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## Schiff says House Intel has reached agreement for whistleblower testimony

House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) said on ABC's "This Week" that he's reached an agreement with the Trump-Ukraine whistleblower to come before the committee as soon as the acting director of national intelligence completes the security clearance process for the whistleblower's attorneys.





*"As Director Maguire promised during the hearing, that whistleblower will be allowed to come in and come in without a minder from the Justice Department or from the White House to tell the whistleblower what they can and cannot say. We'll get the unfiltered testimony of that whistleblower."*

**The big picture:** The House Intelligence Committee has subpoenaed Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and scheduled a series of hearings and depositions for this week, as Democrats move full steam ahead with a formal impeachment inquiry. Schiff also told NBC's "Meet the Press" that House Democrats will push for memos from Trump's calls with other world leaders besides the president of Ukraine, including Vladimir Putin.

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Iranian mourners carry a picture Khamenei (R) and Soleimani. Photo: Atta Kenare/AFP via Getty Images

President Trump tweeted Tuesday night "all is well" following the Iranian strikes on two Iraqi bases where U.S. troops are stationed.

**Why it matters:** This is the closest the current U.S.-Iran standoff has come to war, with Iran retaliating directly against the U.S. for the killing of Gen. Qasem Soleimani. However, there were no immediate reports of casualties at the bases, and Trump has appeared to signal restraint.

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## Ivanka Trump wants Americans to have their diplomas on their phones



CTA head Gary Shapiro and Ivanka Trump. Photo: Ina Fried/Axios

Speaking at CES, Ivanka Trump said Tuesday that Americans should be able to carry their diplomas and other important records on their smartphones, much as they are starting to be able to carry health records and other data.

**Why it matters:** The presidential daughter and adviser says that, too often, data is hard for hiring companies to obtain.

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## The Trump administration's mixed messages on the Soleimani strike



Pompeo, Esper and Milley conduct a briefing from Mar-a-Lago. Photo: Nicholas Kamm/AFP via Getty Images

In the five days since the U.S. stunned the world by killing Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani, top officials and the president himself have shared varying pictures of why that decision was made — and what they plan to do next.

**Why it matters:** Those mixed messages have generated doubt among Americans and allies over the "imminent threat" Soleimani posed, outrage in Tehran over Trump's threat of war crimes, and confusion in Baghdad about a possible U.S. withdrawal.

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## Reality check: Trump claims Bolton would "know nothing" about impeachment charges



President Trump said Tuesday that former national security adviser John Bolton "would know nothing about what we're talking about" if he testified in the Senate impeachment trial, adding that it will be "up to the lawyers" and the Senate to decide whether he appears.

**Reality check:** A number of witnesses told the House impeachment inquiry that Bolton was present in several meetings and conversations related to President Trump's decision to withhold military aid to Ukraine. Axios also reported in November that current and former administration officials believe Bolton was the most prolific note-taker at the top level of the White House.

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## Bloomberg, Trump each secure \$10 million Super Bowl ad slots



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Michael Bloomberg and President Trump's 2020 campaigns have both secured 60-second advertising spots during the Super Bowl on Feb. 2 at a likely cost of at least \$10 million each, Politico reports.

**Why it matters:** The buy highlights Bloomberg's massive spending power, as the billionaire continues to pump millions of his own money into his campaign. And it's just the start of what's likely to be a huge spending year for Trump.

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## Trump walks back targeting cultural sites: "I like to obey the law"

President Trump said in the Oval Office Tuesday that he would obey international laws banning the targeting of cultural sites when considering how to retaliate against a potential Iranian attack.



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## What's happened so far at CES 2020



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There will be a ton of tech news coming out of Las Vegas this week, and Axios has you covered with all the big news in one place.

**The big picture:** The biggest products of the year tend to be announced elsewhere, but in terms of sheer volume of consumer tech news, CES is still unmatched. For more on what to expect, check out this preview story. And check back all week for the latest from the Axios tech team.

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## McConnell to move ahead on Senate trial rules without Democrats



McConnell talks with reporters on Monday. Photo: Drew Angerer/Getty Images

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced Tuesday that he'll move ahead on approving rules for President Trump's Senate trial without negotiating them with Democrats.

**Between the lines:** Senate Republicans' comments on Tuesday suggested that they've fallen in line with McConnell's position that the rules should be based on Bill Clinton's 1999 Senate trial, where the question of whether to call witnesses was postponed until after the start of the trial.

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## Sonos sues Google over speaker tech



Speaker maker Sonos on Tuesday sued Google for patent infringement and asked a trade court to bar importation of some Google products that are manufactured overseas.

**Why it matters:** Sonos has been trying to add smarts to its speakers while touting their audio quality to deal with a flood of competition from tech players offering inexpensive smart speakers. It had previously worked with Google to bring that company's voice assistant to its speakers.

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