

Questions for the Record from Mr. Ben Cline for Dirk Auer

“Anti-American Antitrust: How Foreign Governments Target U.S. Businesses”

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1. Korean President Lee Jae-myung's nominee to head the Fair Trade Commission, the agency conducting these dawn raids and threatening American executives with prison, is an economist named Joo Byeong-ki. Last year, he wrote an op-ed where he said, "Trump's tariff war is nothing more than a shallow ploy to mask the deep-seated ills of American society and to solve internal problems by emptying the pockets of other countries and foreign corporations." Does this give you any insight into Korean motivations here?
  - a. Follow-Up: Are we looking at economic policy, or are we looking at ideologically driven targeting of American companies?