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1. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION:

[Keep Some Boomers](#): "You don't need to ask 8 SSBNs to do the work that 12 used to accomplish, because you can achieve deterrence against any plausible adversary or coalition of adversaries with 8 boats. Moreover, it's unlikely that any foe that *can't* be deterred by 8 subs *can* be deterred by 12."

2. SMALL WARS JOURNAL:

[Mao and Now: Evolution in the Art of Insurgency](#): "I believe insurgency has evolved in five seminal ways. One, the distinction between Maoist stages has blurred and the insurgent movements now progress in (often concentric) circles instead of moving along a linear path. Second, the central role of a demagogic leader (like Mao, or even Lenin) has waned and people have tended to guide their own destinies."

3. OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)

AOL DEFENSE:

[Hagel, Pounded on Israel and Iraq Surge By Some, Likely To Win Confirmation](#): "Former GOP Senator Chuck Hagel absorbed some tough criticism today from some fellow Republicans on the Senate Armed Services Committee but he looks likely to win confirmation."

ARES:

[Farewell Tour: Burbage and the F-35s](#): "Its official ... the band is breaking up. Tom Burbage, Lockheed Martin's longtime F-35 front man, is leaving center stage."

AVIATION WEEK:

[NATO Chief To Warn About Defense Cuts](#): "NATO's military power and global influence could be put at risk if allies continue to slash their defence budgets while emerging powers boost theirs, NATO's chief will warn on Thursday."

BROOKINGS:

[March West: China's Response to the U.S. Rebalancing](#): "In China, Mao Zedong once had a famous exposition on military strategy: 'Where the enemy advances, we retreat. Where the enemy retreats, we pursue.'"

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[Why The US Appointing An Aussie General To Command Its Pacific Troops Is a Big Deal](#): "It's the first time a non-American has served in such a high-ranking position at this type of command."

DOD BUZZ:

[Hagel hearing heavy on theater, short on heft](#): "Senators focus on Israel and Iran while spending little time discussing the coming budget disaster and big money weapons programs."

FAST COMPANY:

[F.C.C. Filing Shows Commission Is Eyeing Up Google Glass](#): “The brainchild of Sergey Brin, who's been riding the subway in a pair, these oh-so-much-more-than-AR glasses have the fashion world transfixed, turning models and designers into geeks and, as Austin Carr points out, perhaps the key to Google's adventures in TV-land. The company originally said that Project Glass would be available to non Google employees some time at the beginning of 2013.”

GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE:

[10 Awesome Pinterest Boards The Government Should Start](#): “In January, the General Services Administration approved the terms of service for Pinterest—meaning that federal agencies could start to use the site to engage with citizens. Since then, GSA has created a board called “Interesting Items for Sale,” that has pins including lighthouses, Lear Jets and helicopters, and a phoropter.”

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

[Australia: The New Saudi Arabia?](#): “Shale gas may be sparking an energy revolution in the United States and potentially even China, but it has attracted relatively little attention in Australia. All that may have changed with a recent announcement by Brisbane-based energy explorer, Linc Energy.”

SECRECY NEWS (FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS):

[Drone Programs Spark Budgetary, Privacy, Legal Concerns](#): “The development of unmanned aerial systems (or drones) for military and civilian applications appears to be accelerating faster than the normal policy process can adapt to it.”

SLASHDOT:

[Wall Street Journal Hit By Chinese Hackers, Too](#): “The Wall Street Journal said Thursday its computers were hit by Chinese hackers, the latest U.S. media organization citing an effort to spy on its journalists covering China. The Journal made the announcement a day after The New York Times said hackers, possibly connected to China's military, had infiltrated its computers in response to its expose of the vast wealth amassed by a top leader's family.”

TIME MAGAZINE BATTLELAND BLOG:

[U.S. Looking at Action Against China Cyberattacks](#): “The Obama administration is considering more assertive action against Beijing to combat a persistent cyber-espionage campaign it believes Chinese hackers are waging against U.S. companies and government agencies. As The New York Times and Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that their computer systems had been infiltrated by China-based hackers, cyber security experts said the U.S. government is eyeing more pointed diplomatic and trade measures.”

[Contract-Announcement Run-On Sentence of the Year](#): (*Satire? You be the judge- ed.*) From Thursday afternoon's Pentagon contact announcements.

WIRED MAGAZINE (OTHER):

[Gavin Newsom: Why Hacking Is Good for Democracy](#): “In other words, in this more open era, we have to be prepared for the incursions that will inevitably come. Instead of doing business as usual, expecting that our systems and data are impregnable, we have to play differently.”