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I've attached the information I've gathered on Foxconn.

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Evan,

I'm still in the midst of putting it all together, but if you for some reason desperately want to see what I have so far, the document is in my folder in the G-drive.

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To break up the monotony – Can you do some research on:

- Foxconn development/projects outside the Pearl River Delta
 - I think they've had projects in Indonesia and some other countries
- Foxconn in Pennsylvania
- Media Coverage of Foxconn since January in:
 - Ohio
 - Michigan

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Notable Foxconn Investments Outside the PRC

- *Indonesia*

In 2014 Foxconn announced that it planned to invest in hardware manufacturing and telecoms services in the country. In 2015 the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce Secretary told press that the investment had been cancelled. The status of the investment remains unclear, and its uncertainty may be due to new protectionist policies adopted by Indonesian President Joko Widodo. (Danubrata and Christina, "Foxconn hasn't canceled investment plan in Indonesia: ministry official," [Reuters](#), 9/1/15)

- *India*

In August 2015 Foxconn announced a plan to build a \$5bn factory in Maharashtra state. ("Foxconn to Invest \$5 Billion in India Plant," [Recode](#), 8/8/15) Then in October 2016 a state official said the deal was in danger because Foxconn couldn't find customers and other government sources said the investment was all but dead. (Sanjay Sewant, "Foxconn likely to shy away from \$5 bn investment in Maharashtra; jolt to Modi, Fadnavis," [First Post](#), 8/27/16) However, early this year Foxconn announced that it plans to begin production in Maharashtra this year. (Priyanka Kakodkar, "Maharashtra production expected to begin this year: Foxconn," [The Times of India](#), 1/3/17) The company also announced in November 2016 a separate new investment in the state worth \$20-30m. (Gulveen Aulakh, "Foxconn's next India facility to be in Navi Mumbai," [India Times](#), 11/4/16)

- *Vietnam*

In 2007 Foxconn promised to invest \$5bn in the country, a promise made difficult to keep after the financial crisis. ("Foxconn to invest billions in central Vietnam," [Thanh Nien News](#), 3/5/10) In 2015 Foxconn's investment license for a proposed \$200m plant was revoked by the Vietnamese government after repeated failures by the company to follow through on its commitment. ("Foxconn's cellphone plant licence [sic] revoked," [Viet Nam News](#) 10/15) Last year Foxconn expanded in Vietnam with the purchase of an already existing Microsoft plant. ("Foxconn acquires Microsoft's smartphone facility in Vietnam," [Vietnam Net](#) 5/25/16)

- *Brazil*

Brazil's president announced in 2011 that Foxconn was seriously considering investing \$12bn in the country. Her statement seemed to catch the company off guard, and the investment promise never seems to have been confirmed or denied by Foxconn. ("How Much Does Foxconn Like Brazil?," [Wall Street Journal](#), 4/14/11) By 2015 a small new plant was operating in São Paulo, but far fewer than the 100,000 jobs promised by the government had been created. (Brad Haynes, "Brazil's iPhone investment falls short on promises of jobs, lower prices," [Reuters](#) 5/13/15) This month it was reported that, according to sources inside the company, Foxconn plans to leave Brazil almost entirely. (Angelica Mari, "Foxconn set to discontinue Brazil manufacturing operations," [ZD Net](#), 6/22/17)

Foxconn Investment in Pennsylvania

- In November 2013 Foxconn announced a plan to invest \$30m in a factory in Harrisburg that would employ 500 people, as well as \$10m in robotics research at

Carnegie Mellon University. (Michael Tanenbaum, "Skepticism hangs over rumored Foxconn factory in Pennsylvania," [Philly Voice](#) 3/5/17)

- So far, the factory plan has completely failed to materialize. Foxconn continues to maintain a small facility in Harrisburg, but no new construction whatsoever has occurred. The donation to Carnegie Mellon appears to have taken place. (Todd Frankel, "How Foxconn's broken pledges in Pennsylvania cast doubt on Trump's jobs plan," [The Washington Post](#) 3/3/17)
Foxconn's chairman says that the Harrisburg factory agreement is still pending. (Yu and Wu, "Foxconn plans U.S. display making plant for over \$10 billion, scouting for location," [Reuters](#), 6/22/17)
- Pennsylvania also appeared to be a candidate state for Foxconn's new rumored \$10bn investment in the United States. (Yu and Wu)

Recent Reporting on Foxconn

- *Michigan*
 - A *Detroit News* columnist laments that the Republican-led state legislature has failed so far to pass tax incentives that are apparently designed by Gov. Rick Snyder to lure Foxconn to the state. (Daniel Howes, "Hello, GOP? Michigan is in hunt for Foxconn jobs," [The Detroit News](#) 6/22/17)
 - A *Crain's Detroit Business* blog post notes Foxconn's checkered promise-keeping history and cites local opposition to Gov. Snyder's tax incentives. (Kirk Pinho, "Pennsylvania's experience with Foxconn says be wary about plans," [Crain's Detroit Business](#) 6/5/17)
- *Ohio*
 - *The Columbus Dispatch* reports that Foxconn may be looking into locations near Rickenbacker Airport, in Columbus. (Dan Gearino, "Taiwanese electronics giant looks at Ohio for part of multibillion-dollar project," [The Columbus Dispatch](#) 6/22/17)
- *Pennsylvania*
 - The *Philly Voice* expresses skepticism about the state's chances, citing Foxconn's failure to follow through on its earlier promises in Harrisburg. (Tanenbaum)
 - However, *Penn Live* is optimistic, claiming that Pennsylvania is the cheapest state for manufacturers to do business. (Candy Woodall, "The secret war Pennsylvania is winning - but will it win Foxconn?," [Penn Live](#), 6/29/17)
- *North Carolina*
 - The *Triangle Business Journal* reports that the NC house speaker's allusion to an upcoming "major economic development project" may be about Foxconn. The speaker argues that this project is a reason to support incentives for companies making large investments in the state. (Lauren Ohnesorge, "Speaker's comments fuel rumors of thousands of Foxconn jobs in North Carolina," [Triangle Business Journal](#), 6/23/17)