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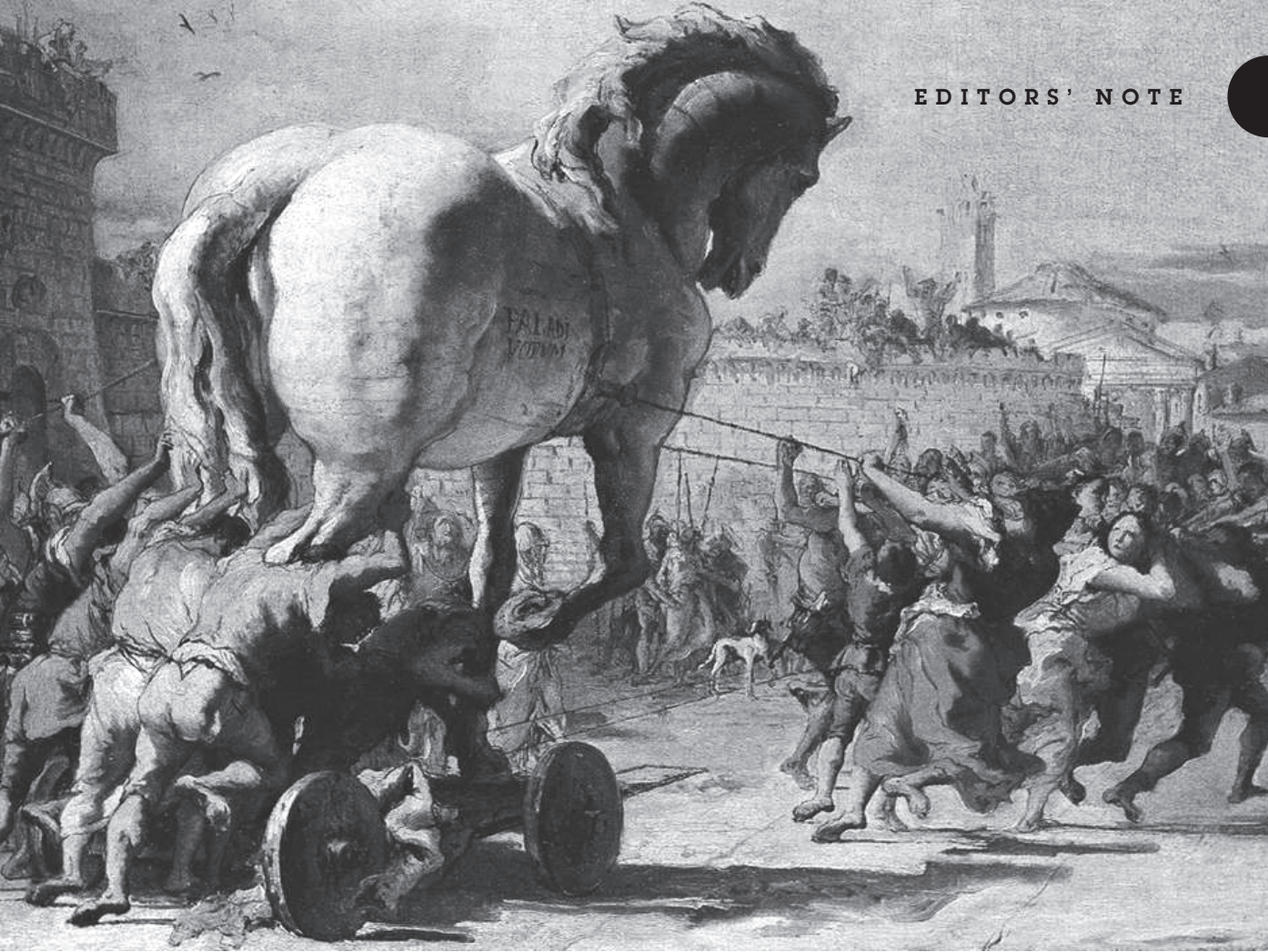
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**F**or as long as there has been a need for security, there has been a parallel and equally pressing need for secrecy. Imagine the Trojan Horse unmasked before it was hauled into Troy. Or the flight from Egypt by Moses and the Israelites uncovered by the Pharaoh's agents. More recently imagine D-Day and the first Omaha Beach landing point revealed to Hitler's stormtroopers or the veil lifted on Japan's plans for Pearl Harbor. How history might have been transformed at each turn. Today, at the heart of many vicious political battles, lie a host of critical issues swirling around such paired and critical needs—security, or the need to safeguard our societies, our fortunes and our very lives; and secrecy in the interest of securing our present and future. Overhanging both priorities is the ultimate question of how much freedom we must be prepared to surrender to assure that the very soul of our democratic systems remain. In our fall cover theme, *World Policy Journal* seeks to address these efforts to balance competing priorities as they unfold.

We begin with the Big Question—a selection of international experts reflecting on the central issue of what governments should keep secret. Then, we've asked Sir Richard Dearlove, one of Britain's ace spies at Her Majesty's Secret Service (MI6) and now master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, to weigh in on the role of secrecy in society and government. Our Anatomy examines the structure and reach of the world's largest private army—the security leviathan that calls itself G4S—while Neil Jacobstein, one of the world's top drone thinkers, weighs in on our future under watch and siege—the rarely noticed but quite compelling pros as well as the often-observed cons. Map Room then traces the scope and reach of the Internet hactivists who call themselves Anonymous. And from Russia, Andrei Soldatov and Irina Borogan, two veteran chroniclers of the darkest reaches of the Russian security services, return to our pages to probe how the successors to the KGB are taking far greater license with their peoples' freedom than the NSA ever dreamed possible. Another spymaster, Jack Devine, former CIA deputy director of operations and chief of the CIA Afghan Task Force, teams up with Whitney Kassel, a former counterterrorism policy specialist in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, to point out that real security in Afghanistan consists of making certain we don't forget our friends in the region. Finally, in this issue we debut a new feature “In His Own Words,” as His Majesty King Abdullah II of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan lays out for us what forms of security in his corner of the Middle East are essential to maintaining the kind of democracy he wants for his people.

In our Portfolio, the extraordinary Ecuadorian photographer Santiago Arcos Veintimilla profiles the only Ecuadorian village without children—a powerful tribute to the rural-urban migration patterns that are sweeping Latin America. Meanwhile, Ecuador turns out to be a nexus of another innovation in Latin America—a new system of justice, substituting the adversarial for the inquisitorial, as Thea Johnson explains. Around the world, doctors, hospitals, ambulances, and their patients are under attack in ways inconceivable, as Jason Cohn and Françoise Duroch of Médecins Sans Frontières reveal. As for contagion of diseases, Amy Lieberman examines the challenges posed by migrating populations, on the move as never before. From Bangladesh, Edward Bearnot, an American researcher and entrepreneur, takes us inside garment factories to explore what workers believe is essential if this beleaguered nation can continue to clothe the world. In Nairobi, Mwaura Samoa visits the district of Eastleigh, a terror magnet for Somali refugees who've turned their neighborhood into a new theater for an ancient conflict. Finally, in his Coda, *World Policy Journal* Editor David A. Andelman examines the role of the legislative branches of government and the desperate need for checks and balances, the third in his series evaluating the ability of government and their mechanisms to respond to the needs and desires of the people they serve.

—*The Editors*