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War Plan Taiwan Reveals How the U.S. Could Deter—or Lose—a Conflict With China

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OPLAN 5077 and the U.S. Struggle for the Pacific

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"OPLAN 5077 is the U.S. military's plan to deal with the broad range of issues and responsibilities attendant to a potential conflict with China over Taiwan. Rowan Allport does a masterful job setting the stage with his lucid, straightforward projection of events that could lead to conflict across the Strait of Taiwan between China and the United States."

—Admiral Timothy J. Keating,
Commander of the U. S. Pacific Command, 2007-2010

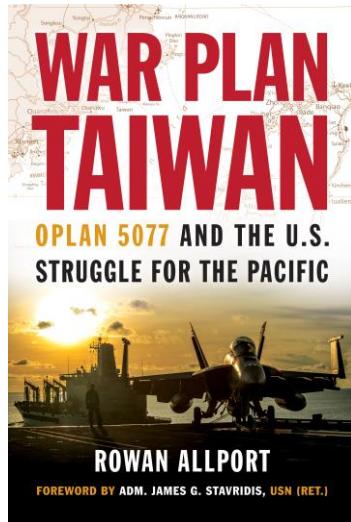
In an era when the balance of power in the Western Pacific could determine the course of global security, the possibility of war over Taiwan has shifted from theoretical debate to urgent reality. The island's defense is no longer just a regional matter but a flashpoint that could draw the United States, its allies, and China into a confrontation with worldwide consequences. *War Plan Taiwan* places today's headlines into a century-long continuum of U.S. military planning, revealing how Washington has prepared for—and at times narrowly avoided—conflict in the Pacific.

War Plan Taiwan charts the defense challenges the Western Pacific has presented to the United States since its establishment as a territorial presence in the region, including in the context of preparation for and execution of the war against Imperial Japan, the subsequent threat from the Soviet Union, and the rise of China.

Incorporating a historical narrative of U.S.-Taiwan defense relations and concluding with an examination of the potential course of a 2029 conflict between a U.S.-led coalition and China in the region, this book is an invaluable resource for anyone seeking to understand Taiwan's pivotal position in today's new Cold War.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- A clear, sobering analysis of how a U.S.–China war over Taiwan could unfold, *War Plan Taiwan* cuts through rhetoric to examine real-world military capabilities, escalation dynamics, and strategic risks at the most dangerous geopolitical flashpoint of the 21st century.
- Bridging policy analysis and operational thinking, the book translates complex war planning concepts into an accessible narrative, offering readers a concrete understanding of deterrence, decision-making, and the high costs of miscalculation in the Indo-Pacific.
- Strongly positioned for readers of Elbridge Colby, Andrew Erickson, and titles such as *The Kill Chain* and *The Long Game*, *War Plan Taiwan* will appeal to trade audiences interested in national security, China, military affairs, and global strategy, as well as professionals in government, academia, and defense policy.

ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

“Rowan Allport’s remarkable book *War Plan Taiwan* provides a deeply informative and unsettling account of the potential strategy for the United States in the tinderbox of the 21st century. Drawing on a rich assemblage of public materials, he has provided an essential guide to the huge challenges confronting American military strategists in waging a possible conflict over Taiwan.”—**Kurt M. Campbell, Chairman of The Asia Group, former Deputy Secretary of State, and inaugural White House IndoPacific Coordinator**

“Amid increasing Chinese military capabilities and rising concerns about Xi Jinping’s strategic ambitions in East Asia, Rowan Allport’s *War Plan Taiwan* expertly illuminates how United States military plans have shaped the region and would impact any future conflict, making it essential reading not just for military personnel, but anyone seeking to understand the most dangerous flashpoint in the world.”—**Eric Setzekorn, George Mason University and author of *Arming East Asia: Deterring China in the Early Cold War* and *The Rise and Fall of an Officer Corps: The Republic of China Military, 1942–1955***

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