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In this Friday, March 27, 2015 file photo, ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson delivers remarks on the release of a report by the National Petroleum Council on oil drilling in the Arctic, in Washington. President-elect Donald Trump, officials say, will announce Tillerson as his choice to be secretary of state. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

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Donald Trump picks Rex Tillerson to lead State Department

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump has tapped ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson to lead the State Department, dismissing concerns about the businessman's close ties to Russia and bringing a long public audition process to a close.

Obama: President without briefings 'flying blind'

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama has criticized Donald Trump for saying he plans to shun daily intelligence briefings once inaugurated, saying that would be akin to "flying blind" in managing national security affairs.

Trump pick to lead State known to back free trade, Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's choice to lead U.S. foreign policy is known for his longstanding support of international law and an expansive presence in the Middle East that doesn't fit with Trump's pitch to supporters. ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson also is known for his Russia connections and would be Trump's most concrete outreach yet to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

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