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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump participates in a roundtable discussion on national security in his Trump Tower in New York Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016. From left are Ret. Army Gen. Mike Flynn, Trump, Ret. Army Gen. Keith Kellogg and Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

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