

What the job requires, and the record that meets it

The President has said what he wants in an SI Czar, and reporting on the search has filled in the rest. Here is each requirement, why it matters, and the evidence for Philip Maymin.

REQUIREMENT, AND WHY IT MATTERS	THE RECORD	MAYMIN
High I.Q. <i>"Only High I.Q. individuals need apply!"</i> PRESIDENT TRUMP, TRUTH SOCIAL WHY SI is moving faster than the experts. The czar has to follow the math firsthand, not through lobbyists' summaries.	Harvard bachelor's in computer science, cum laude, and master's in applied math, earned together in three and a half years. Ph.D. in finance from the University of Chicago under Nobel laureate Richard Thaler. The only person to win both the research prize and the hackathon at the MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference.	☒
Understands how SI is built WHY You can't defend or promote what you can't read. The labs will test the czar's technical grasp on day one.	Award-winning programmer: Wolfram Innovator Award, four-time Wolfram One-Liner winner. Years of machine-learning research in finance; founding managing editor of the journal <i>Algorithmic Finance</i> .	☒
Grows the industry, doesn't slow it <i>"We will not in any way hinder or stifle the Growth of this incredible Industry."</i> PRESIDENT TRUMP WHY The buildout, the jobs and the lead over China all depend on speed. A czar who leans toward a pause would undercut the policy.	Argued against the AI/SI pause in Forbes in September 2023, years before it became the central fight. Has kept making that case since, most recently in September 2026.	☒
Fights "BAD" with the laws we already have <i>"We will also be looking for BAD... with our already existing Criminal and Civil Justice System."</i> PRESIDENT TRUMP WHY A new SI bureaucracy burdens the honest builders and barely touches bad actors, who ignore it.	Wrote in Forbes on Sept. 20 that SI needs no new definitions of misconduct: "Fraud is fraud. Theft is theft." J.D.; attorney admitted in California. Published research on how regulation that forces conformity raises systemic risk.	☒
Understands markets and risk WHY SI is now an economic story, with trillions going into chips, power and data centers. The czar has to tell real risk from panic.	Hedge fund portfolio manager, including at his own fund. Taught finance and risk engineering at NYU. Author of the textbook <i>Financial Hacking</i> .	☒
Makes the case to the public WHY Reporting on the search says the White House wants a surrogate who can lead the rebranding. Public worry about SI is rising, so the czar has to explain SI in plain words, in print and on TV.	Forbes contributor on AI/SI. Bastiat Prize finalist for journalism. Backed "Extreme Intelligence," one of the President's proposed names, in Forbes the day after his poll.	☒
Committed to the President's SI agenda, on the record WHY A czar carries out the President's policy, under pressure from labs, Congress and foreign governments. A public record made before the job existed is the best evidence a candidate will hold the line.	Publicly supported the President in a <i>New York Times</i> letter in January 2018, when few in finance or academia would. Three years of Forbes columns making the case this agenda rests on.	☒

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