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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

President-elect Donald Trump, left, stands with boxing promoter Don King, as he speaks to reporters at Mar-a-Lago on Dec. 28, 2016, in Palm Beach, Fla. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

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[Trump holds Q&A, discussing jobs, Russia, Israel](#)

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump applauded the return of 8,000 jobs to the U.S. and had discussions with President Barack Obama in a series of comments that amounted to the most detailed interaction

journalists since before the election.

US senators: Russia should be sanctioned for election hacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. senators visiting eastern European allies to discuss security issues called for sanctioning Russia for interfering in the presidential election by hacking American political sites and email accounts. Their demand is amid ongoing discussions among U.S. officials on an imminent response to alleged Russian meddling that would take action before President-elect Donald Trump takes office.

Obama expands environmental legacy with 2 Western monuments

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — President Barack Obama expanded his environmental legacy in the final days of his presidency with two national monuments designations on lands in Utah and Nevada that have become flashpoints over use of public land in the West. The Bears Ears National Monument in Utah will cover 1.35 million acres in the Four Corners region, the White House announced Wednesday.

Relations between Obama, Netanyahu camps hit rock bottom

HONOLULU (AP) — It took eight years of backbiting and pretending they got along for relations between President Obama's administration and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government to finally hit rock bottom. Though bitter before, mostly notably over Iran, the two governments seem farther apart than ever.

ICYMI

In this Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016 file photo, residents walk past a board highlighting the security markers on the latrine outside a bank in Beijing, China. President-elect Donald Trump has vowed to label China a currency manipulator in the White House. He says Beijing keeps its currency low to unfairly benefit its exporters. But he'll struggle to prove it goes before the World Trade Organization: Economists say China isn't meddling in markets to push the yuan low. The opposite, trying instead to keep it from falling faster. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan, File) dchinaYt

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