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U.S. IN TALKS WITH AUSTRALIA ON RESPONSES TO WAR OVER TAIWAN, DIPLOMAT SAYS

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The U.S. is undertaking strategic planning with its Australian ally to consider potential joint responses to a war over Taiwan, according to President Joe Bidens top diplomat in Canberra.

Were committed as allies to working together -- not only in making our militaries interoperable and functioning well together, but also in strategic planning, Michael Goldman, the U.S. Embassys chargé daffaires, said in an Australian National University podcast released Thursday, when asked about a potential role for Australia in a Taiwan contingency.

And when you look at strategic planning, it covers the range of contingencies that youve mentioned, of which Taiwan is obviously an important component, Goldman added.

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