Notable Developments

- The United States House of Representatives and Senate have released text of their versions of the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 6395 and S. 4049, respectively). The Huawei-related provisions are summarized below.

  - House Huawei provisions:
    - Sense of Congress affirming Section 889 of the FY19 NDAA, which concerns federal procurement of Huawei equipment, including through subcontractors; and
    - New conditions on basing prominent American weapons systems and military equipment in host countries with “at risk” 5G systems.

  - Senate Huawei provisions:
    - New reports on basing prominent American weapons systems and military equipment in host countries with “at risk” 5G systems; and
    - New conditions on basing prominent American weapons systems and military equipment in host countries with “at risk” 5G systems.
On August 7, China sentenced the fourth Canadian citizen to death in two years, allegedly over drug charges. Many experts and human rights observers believe the harsh sentences are in response to Canada’s arrest, and likely extradition to the United States, of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou.

Robert Strayer, who led the Trump Administration’s efforts against Huawei in his role as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy, is leaving the State Department.

Relevant Articles

- “The U.S. needs a new JP Morgan to lead the fight against Huawei,” Financial Times, August 6, 2020 (opinion).
- “Apple’s iPhone loses out to Huawei as locals turn to the Chinese smartphone brand,” South China Morning Post, August 4, 2020.

Congressional Social Media

Jul 31, 2020 4:50 PM
Rep. Pallone, Frank (D-NJ-06) Twitter
Germany shouldn’t let Huawei build its 5G networks. The company simply cannot be trusted. Our countries should work together to develop trusted alternatives to build the next generation of telecommunications networks. https://t.co/UjXttjcXrZ

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Rep. Banks, Jim (R-IN-03) Twitter
#Huawei took a “different approach” alright. It’s a state-sponsored espionage outfit that is helping the Chinese Communist Party spy on #Uighurs, political dissenters and foreign adversaries. Why are you “ok” with that @tim_cook? https://t.co/JF1POuXuhF

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Sen. Rounds, Mike (R-SD) Twitter
“Though banning Huawei would be expensive at first, placing a revisionist China at the center of the EU’s communications networks would be far more costly over time.” – @WSJopinion https://t.co/AQbmq0xUHz

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