

BLACKBURN: And I appreciate that and likewise we had discussed the investigation into Hunter Biden's business dealings. And we want to make certain that you commit to allowing Delaware U.S. attorney David Weiss to complete that investigation and bring that evidence forward.

GARLAND: And similarly with Mr. Durham, I don't know anything about that investigation other than what I've read in the media. And again, that -- that investigation has been proceeding discreetly and not publicly as all investigations should.

I understand that the Delaware U.S. attorney was permitted to stay on as U.S. attorney. And I again, have absolutely no reason to doubt that that was their correct decision.

BLACKBURN: And let's talk a little bit about China because we discussed some of that for the record and our last DNI has stated that China is our greatest threat. So I would like to hear from you do you agree that the Chinese Communist Party is an enemy of the American people.

Well, I don't have the same familiarity with the intelligence information that the director of the -- of national intelligence has. So in terms of comparing say the threat from China and the threat from Russia, I'm just not competent to make that -- that comparison and I have learned in my professional career not to make judgments on which I am not competent.

But I -- certain from what Director said, there's no doubt that China is a threat with respect to hacking of our computers, hacking of our infrastructure, theft of our intellectual property. All of these are very difficult problems and we have to defend against.

BLACKBURN: Well, we do. And I know that Lindsey Graham asked you about Section 230 and some of the issues that are there. We all are very concerned about the issues that surround China whether it is the Chinese Communist Party and their -- the way they threaten our democracy and our economic leadership around the globe.

And we're also concerned about the Chinese military links into our American Universities through things like the Confucius Institute sent (ph). For instance, recently there was a situation at Harvard with a cancer researcher and he was caught trying to smuggle 21 vials of biological material out of the U.S. and get it to China.

And I would hope that you agree that this threat put American intellectual property and technology at risk. And I would hope that you would assure the American people that you're going to put the full force of the Department of Justice to -- forward to investigate and to prosecute every one of these spies that are working on U.S. soil.

GARLAND: Well, Senator, I'm not familiar with that circumstance so I can't comment on it specifically but I can assure that the Justice Department's National Security Division was -- created in part for the purpose of ferreting out espionage by foreign agents and that is also the role of the FBI and the two working together.

GRASSLEY: Thank you. And then the other thing is just I don't want to dwell on Durham, but several people have asked you and you've given the same answer and I understand why you give that answer, but would it be impossible for you to have some sort of a briefing on Durham between now and the time you get our written answers back so you could give us a more definitive answer?

GARLAND: So I don't think it's appropriate, I mean I assume among other things that the Durham investigation...

GRASSLEY: I will accept your answer...

GARLAND: OK.

GRASSLEY: You don't need to go any further.

GARLAND: Yes.

GRASSLEY: OK. Then let's go to a subject of domestic terrorism. And that obviously in a democracy, we need to be able to disagree with each other without violence. Political extremism, the willingness to use violence to advocate one's political views on either side is a threat to our democracy. The capital attack shows us that very directly.

I think you've answered this question and so just a very short answer, I think you've assured all of us that the justice department has all the necessary resources to investigate and prosecute all cases connected to the attack on the United States capital.

GARLAND: I can't yet say we have all the resources, but what I said was I would look into the question of whether we -- I just don't know, but we certainly have -- we certainly have authorities to look into it whether we have the money and the person power, I just don't know yet.

GRASSLEY: OK, and likewise in the previous year, there been numerous attacks not only on other institutions of government like the White House and the federal courthouse in Portland but on hundreds if not thousands of police officers were injured as well as on fellow citizens and their businesses, particularly small businesses, the Justice Department opened over 300 domestic terrorism cases due to that violence and started an anti-government extremism task force.

So I hope you could commit absolutely as you did for the capital rioters that you will see those investigations of the 2020 riots and continuing Antifa riots in the pacific northwest through to the very end.

GARLAND: The justice department, I think Director Wray said it exactly right which is we investigate violence, we don't care about ideology, there are investigations going on like those and of course, they're going to continue.