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# US President of the United States of America



You are President of the United States, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates
- Order any changes in the US's DEFCON
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks

You believe that this unchecked Chinese aggression cannot under any terms be let stand. You need to make sure that the war is conducted well so the US public doesn't want to abandon Taiwan (thankfully they are already overwhelming in favor of kicking the People's Liberation Army's teeth in), and that Taiwan can be kept free and democratic.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table, unless you play a Head of State visit card.

# US Department of State Diplomat (Japan and Canada)



You are member of the Department of State, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Liaise with our close allies Japan and Canada to keep them in the loop and coordinate US actions with them.
- Engage with the Chinese diplomats and leaders try to glean what their next move will be and to conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You wish to ensure that civilian casualties in Japan are kept to a minimum if at all possible. You are also concerned about the perception that the US may be acting unilaterally in this war. This perception must be countered by building a multi-national front and forces that act as one to fight the Chinese.

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# US Department of State Diplomat (Taiwan, Philippines, and China)



You are member of the Department of State, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Liaise with besieged Taiwan to ensure that they do not collapse and to keep them in the loop and coordinate US actions with them.
- Liaise with the sometimes wavering Philippines to shore up their support for the alliance and to keep them in the loop and coordinate US actions with them.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You wish to ensure that civilian casualties in the Philippines are kept to a minimum if at all possible, and that Taiwan remains free and democratic. You are also concerned about the perception that the US may be acting unilaterally in this war. This perception must be countered by building a multi-national front and forces that act as one to fight the Chinese.

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## US Department of State Diplomat (UK/Australia/France)



You are member of the Department of State, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Liaise with the UK, Australia, France to keep them in the loop, coordinate US actions with them, and press them to be less reticent than they might be.
- Engage with the Chinese diplomats and leaders try to glean what their next move will be and to conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You wish to ensure that the UK and France help support US actions and do not let the US absorb the full brunt of the fighting alone. You are also concerned about the perception that the US may be acting unilaterally in this war. This perception must be countered by building a multi-national front and forces that act as one to fight the Chinese.

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# Commander, US Naval Forces



You are Commander of the US Naval forces in the area, your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the enemy at sea with the combined forces of the US Navy and US Marine Corps.
- Employ Special Forces to disrupt, disorganize, and destroy enemy forces.

You are of the opinion that to shore up the Taiwanese forces US forces must be put onto Taiwan, ideally US Marine Brigades or MEU's, to backstop the Taiwanese army.

Under your command are the following:

- All naval units:
  - Carriers and their air wings
  - Surface Ships
  - Submarines
  - Marine Units (Brigades, MEU's, MLR's)
- The following special forces cards:
  - MARSOC
  - Navy Seals

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, US Air Forces



You are Commander of the US Air Forces in the area, your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the enemy in the air with the combined forces of the US Air Force and US Marine Corps air assets.
- Employ Special Forces to disrupt, disorganize, and destroy enemy forces.
- Coordinate with US Bomber Forces Indo-Pacific to strike the enemy.

Under your command are the following:

- All aircraft with the exception of bombers (under the control of Commander, US Bomber Forces Indo-Pacific)
- The AFSOC special forces card

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, US Ground Forces



You are Commander of the US Ground Forces in the area, your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the enemy on the ground with the combined forces of the Army and US Marine Corps ground combat elements.
- Employ US Special Forces to disrupt, disorganize, and destroy enemy forces.

You are of the opinion that to shore up the Taiwanese forces at least one US brigade must be put onto Taiwan, ideally more than one, to backstop the Taiwanese army.

Under your command are the following:

- The following ground units:
  - Brigades (Airborne, Infantry, Stryker, and Armor and the Ranger Regiment)
  - MDTF (Multi-Domain Task Forces)
  - Unless delegated to you, you have no authority over USMC units
- The following special forces cards:
  - Delta Force
  - Regimental Reconnaissance Company

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, US Supporting Assets



You are Commander of the US Supporting Assets in the area, your responsibilities are to:

- Employ Space assets to degrade, disrupt, and destroy enemy intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.
- Employ cyber tools to degrade, disrupt, and delay enemy forces.
- Employ an additional support capabilities not covered by other commands.

Among the many problems you are dealing with is that each branch is not using USSOCOM (United States Special Operations Command) to coordinate special forces activity. This is leading to much more limited effects than would otherwise be achieved. It would be most effective if people put their special forces under the umbrella of SOCOM (as controlled by you) for the duration.

Under your command are the following:

- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- All additional support cards
- The following special forces cards
  - Intelligence Support Activity
  - Special Operations Group

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, US Bomber Forces Indo-Pacific



You are Commander of US Bomber forces for the Indo-Pacific theater, your responsibilities are to:

- Employ the bomber fleet and track and deploy its munitions to meet the needs of the other commanders.
- Expend munitions when needed, not frivolously as they are hard and time-intensive to replace
- Coordinate with the Commander of the Air Forces to strike the enemy.

Under your command are the following:

- All bomber flights
- All munitions cards

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

# China

## **President of the People's Republic of China**

General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party  
Chairman of the Central Military Commission



You are President of the Peoples Republic of China, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates
- Authorize changes to the Targeting Restrictions List
- Order any changes in the PRC's Nuclear Readiness
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks
- Stealthily determine by the end of the new offensive (e.g. control will ask you at the end of the game), who was at fault for the failure of the initial invasion, and who needs to be relieved of command and disappeared.
  - Someone must be punished for the failure, but scapegoating an ineffective commander may be more effective than punishing the real, but more competent commander.

This was supposed to be over by now. Your generals assured you as much. Your intelligence community assured you as much. You only had to kick in the door and the whole rotten edifice would come crashing down. It's too late now, you're in too deep on this war now, you need to win. China, the CCP, and your life depend on it.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table, unless you play a Head of State visit card.

# Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomat (US and Japan)



You are member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Conduct diplomatic warfare to split the US and Japan from the rest of the alliance, and (if possible) conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You view this war as a fool's idea and a complete failure and plan to use your diplomatic abilities to influence all sides to ensure that civilian casualties are kept to minimum in all countries.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

# Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomat (Head of the Taiwan Affairs Office)



You are member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Conduct diplomatic warfare to split Taiwan from the rest of the alliance, and (if possible) conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You view this war as a fool's idea and a complete failure, but we cannot leave the world stage humiliated. If we can inflict a major defeat upon the US and its allies to force them to the negotiation table on favorable terms it would save our reputation as a country.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomat (External Affairs)



You are member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Conduct diplomatic warfare to peel off (importantly) the Philippines, but also Australia, the UK, France, and Canada from the rest of the alliance, and (if possible) conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You view this war as a fool's idea and a complete failure and economic disaster. It is imperative that we find some sort of economic solution before the world (and China's) economy totally collapses and mass civil unrest begins.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

# Commander of the People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF)



You are Commander of the PLA Air Force your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the enemy in the air with the forces of the PLAAF
- Ensure that your ground forces (the PLAAF Airborne Corps) and special forces on Taiwan remain clearly under your command when planning and that you exercise control over them (the PLA Ground Force (PLAGF) has been trying to subordinate them to PLAGF since the planning for the invasion).
- Prove the value of the Air Force to the overall war effort by defeating the enemy in the Air.
  - If possible, sinking another carrier would be a great way to demonstrate the value of the Air Force.
- Ensure that the PLAAF is not to blame for the disastrous initial assault (clearly the fault of the PLAGF and Rocket Forces).

Under your command are the following:

- All aircraft
- PLAAF Airborne Corps Brigades (note that the PLAGF has Air Assault brigades that are *not* under you command, do not confuse the two).
- The Thunder Gods special forces card

These can be delegated to others as you see fit (but why would you want to?)

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

# Commander of the People's Liberation Army Navy



You are Commander of the PLA Navy and its subordinate branch the PLA Marine Corps, your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the enemy at sea with the forces of the People's Liberation Army Navy.
- Ensure that your ground forces (the PLAN Marine Corps) and special forces on Taiwan remain clearly under your command when planning and that you exercise control over them (the PLA Ground Force (PLAGF) has been trying to subordinate them to PLAGF since the planning for the invasion).
- Prove the value of the Navy to the overall war effort by defeating the enemy at sea.
  - If possible, sinking another carrier would be a great way to demonstrate the value of the Navy.
- Ensure that the PLAN is not to blame for the disastrous initial assault (clearly the fault of the Air Force and Ground Force).

Under your command are the following:

- All naval units:
  - Carriers and their air wings
  - Surface Ships
  - Submarines
- PLAN Marine Corps Brigades
- The Sea Dragons special forces card

These can be delegated to others as you see fit (but why would you want to?)

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

# Commander of the People's Liberation Army Rocket Force (PLARF)



You are Commander of PLARF, your responsibilities are to:

- Employ the PLARF's long range missiles to defeat the enemy.
- Ensure that people recognize your importance as a branch beyond just nuclear deterrence. People need to stop just demanding missile strikes from you without any regard for how little you have left in the magazine to use and start giving you a bigger role in the planning of operations.
- Ensure that you don't get blamed for the failure of the initial invasion of Taiwan (that was the fault of the Ground Forces, Navy (and their Marine Corps), and Air Force)
- Prove the value of the Rocket Force to the overall war effort by destroying the enemy at long range.
  - If possible, sinking another carrier would be a great way to demonstrate the value of the Rocket Force.
- Advise the Chairman of the Central Military Commission on nuclear matters, and maintain the nuclear deterrent.

Regardless of the outcome of the conventional conflict the risk of nuclear escalation remains high, and will only get worse as one side or another gains the upper hand. You feel on no uncertain terms that the first use of nuclear weapons by China would be a disaster that it would never recover from. Do all you can to prevent it.

Under your command are the following:

- All missiles salvos

These can be delegated to others as you see fit (but why would you want to?)

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

# Commander of the People's Liberation Army Ground Force (PLAGF)



You are Commander of the PLAGF your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the enemy on the ground with the combined forces of the Army and the PLAAF Airborne Corps, and PLAN Marine Corps ground combat elements.
- You are to try to exert control over the Airborne Corps and Marine Corps units on Taiwan in planning rather than letting their branches control them to improve the command and control of the forces on Taiwan.
- Ensure that the Ground Forces are not to blame for the disastrous initial assault (clearly the fault of the Navy, their Marine Corps, and Air Force), and ensure that the Ground Forces are the ones that defeat the Taiwanese.

Under your command are the following:

- All PLAGF Brigades (Light, Medium, Heavy, Amphibious, and Mountain)
- Special forces cards under the command of Eastern and Southern Theater Commands:
  - ETC: Sharks, Thunderbolts, Dragons of the East Sea
  - STC: Sword of the South, SF Brigade, SF Battalion, Lion Company

These can be delegated to others as you see fit (but why would you want to?)

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

# Commander of Central Military Commission Joint Operations Command Center



You are the Commander of the Central Military Commission Joint Operations Command Center, coordinating all forces under direct control of the Central Military Commission (the Military Aerospace Force, Cyberspace Force, Information Support Force, and Joint Logistics Support Force). Your responsibilities are to:

- Employ Space assets to degrade, disrupt, and destroy enemy intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.
- Employ cyber tools to degrade, disrupt, and delay enemy forces.
- Employ any additional support capabilities not covered by other commands.
- Make sure that people recognize your forces importance, rather than just demand support from you.
- Ensure that you don't get blamed for the failure of the initial invasion of Taiwan (that was the fault of the Ground Forces, Navy, and Air Force).

Under your command are the following:

- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- All additional support cards
- Special forces cards under the command of Northern and Central Theater Commands and the Peoples Armed Police:
  - NTC: Falcons
  - CTC: Whistling Arrows, Ferocious Tigers, Sacred Sword of the East,
  - PAP: Snow Leopards

These can be delegated to others as you see fit (but why would you want to?)

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# Japan Prime Minister of Japan



You are the Prime Minister of Japan, your responsibilities are to:

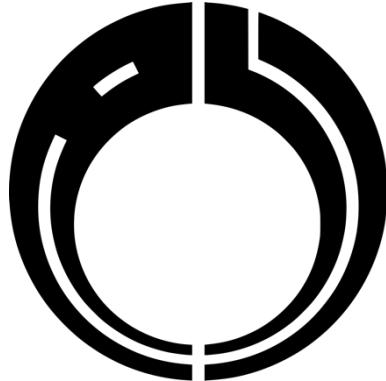
- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates: consider your strategic aims and work with the military to implement them.
- Conduct diplomacy with allies and partners
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks

Japan has been committed to this war not by choice, but by the barbaric acts of China. To this end China must be defeated and the deaths of Japanese citizens should be minimized as much as you possibly can on the Main islands (your visit to see the 24 dead at Nago Senior High School in Okinawa deeply affected you).

The Japanese public stands with fighting against Chinese aggression, but it is unlikely to support putting Japanese forces on Taiwan absent some larger escalation as it could lead to (and you are privately worried too) attacks on non-military targets in mainland Japan that could cause thousands of civilian casualties.

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## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomat (US, Taiwan, and China)



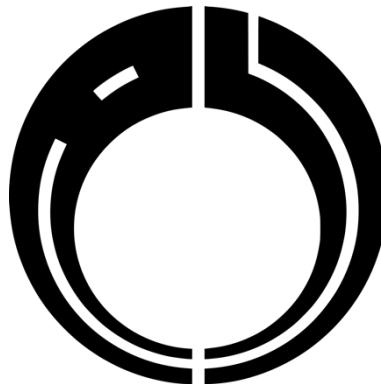
You are member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Liaise with our close allies the US and the besieged Taiwanese to keep them in the loop and coordinate actions with them.
- Engage with the Chinese diplomats and leaders try to glean what their next move will be and to conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.
- Avoid outwardly disagreeing with your superior the Prime Minister.

You are personally very concerned about the deteriorating humanitarian situation on Taiwan. No ships have attempted to enter the country, whose entire economy is dependent on shipping and the critically low food, fuel, and mass displacement is leading to untold human suffering. It is your ethical duty to try to mitigate the suffering of the Taiwanese people as much as possible.

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## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomat (External Affairs)



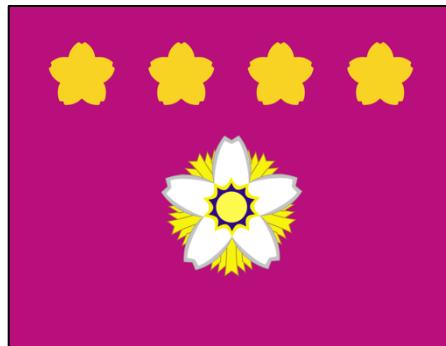
You are member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Liaise with our allies in the Philippines and Australia and our newfound allies in the UK, France, and Canada, to keep them in the loop and coordinate actions with them.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.
- Avoid outwardly disagreeing with your superior the Prime Minister.

You are personally very concerned about the deteriorating humanitarian situation on Taiwan. Some 30,000 Japanese civilians are trapped on Taiwan, including your brother, his wife, and their 5 year old son and 6 year old daughter. No ships have attempted to enter the country, whose entire economy is dependent on shipping and the critically low food, fuel, and mass displacement is leading to untold human suffering. It is imperative that the humanitarian situation be relieved before hundreds of thousands of normal people starve to death or die of disease.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## Chief of Staff, Joint Staff



You are Chief of Staff, Joint Staff in overall command of Japanese Forces, your responsibilities are to:

- Coordinate with your subordinate Commanders of the Maritime and Air Self Defense Forces to defeat the enemy on the ground, sea, or air.
  - Manage the ground elements of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.
  - Employ space assets to degrade, disrupt, and destroy enemy intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.
  - Employ cyber tools to degrade, disrupt, and delay enemy forces.
  - Employ Special Forces to disrupt, disorganize, and destroy enemy forces.
  - Employ an additional support capabilities not covered by other commands.
- Avoid outwardly disagreeing with your superior the Prime Minister.

You are privately rather concerned about the fighting escalating further and causing harm to civilians, as it has become apparent in the wake of the strike on Nago Senior High School in Okinawa that left 24 dead that the Chinese could attack civilian targets and an untold number of casualties.

Under your command are the following:

- All ground units
- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- The JGSDF special forces card
- All additional support cards

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

# Commander, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force



You are Commander of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the enemy at sea with the forces of the JMSDF.
- Coordinate with assets available to the Chief of Staff, Joint Staff to support your fight.
- Avoid outwardly disagreeing with your superior, the Chief of Staff of the Joint Staff or the Prime Minister.

You have hidden the effect loss of your son's submarine has had on you from the others around you (including your old friend the Commander of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force), but you wish to ensure that the Chinese are never again able to wage a war and that they are crushed and thrown back into the sea to drown in penance for your son's death.

Under your command are the following:

- All naval units:
  - Surface Ships
  - Submarines

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, Japan Air Self-Defense Force



You are Commander of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the enemy in the air with the forces of the JASDF.
- Coordinate with assets available to the Chief of Staff, Joint Staff to support your fight.
- Avoid outwardly disagreeing with your superior, the Chief of Staff of the Joint Staff or the Prime Minister.

You are worried about your friend the Commander of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Forces after his son was killed early in the fighting commanding the JS Jinryū. Ensure that you have his back.

Under your command are the following:

- All aircraft

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

# Taiwan

## President of the Republic of China



You are President of the Republic of China, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates
- Conduct diplomacy with all allies and partners
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks
- Keep Taiwan free and independent at all costs!
- Stealthily determine by the end of the new offensive (e.g. control will ask you at the end of the game), who was at fault for the failure to stop the initial invasion, and who needs to be relieved of command.

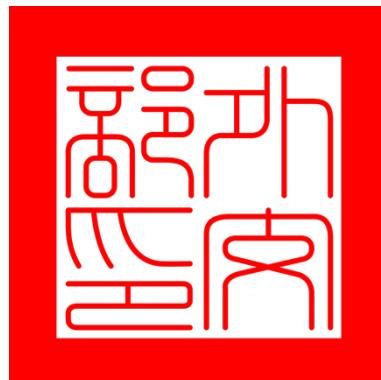
You are not allowed to leave your table under any circumstances.

When you were elected you never believed that something like this could have happened. But it has, and if some are born great, and some achieve greatness, then you have had it thrust upon you. The civilian casualties continue to mount as the Chinese continue to strike us, the humanitarian situation worsens as food, medical supplies, and fuel run lower and lower. The Chinese continue to mass in the beachhead preparing to breakout and crush the light of democracy. You will keep Taiwan free. You will keep Taiwan democratic.

Taiwan has not yet fallen!

Taiwan is not yet lost!

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomat (US and Japan)



You are member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as such your responsibilities are to:

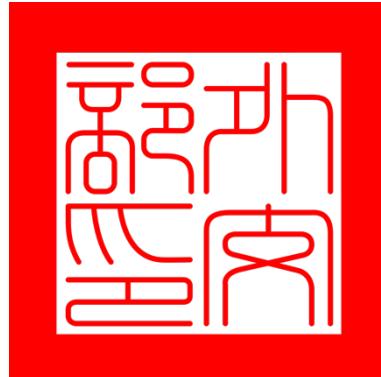
- Ensure that the US and Japan remain on our side at all costs. We will not be able to stand if they abandon us.
- Liaise with our allies to keep them in the loop and coordinate our actions with them.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You privately believe that regardless of the military outcome in the coming days the continued lack of ships coming into port means that the humanitarian situation is untenable. It would be better to submit to the Chinese than starve millions of Taiwanese to death as the government is preparing to do in the name of freedom.

There have also been quiet discussions within the US about the use of tactical nuclear weapons on the Chinese beachhead to destroy it. It goes without saying that this is a moronic idea: it would massively compound the existing humanitarian disaster and split the US from the rest of the coalition leading to a collapse of the coalition and a surrender. On no conditions can you allow this.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomat (Special Representative to the People's Republic of China)



You are member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as such your responsibilities are to:

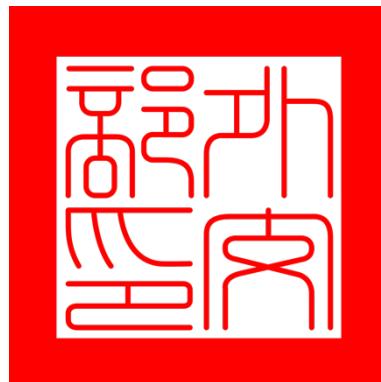
- Conduct diplomatic warfare to create indecision in the political leadership of China. Engage with the Chinese diplomats and leaders try to glean what their next move will be and to conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You privately believe that the last month has shown that despite all its flaws the Taiwanese system and people will hold. There are those in the ranks who are beginning to hold defeatist sentiments and must be prevented from having any hold on policy.

There have been quiet discussions within the US about the use of tactical nuclear weapons on the Chinese beachhead to destroy it. It goes without saying that this is a moronic idea: it would cover Taiwan in fallout leading to hundreds of thousands of deaths and rendering the island uninhabitable. On no conditions can you allow this.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomat (External Affairs)



You are member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Ensure that the Philippines, UK, Australia, France, and Canada all remain united in supporting us to the maximum extent.
- Liaise with our allies to keep them in the loop and coordinate our actions with them
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

There have been quiet discussions within the US about the use of tactical nuclear weapons on the Chinese beachhead to destroy it. It goes without saying that this is a moronic idea: the Chinese would certainty retaliate and Taiwan a glowing piece of rock in the ocean. On no conditions can you allow this.

You privately believe that regardless of the military outcome in the next weeks (bar the above), the Chinese will eventually muster their strength and take over the island, even if it takes them years. A long insurgency is coming, it will need its public leaders...

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

# Ministry of National Defense



You represent the Ministry of National Defense, your responsibilities are to:

- Defeat the Chinese Invasion
- Coordinate with the US the flow of supplies to Taiwan to allow you to keep fighting (you are allowed to leave the table to liaise with the US military)
- Coordinate the defense of Taiwan between your three subcommanders (and prevent them from arguing too much).
- Coordinate the use of additional military capabilities as they become available.
- Coordinate the use of stay behind forces

Under your command are the following:

- The following special forces cards:
  - 2 x Stay Behinds
- All additional support cards
- Strategic Logistical Reserve (a reserve of additional logistics you can release as desired)

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Your view was that the failure to prevent the Chinese from invading was a failure of imagination. A failure by politicians for not seeing the poor state of the armed forces and not responding when they saw it. A failure by the military to decide if it should have more conventional forces or asymmetric, and a failure to commit to one or the other. A failure to not envision that such a thing could happen, and that the US would not be able to stop it single handedly. But who's fault the failure of imagination was doesn't matter now. This is a war for national survival. We must win, at any cost.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table to talk to the US.

## Commander, 6<sup>th</sup> Field Army



You are the Commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Army the army that is currently engaged fighting the Chinese beachhead to the North:

- Defeat the enemy on the ground and drive them back into the sea!
- Make sure the blame of allowing the Chinese to land falls on the shoulders of the Commander of 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Field Armies and the Navy.

This is a war of national survival, of freedom versus slavery, good against evil, light against dark. The war should be fought to the last Taiwanese person for if there is no Taiwan than there is no reason to live.

The Commander of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Field Armies and the Navy made the mistake of thinking that their new, asymmetric weapons systems would prevent the Chinese from ever landing, but (as you always argued) wars are won by troops with rifles, not fancy missiles and drones. It was their fancy weapon systems that failed to stop the Chinese from landing, where your tanks and infantry stopped them.

But stopping the Chinese has come with a cost. The army has been weakened by the fighting. To hold the line and then push back the Chinese it is imperative to get US (or other western troops) onto the island to provide the extra power needed to stop them. To that end we will need the ammunition and fuel required for such a fight, and the air defense missiles required to cover from Chinese aircraft for the fighting and counterattacks.

Under your command are the following:

- All ground units engaged in the North
- 6<sup>th</sup> Army Logistical Reserve (a reserve of additional logistics you can release as desired)

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Field Armies



You are the Commander of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Field Armies, who are currently defending all areas of Taiwan outside of the beachhead.

- The Chinese may well attempt to open a second front by landing elsewhere on the island, like the US did at Inchon during the Korea war. Prevent this from happening.
- Make sure the blame of allowing the Chinese to land falls on the shoulders of the Commander of 6<sup>th</sup> Field Army and Air Force.

Under your command are the following:

- All ground units not engaged at the northern beachhead
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Field Armies Logistical Reserve (a reserve of additional logistics you can release as desired)

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

The Air Force and Commander of the 6th Field Army made the mistake of thinking enough troops with guns would be able to throw back a Chinse landing, slow rolling the procurement of asymmetric weapons systems (like mines, drones and long-range missiles) that would (had they been procured in number) prevented the Chinese from ever landing in the first place. The shortsightedness of the military conventionalists has cost us and we must accept a slow grinding fighting. To support this we will need mass quantities of Artillery ammunition, air defense missiles, engineering equipment, and medical supplies to keep the fight going.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, Support Forces Grouping



You are Commander of the Taiwanese Support Forces grouping, your responsibilities are to:

- Support the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> Field Armies
  - Utilize the remnants of the Navy and Airforce to destroy the Chinese beachhead
  - Employ Space assets to degrade, disrupt, and destroy enemy intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.
  - Employ cyber tools to degrade, disrupt, and delay enemy forces.
  - Employ Special Forces to disrupt, disorganize, and destroy enemy forces.
  - Employ any additional support capabilities not covered by other commands.
- Make sure the blame of allowing the Chinese to land falls on the shoulders of the army.
- Advocate for an insurgency strategy for Taiwan's defense.

None of your forces in the Air or Sea were to blame for the failure in allowing the Chinese to land. Everyone knew that the Air Force and Navy would suffer heavily in the initial stages and that the brunt would fall on the Army. It was the poor performance of the Army that allowed for the invasion to happen in the first place.

You privately feel that the conventional war is already lost and that surrender to the Chinese is the only way to avoid widespread human suffering as a humanitarian disaster is unfolding on the island. The only real chance of success is a long running insurgency that forces the Chinese out in several years. If this is to be the case, we need to start bringing in the asymmetric weapons and small arms ammunition for such an insurgency now.

Under your command are the following:

- All air and naval assets
- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- The following special forces cards:
  - Airborne Special Service Company
  - 101<sup>st</sup> Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

# Philippines

## President of the Philippines



You are the President of the Philippines, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates: consider your strategic aims and work with the military to implement them.
- Conduct diplomacy with all allies and partners
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks

Personally, you are worried about the possible deaths of civilians should Chinese attacks against the Philippines escalate and the 150,000 Filipino civilians trapped in the worsening humanitarian disaster on Taiwan. However, if we don't stand up to China now, and Taiwan capitulates we are next in line. If we are to fully commit we must have a full security commitment from the US with US forces in our country to help defend us.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## Secretary of Foreign Affairs



You are member of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Liaise with our allies to keep them in the loop and coordinate US actions with them.
- Engage with the Chinese diplomats and leaders try to glean what their next move will be and to conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

You are concerned about the 150,000 Filipino civilians on Taiwan trapped in the worsening humanitarian disaster, and something must be done to help them.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

# Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines



You are the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee all military forces of Philippines
- Coordinate with the US military to conduct and plan operations

Our military is not cut out for high intensity combat operations, having only started transition from a counterinsurgency force some years ago. Avoid unnecessary deaths of our soldiers, and get US forces into the country to provide a security backstop.

Under your command are the following:

- All ground, air, and naval units
- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- All special forces cards:
  - Naval Special Operations Command
  - Marine Special Operations Group
- All additional support cards

These can be delegated to others as you see fit. As you are a single military commander for your force note that delegation to another friendly military or trusting the posture you set for your forces may be necessary at times.

Reminder: You are not allowed to leave your table.

**UK**  
**Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland**



You are the Prime Minister, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates: consider your strategic aims and work with the military to implement them.
- Conduct diplomacy with all allies and partners
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks

Despite having chosen to intervene to support our allies and our special relationship with the US, this is still very much a foreign war and holds some danger politically for you. It would do well for us to win a victory, but the public would be unlikely to accept putting British ground forces on Taiwan, unless the US put troops there first. As the dominant power in the alliance, our special relationship with the US is invaluable and should be strengthened as much as possible.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table to talk with France, Canada, Australia, and the US. If you play a Head of State visit card you may leave your table normally.

## Foreign Secretary



You are the Foreign Secretary, heading the FCDO (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office), as such your responsibilities are to:

- Liaise with our allies to keep them in the loop and coordinate UK actions with them.
- Engage with the Chinese diplomats and leaders try to glean what their next move will be and to conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.

You recognize the unique value our military support has to the US at this time as a signal of our commitment to the special relationship. This relationship with the US is invaluable and should be strengthened as much as possible.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, UK Forces Indo-Pacific



You are the commander of UK forces in the Indo-Pacific area of operations, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee all military forces of UK in theater
- Coordinate with allied militaries to conduct and plan operations

You are a consummate professional and will follow the orders of the Prime Minister, but the armed forces have limited replacements available to them, especially in this theater. Avoid unnecessary losses, especially the irreplicable loss of the *HMS Queen Elizabeth* which would be a sledgehammer to both our ability and will to fight.

Under your command are the following:

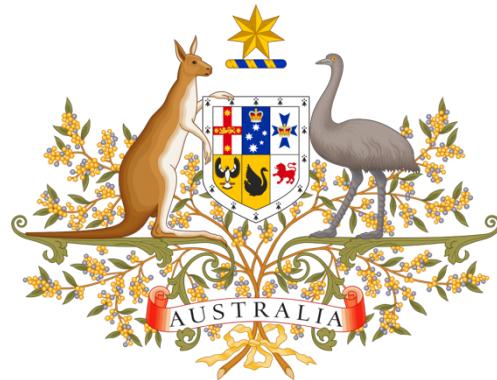
- All ground, air, and naval units
- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- All special forces cards:
  - SAS
  - SBS
- All additional support cards

These can be delegated to others as you see fit. As you are a single military commander for your force note that delegation to another friendly military or trusting the posture you set for your forces may be necessary at times.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table to talk with France.

# Australia

## Prime Minister of Australia



You are the Prime Minister of Australia, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates: consider your strategic aims and work with the military to implement them.
- Conduct diplomacy with all allies and partners
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks

Australia has long been at odds with China, and has been building up its military to confront the very threat that has now played out. It is not just morally right, but also a strategic necessity to see China fail in this war of aggression! Ensure that the Chinese military is brought to its knees.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## Chief of the Defence Force



You are the Chief of the Defence Force of Australia, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee all military forces of Australia in theater
- Coordinate with allied militaries to conduct and plan operations

Under your command are the following:

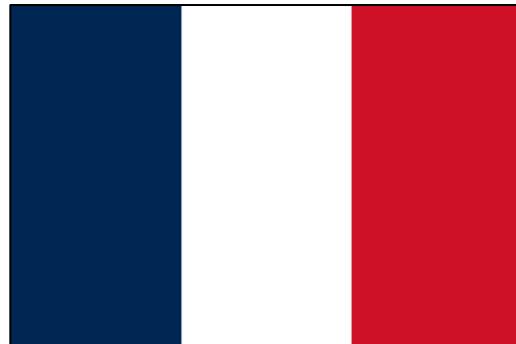
- All ground, air, and naval units
- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- The Special Air Service Regiment special forces card
- All additional support cards

These can be delegated to others as you see fit.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table to talk with the Philippines.

# France

## Président de la République française



You are the President of the French Republic, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates: consider your strategic aims and work with the military to implement them.
- Conduct diplomacy with all allies and partners
  - Importantly, you have several aircraft squadrons that require a basing agreement to be put into the air war, and movement of ground forces into the theater also require a basing agreement.
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks

Despite having chosen to intervene to support our allies, this is still very much a foreign war and dangerous politically (no matter how much we wish to support the US). It would do well for us to win a victory, but we must avoid losing the *Charles de Gaulle*, our only carrier, or putting ground forces on Taiwan until you can join a coalition of countries to do so.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## Commander, French Forces Indo-Pacific



You are the commander of French forces in the Indo-Pacific area of operations, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee all military forces of France in theater
- Coordinate with allied militaries to conduct and plan operations
  - Importantly, you have several aircraft squadrons that require a basing agreement to be put into the air war, and movement into ground forces into the theater also require a basing agreement.

You view this whole debacle as a strategic blunder by France, a last grasp at great power status. Regardless of your feelings though you are a consummate professional, and will follow the orders of the president unto death. Support our allies and democracy as the government orders, but avoid the irreplicable loss of the *Charles de Gaulle* which would be a sledgehammer to both our ability and will to fight.

Under your command are the following:

- All ground, air, and naval units
- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- All special forces cards:
  - 2 x Commandement des Opérations Spéciales cards.
- All additional support cards

These can be delegated to others as you see fit. As you are a single military commander for your force note that delegation to another friendly military or trusting the posture you set for your forces may be necessary at times.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table to talk with the UK.

# Canada

## Prime Minister of Canada

Office of the  
Prime Minister



Cabinet du  
Premier ministre

You are the Prime Minister of Canada, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee the conduct of the war and your subordinates: consider your strategic aims and work with the military to implement them.
- Conduct diplomacy with all allies and partners
  - Importantly, you have several aircraft squadrons that require a basing agreement to be put into the air war, and movement of ground forces into the theater also require a basing agreement.
- Authorize any high impact cyberattacks
- Support our allies and defend Freedom!

The public is broadly behind the use of military force to stop China's unprovoked war of aggression, and Canadian-China ties have substantially cooled from 10 years ago. Despite broad public support you don't think that the public would accept putting Canadian ground forces on Taiwan, unless the US put troops there first (and even then, it might be a risky decision and could be a way to win big or lose big). However, there are still other forces and other means available to stop the Chinese assault, and use them you shall...

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table to talk with France, the UK, Australia, and the US. If you play a Head of State visit card you may leave your table normally.

## Chief of the Defence Staff



You are the Chief of the Defence Staff of Canada, your responsibilities are to:

- Oversee all military forces of Canada in theater.
- Coordinate with allied militaries to conduct and plan operations
  - Importantly, you have several aircraft squadrons that require a basing agreement to be put into the air war, and movement of ground forces into the theater also require a basing agreement.

The Canadian armed forces are not properly trained or equipped for a fight at this scale. They are brave, but that counts for little in modern war. Use the Canadian Armed Forces resources to maximum effect to stop Chinese aggression and make them pay disproportionately for every one of ours they kill.

Under your command are the following:

- All ground, air, and naval units
- All space asset cards
- All cyber asset cards
- The Joint Task Force 2 special forces cards:
- All additional support cards

These can be delegated to others as you see fit. As you are a single military commander for your force note that delegation to another friendly military or trusting the posture you set for your forces may be necessary at times.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table to talk with the US.

## Minister of Foreign Affairs



You the Minister of Foreign affairs, as such your responsibilities are to:

- Liaise with our allies to keep them in the loop and coordinate actions with them.
  - Importantly, you have several aircraft squadrons that require a basing agreement to be put into the air war, and movement into ground forces into the theater also require a basing agreement.
- Engage with the Chinese diplomats and leaders try to glean what their next move will be and to conduct information warfare as to confuse them of our true intentions.
- When not otherwise engaged support your other diplomatic colleagues in their activities.

Reminder: You are allowed to leave your table.

## **More Player Roles**

More player roles could be added by including the following, though it might mean modifying or writing some new rules in some cases:

- Military Roles
  - US JCS role or roles to oversee the US Military Team
  - Chinese Roles
    - The Military Aerospace Force and Cyberspace Force could be broken up though the Military Aerospace Force would be relatively limited in what it could do. Note that the Military Aerospace Force has control over kinetic ASAT's but the Cyberspace Force has control over non-kinetic ASAT's.<sup>1</sup>
    - PLAAF Bomber Commander
    - PLANMC Commander
    - PLA Political Commissar (to help Xi find who to blame, and to ensure that everyone is sufficiently in line with Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era)
    - Chinese Coast Guard/Maritime Militia
  - Insurgency Roles (If more detailed rear area security rules were included)
    - Taiwanese Insurgency Coordinator
    - PAP Commander
  - Military Liaisons
    - US-Japanese Military Liaison
    - US Airlift Liaison (with the Taiwanese, though adding in airlift for other countries would be good to give them more to do)
    - Blue ASW Liaison, though this could become a US and likely Japanese ASW Commander roles overseeing subs and ASW aircraft if ASW aircraft were added in detail.
    - Other military liaisons
  - Submarines and Surface Ship commanders could be broken up if desired for some countries (US, Japan, and China most likely)
  - Taiwan's Navy could be broken into the Naval Fleets Command (large ships and subs), and Littoral Combatant Command (Missile boats and Anti-Ship Missiles)
- Diplomatic Roles (depending on who you are letting talk to who this may result in imbalances in roles that involve liaising, you should re-write briefings accordingly)
  - France (currently a 2-person team without a diplomat)
  - Australia (currently a 2-person team without a diplomat)
  - Other teams can have more diplomats added and their duties subdivided.
- Non-Team Diplomatic Roles (Probably best as dedicated role players, or very RP oriented players)
  - Regional Bodies
    - Secretary-General of ASEAN
  - Ambassadorships
    - South Korea

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<sup>1</sup> <https://jamestown.org/program/planned-obsolescence-the-strategic-support-force-in-memoriam-2015-2024/>

- North Korea
  - Russia
  - Vietnam
- Special Representatives
  - Special Representative to the UN – This role could oversee negotiation, UN Humanitarian Assistance, and war crimes investigation.
  - Special Representative to the Pope
- Intelligence Directors (any country)
- Humanitarian Agencies
  - Taiwanese NGO's
  - Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders
  - Red Cross/Red Crescent
  - UN Humanitarian Agencies
- Press
  - Spokesperson/Press Secretary (any country)
  - Additional News Agencies