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A Short and Pithy Opener

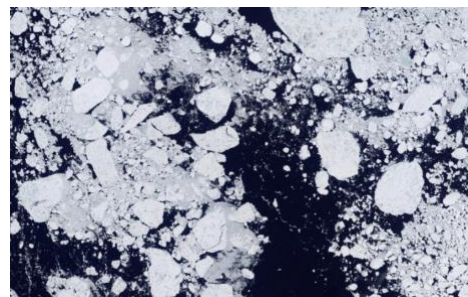


Good morning, FANs! We hope that this finds you all well and (if you're in the DC area) braving Mother Nature's "DC oppressive heat". Welcome to another issue of the Artemus Consulting Group's "FANs Weekly Summary"! In order that we may bring you a few really great contributions from your fellow FANs, this opener is short and simply here to say "hello" and bring you well wishes from us here at Artemus Central! So without further ado, let's get this thing started!

Think Small: Why the Intelligence Community Should Do Less about New Threats - War on the Rocks

Thanks to Artemus Founder Bob Wallace for this contribution

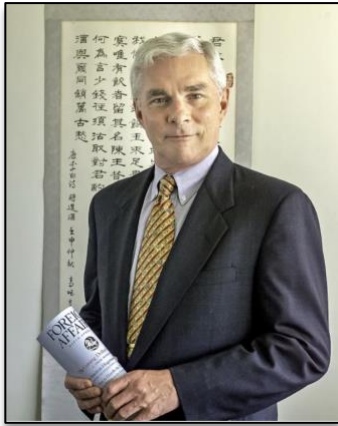
A week into his administration, President Joe Biden announced that he was "putting the [climate crisis](#) at the center of United States foreign policy and national security," and directed the intelligence community to draft a national intelligence estimate on the implications of climate change. In so doing, the president injected new urgency into an old question: What counts as a national security threat?



[Read the full article here](#)

A CIA Legend Passes Away

Thanks to FAN Steve Page for this contribution



Jack Downing, a renowned spymaster who became the only CIA officer to run and recruit agents in both Beijing and Moscow during the Cold War, then came out of retirement in 1997 to reinvigorate the agency's demoralized clandestine branch, died June 27 at his home in Portland, Ore. He was 80.

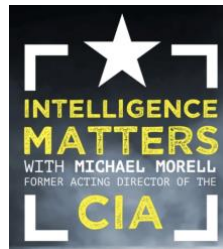
Mr. Downing was the consummate field agent, colleagues said, a Harvard graduate and Marine Corps veteran who served two tours in Vietnam, spoke fluent Chinese and Russian, and delighted in reciting Chinese poetry as well as developing new ways to evade the KGB. "He was everybody's idealized version of what a spy would be like," said Jonna Mendez, a former chief of disguise at the CIA.

Read the full story
[here](#)

PODCAST: The Threat of Bioweapons: West Point Biochemist Dr. Kenneth Wickiser

Thanks to Bob Wallace
for contributing this article and FAN Randy Larsen for his expert commentary

CBS News' "Intelligence Matters" is a program where former acting Director of the CIA Michael Morell, speaks with top leaders of the U.S. intelligence community as they reflect on their life, career and the critical roles they play in shaping national security policies.



In this episode of Intelligence Matters, Michael Morell speaks with Dr. Ken Wickiser, a biochemist and the Associate Dean of Research at West Point, about his piece "Engineered Pathogens and Unnatural Biological Weapons: The Future Threat of Synthetic Biology." Wickiser describes the growing influence of synthetic biology and what can happen if it gets in the wrong hands.

[LISTEN TO THE PODCAST HERE](#)




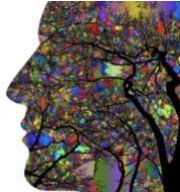
Artemus bioweapons expert, Randy Larsen offers these comments:

I agree with Dr. Wickiser's thesis ... with a couple comments.

- Most everything discussed in this episode was in our 2011 [WMD Center Report Card on Bio-Response](#), but it sounds like more people, including Morell, now believe it.
- Regarding synthetic biology ... the "capabilities curve" of biotechnology is far steeper than Moore's Law. There is no question that high school students in the IGEN competition are today doing similar work (for under \$10,000) with what Nobel Laureates were doing in world-class labs a decade ago.
- However, in my opinion, the most likely bio-threat from a non-state actor is still a non-genetically engineered pathogen such as anthrax that uses undergraduate-level bio-technology to make it resistant to the two antibiotics in our Strategic National Stockpile—what the Soviets were doing in the early 1980s. Without effective treatment, inhalation anthrax will kill 80%+ of those infected.

This week in “FANs Spotlight”

Four new articles are now ready for your reading and (hopefully) your comment! As usual, we published them in the “[FANs Spotlight](#)” section of the Artemus Consulting Group website.

<p>Transient Pacemaker Harmlessly Dissolves In Body</p>		<p>How to Make Sure Your Browser Extensions Are Safe</p>	
<p>NSA & FBI Blame Russia For Massive 'Brute Force' Attacks On Microsoft 365</p>		<p>'AI' Is Being Used to Profile People From Head Vibrations...</p>	

We wish you all a great week ahead! Stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy.

Thanks for reading! See you all in a couple of weeks!