

Trump's transition of power

Nov 10

President-elect Donald Trump and President Obama meet at White House, starting transition process unfolding over 10 weeks until Trump is sworn into office

Nov-Dec

Staffing up: Trump chooses White House staff, cabinet, and around 4,000 political appointments, with top 50 positions traditionally selected before Thanksgiving

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Ensuring security: Trump now receives same daily intelligence briefing as President Obama, including information on covert U.S. operations and other data gathered by America's 17 intelligence agencies



Transition team: Assembles cabinet and lays out blueprint for Trump's first 100 days



*Trump's top advisers, New Jersey Gov. **Chris Christie** and Alabama U.S. Sen. **Jeff Sessions**, guiding transition to power*

Jan 20

Trump's swearing-in ceremony takes place on steps of U.S. Capitol, when President Obama's term officially expires



Nuclear codes: On Inauguration Day, America's "nuclear briefcase" changes hands and President Trump receives "biscuit" – card with codes used to authenticate order to launch nuclear attack



Trump gains access to official presidential Twitter account @POTUS and White House website is relaunched at midnight



Moving in: In frantic five-hour moving period, White House staff remove last belongings of Obama's family and prepare 132-room residence for Trump's family

Once he is sworn in as president, Trump has freedom to redecorate Oval Office as he likes