blackout, the system still is vulnerable to increasingly extreme weather, cybersecurity threats and changes in how power is produced.

<http://local.msn.com/2003-power-grid-blackout-anniversary-new-threats>

_Maggie Michael, newswoman, and Ashraf Sweilam, stringer, Cairo for being first with word that an Israeli drone targeted a rocket launcher inside Egypt's Sinai peninsula, killing several jihadis. The idea that the Egyptians knew of the attack and cooperated, as their sources said, gave Islamist protesters an issue to seize upon against the new military-backed rulers.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/09/israel-drone-strike-egypt_n_3732620.html

_Kathy Gannon, special correspondent for Pakistan and Afghanistan, Islamabad, for uncovering the secret peace talks being held between the Taliban and Afghan President Hamid Karzai's High Peace Council. Her story also included the first face-to-face interview with a senior Taliban figure who gave details of the secret meeting that included a willingness to accept the Afghan constitution among other issues.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/taliban-holding-unofficial-talks-with-afghan-government-in-effort-to-restart-peace-process/2013/08/05/cec7a0a4-fdfb-11e2-8294-0ee5075b840d_story.html

_Jim Gomez, reporter, Manila, ahead with the news that the Philippine government has officially notified congressional leaders in Manila that it was about to open negotiations with Washington on bringing back a large number of American troops, as a deterrent to China's aggressive posture in the South China Sea.

http://news.yahoo.com/ap-newsbreak-us-philippines-open-124615473.html;_ylt=A2KJ2UY3DgdSeFMAUp3QtDMD

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