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## DRIVING THE DAY

**BREAKING LATE LAST NIGHT -- STATEMENT FROM REP. STEVE SCALISE'S (R-LA.) OFFICE:** "Congressman Steve Scalise has been readmitted to the Intensive Care Unit at MedStar Washington Hospital Center due to new concerns for infection. His condition is listed as serious. We will provide another update tomorrow, July 6."

**Good Thursday morning. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP IS IN POLAND ... WHAT HE SAID AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE WITH ANDRZEJ DUDA -- TRUMP** said Polish Americans came "out in droves" in the 2016 election and he noted he was "very happy" with the result ... He said the U.S. was working with Poland to counter Russia's "destabilizing behavior" in the region ... Trump vowed to confront North Korea "very strongly" and said "there are consequences for their very, very bad behavior."

**TRUMP CALLED ON** The Daily Mail's David Martosko and NBC's Hallie Jackson at his press conference.

**-- ON CNN:** "I think what CNN did was unfortunate for them. ... They have been fake news for a long time ... They have been covering me in a very dishonest way ... NBC is equally as bad despite the fact that I made them a fortunate with 'The Apprentice,' but

they forgot that."

-- **ON NORTH KOREA:** "We'll see what happens. ... I have some pretty severe things that we are thinking about."

-- **ON RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 ELECTIONS:** "I think it was Russia, and I think it could've been other people. ... I agree, I think it was Russia, but I think it was probably other people or countries ... Nobody really knows for sure."

**TRUMP** likened his uncertainty about who meddled in the election to the false intelligence about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

**Other items:** Trump said the U.S. would "continue to work with Poland" militarily to counter Russia's influence in the region, but the two presidents did not discuss guarantees. There are up to 5,000 U.S. troops in Poland, Trump said.

**STANDING WITH** the presidents of Poland and Croatia, Trump said: "This is a beautiful room, I must say. I love beautiful rooms," according to print pooler Abby Phillip of the Washington Post.

-- **AND ... TRUMP SPOKE ABOUT THE U.S. ECONOMY:** "We picked up in market value almost \$4 trillion dollars ... Personally, I've picked up nothing. Everybody else is getting very rich. That's ok."

**NOTE -- @GlennThrush:** ".@realDonaldTrump slams fake news, then stands by as Duda describes why he's restricting Polish media outlets from covering parliament."

**THE PRESIDENT** is speaking at Krasinski Square around 7:15 a.m. D.C. time. He'll then leave for Hamburg for the G20 Summit. He meets with German Chancellor Angela Merkel at noon. At 1:30 p.m., Trump will attend the Northeast Asia Security Dinner with South Korean President Moon Jae-In and Japanese President Shinzo Abe.

**SPOTTED ON THE TRIP:** U.S. Ambassador to Poland Paul Jones, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Jared Kushner, national security adviser HR McMaster, National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, Dina Powell, Sean Spicer, Dan Scavino, Hope Hicks, Rob Porter, Wendy Teramoto, Eli Miller and Stephen Miller, per the pool.

-- **@juliehdavis:** "Spotted at Trump's Krasinski Square speech in Warsaw: fmr WH national security advisers Gen. Jim Jones (Obama) & Steve Hadley (Bush 43)"