

COURT SEEMS SET  
TO REJECT FIRING  
OF FED GOVERNOR

LIKELY NOT FINAL WORD

Justices Signal Case May  
Risk Independence of  
Central Bank

By ANN E. MARIMOW

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday seemed poised to reject President Trump's bid to immediately remove Lisa D. Cook from the Federal Reserve board, with key justices expressing concern about undermining the longstanding independence of the central bank.

Justices from across the ideological spectrum questioned whether the allegations President Trump lodged against Ms. Cook — an unproven assertion that she engaged in mortgage fraud before taking office — were serious enough to allow the president to fire her.

They suggested it was premature for the court to resolve the case when there were still factual disputes over those allegations, and they sounded skeptical that Ms. Cook had received sufficient notice of Mr. Trump's accusations and an opportunity to respond.

After about two hours of argument, a majority of the justices seemed likely to order additional proceedings, perhaps in the lower courts, meaning the Supreme Court's ruling may not be the final word in the case. But if the justices agree to allow Ms. Cook to keep her job in the meantime, the result would be that the president's effort to reshape the Fed would be frozen for now.

The court's conservative majority has repeatedly allowed Mr. Trump to oust leaders of other independent agencies as he moves to expand presidential power and seize control of the federal bureaucracy. But the justices have signaled that the Fed may be different and uniquely insulated from executive influence because of its structure and history.

Key justices sharply questioned the Trump administration's lawyer about the implications of the president's position for the independence of the Fed and the economy.

Justices Brett M. Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett, who are

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Trump Says He Has Outline of a Greenland Deal



President Trump at the World Economic Forum on Wednesday in Davos, Switzerland. Below, excerpts from his speech, which tied Greenland to U.S. national security.

**GREENLAND**

‘I don’t have to use force. I don’t want to use force. I won’t use force. All the United States is asking for is a place called Greenland.’

He had previously refused to rule out using force, but he still insisted that Europe make a deal with the United States over the territory.

**TARIFFS**

‘She just rubbed me the wrong way.’

On why he chose a higher tariff rate for Switzerland after speaking with Karin Keller-Sutter, its president at the time.

**U.S. DOMINANCE**

‘Canada lives because of the United States. Remember that, Mark, the next time you make your statements.’

Responding to Prime Minister Mark Carney of Canada, who said in a speech that the U.S.-led world order was over.

Claim Comes After a Brash Speech in Davos —  
NATO Discusses U.S. Sovereignty Over Bases

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BRUSSELS — President Trump said Wednesday that he had reached the framework of a deal with NATO over Greenland's future, hours after alliance officials separately discussed the possibility of the United States obtaining sovereignty over land for military bases, according to three senior officials familiar with the talks.

Mr. Trump's announcement was among a series of moves on Wednesday that appeared to draw the United States back from the possibility of military and economic conflict with his allies over Greenland, an autonomous territory of Denmark.

Mr. Trump also withdrew the threat of additional tariffs for European allies that had resisted his insistence on owning Greenland, and said he would not use force to assert American ownership.

Mr. Trump capped those concessions on Wednesday evening with an announcement on Truth Social that he and Mark Rutte, the NATO secretary general, had “formed the framework of a future deal with respect to Greenland and, in fact, the entire Arctic Region,” without offering any details about that framework. He added: “This solution, if consummated, will be a great one for the United States of America, and all NATO Nations.”

Mr. Trump's announcement came after officials discussed the possibility of a territorial compromise during meetings on Wednesday in Brussels among top military officers from NATO's member states, according to the senior Western officials familiar with the discussion.

The officials said that Mr. Rutte had been pursuing a compromise this week, but they did not know if the concept of the United States having some sovereignty over small pockets of Greenland for military bases was part of the framework announced by Mr. Trump.

One of the officials, who at

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‘Hunter World Is Buzzing’: Journalist’s Death Gets Another Look

By **TIM ARANGO**

WOODY CREEK, Colo. — Anita Thompson, Hunter's widow, paid little mind for two decades to the particulars of the sheriff's office report, she told people. But last year she looked back. Reading the report closely for the first time, questions emerged that hadn't occurred to her in the immediate aftermath of her husband's death.

Around the same time last year, she also heard from someone close to Hunter's son, Juan, who was at Owl Farm with his then-wife, Jennifer Winkel, the evening Hunter died. In a text message reviewed by The New York Times, Anita told the former sheriff that the ex-wife of Juan and Jennifer's son was claiming that Jennifer had over the years said that Hunter's death had to be made to “look like a suicide,” suggesting there'd been a cover-up.

Over the summer, Anita, who still lives at Owl Farm, brought her suspicions to the current sheriff of Pitkin County, Colo., Michael Buglione.

After several conversations, Mr. Buglione had heard enough to take the unusual step of asking the

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Hunter S. Thompson in 1990, in the place where he often wrote, the kitchen of his Colorado ranch.

How President  
Waged His War  
On Universities

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President Trump had barely returned to power last year when Hector F. Ruiz, a veteran civil rights lawyer for the Justice Department, shared a directive with his team that some found chilling.

He told the team that he had been instructed to open investigations into more than a dozen universities, according to two people with direct knowledge of the meeting. The orders were a sharp break from the department's norm of collecting facts before proceeding with a formal inquiry, and some investigators viewed the demand as a politically motivated attack.

Within months, Mr. Ruiz and 17 of his team's lawyers had quit.

Trump officials pressed forward despite the exodus, using the full force of the government to target at least 75 universities with investigations into subjects including antisemitism and student

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Latin America  
Mostly Praises  
Maduro Ouster

By **EMMA BUBOLA**

BUENOS AIRES — In Argentina, dormant high school group chats roared to life with news of Nicolás Maduro's capture. Colombians debated exit plans if they were next on Washington's list, Ecuadorean schoolteachers paused lessons to discuss the U.S. raid, and a Peruvian beauty queen even weighed in.

Yet this regional frenzy did not translate into a significant wave of organized protests across a continent that has long harbored resentment over the United States' Cold War-era meddling in Latin America.

While some Latin Americans denounced what they decried as American imperialism in Venezuela, a more supportive response to President Trump's action prevailed, with several polls showing that a majority of Latin Americans endorsed the intervention.

“I am happy because I saw the fall of a dictator, and I am happy because my Venezuelan friends

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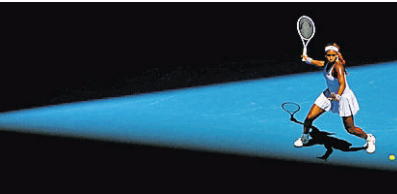
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Limiting forehands hit off her back foot would let Coco Gauff dictate play more than simply having to defend. PAGE B5



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Ghada Hatem-Gantzler, a French doctor, founded a one-stop shop to treat female victims of violence. Now, her template is used across France. PAGE A4

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As President Trump backs the new government, the Kurdish-led force that helped defeat ISIS is shut out. PAGE A8

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