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Dear friends and colleagues,

I'm taking my cues from China's leaders and heading to the beach for the next few weeks. I'm going to attempt to keep publishing the newsletter while on vacation, but I wouldn't expect any commentary.

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Out with the old...

Thursday's Politburo meeting expelled former Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) Guo Boxiong from the Party. Guo was China's highest-ranking military officer for almost a decade, and was a close ally of Jiang Zemin. Guo's ouster would seem to be further proof of Xi's increasing control of the military and the Party more generally.

...and in with the new

Xi continues to fill vacancies created by the anti-corruption campaign with people loyal to him. He appointed 10 new generals this week. This week also saw the appointment of Chen Min'er as Party Secretary of Guizhou. Chen is known to have been a close associate of Xi during Xi's time in Zhejiang. Credible rumors also have it that Zhao Kezhi will fill the vacant Party Secretary spot in Hebei. Zhao is said to be connected to Xi's right hand man Li Zhanshu.

There is a flurry of speculation surrounding possible high-level personnel reshuffles following the Beidaihe meetings, but it's very difficult to tell which (if any) of these rumors are true. Stay tuned...

PBSC Week in Review

Xi Jinping

July 31

Xi attended a Central Military Commission ceremony promoting 10 PLA and armed police officers to the rank of general.

Xi sent a letter of appreciation to IOC President Thomas Bach on the selection of Beijing to host the 2022 Winter Olympics.

July 30

Xi chaired a Politburo meeting

Expelled former military leader Guo Boxiong from CCP membership; founded a

leading group on “united front work.”

Xi chaired a Politburo study session.

Session reflected on the War of Resistance against Japan.

Xi and Turkish President Erdogan attended a China-Turkey Business Forum

July 29

Xi held talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Li Keqiang

July 29

Li chaired an executive meeting of the State Council

The meeting focused on rebuilding underground facilities, such as water and power supply lines; boosting investment in tourism and consumption; and passed a draft law on domestic violence.

Li met with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

July 27

Li spoke at a symposium of Science and Technology

**Zhang
Dejiang**

July 29

Zhang met with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

**Yu
Zhengsheng**

July 28

Yu returned to Beijing

July 27

Yu met with Indonesian President Joko Widodo

Yu met with Zulkifli Hasan, chairman of the People’s Consultative Assembly of Indonesia

Liu Yunshan

July 31

Liu attended and spoke at a work conference on “the three stricts and the three earnestnesses”.

**Wang
Qishan**

July 31

Li chaired symposiums to solicit opinions regarding revision of the CCP’s code of ethics and punishment ordinances.

Zhang Gaoli

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