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(Top Left) Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) at CSIS; (Top Center) Representative Adam Smith (D-WA) and Representative Ted Yoho (R-FL) at CSIS; (Top Right) The Honorable Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable Richard Spencer, Secretary of the Navy; and the Honorable Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, at CSIS; (Middle Left) Former U.S. trade representatives William Brock, Carla Hills, Michael Kantor, Charlene Barshefsky, Susan Schwab, and Ronald Kirk at CSIS; (Middle Right) NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine and former NASA Administrators Charlie Bolden and Sean O’Keefe at CSIS; (Bottom Left) Dr. Jeanette J. Epps, NASA astronaut, at CSIS; (Bottom Center) CSIS Schieffer Series on “The Cancelled Trump-Kim Summit”; (Bottom Right) Dr. Peter Navarro, Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, at CSIS.
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