

The Model the Spies Wanted Back

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“Three weeks ago the Pentagon called Anthropic a supply-chain threat and walked. This week the chief of staff signed off on keeping the spy agencies on Anthropic's model anyway. Both things are true, and the gap between them is where the real terms get written.”

— Jonas Vale, today's narration

The White House approves a secret \$9 billion request for spy-agency AI chips and finalizes a classified contract keeping the NSA on Anthropic's model — three weeks after the Pentagon ejected the company as a supply-chain threat. Jonas Vale walks the arc from "any lawful use" to the carve-out the administration wants to standardize.

Also: the compute shortage as a national-security choke point and the private money locking up capacity; the NTSB pulls its accident docket offline after AI reconstructs the voices of dead pilots from a spectrogram; thousands rally in Taipei after the US pauses a \$14 billion arms sale; and two brain implants restore partial sight to blind patients — the same capability, pointed at repair instead of leverage.

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- [White House and Anthropic near a deal for spy agencies to use AI](#)
- [Pentagon's AI deals and Anthropic's safety limits](#)
- [Dario and Daniela tell Oprah they'd rather let Anthropic fail](#)
- [All-In: Gavin Baker reads the SpaceX S-1 on Anthropic's compute commitment](#)
- [AI is being used to resurrect the voices of dead pilots](#)

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