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(U//~~FOUO~~) Greg Miller (Washington Post) plans to post a story online tonight alleging that the White House has been attempting to use IC agencies and key members of Congressional intelligence committees to push back on news stories asserting extensive Russian contacts with Trump officials. Miller will note that such a role by the IC is an unusual – and possibly improper – considering the matter is under investigation. Today, the WH stated publicly that FBI had authorized the WH Chief of Staff to state publicly last weekend that “senior intelligence officials” had informed him that stories about extensive Russian contacts were inaccurate.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Barbara Starr (CNN) and Bob Windrem (NBC) had numerous questions on reports that VX nerve agent was used to kill the North Korean leader’s half-brother -- such as how does this attack change the US calculation about the threat posed by North Korea? Does CIA believe the nerve agent used came from the North Korean regime? Does North Korea have stockpiles of VX, and have they used VX to attack anyone previously.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Jeff Seldin (VOA) followed up on allegations that Russia tried to eliminate certain political figures in Montenegro and interfere with its election. He also wanted to know more about the new Russian military division that is devoted to fake news.

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