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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson tells Congress that the Trump administration will take another look at sanctions to see if lifting them was in line with U.S. national security interests.

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