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Peng Who? How China Could Invade Taiwan, If the US Did Not Intervene [new title 2021] By Piers M. Wood and Charles D. Ferguson

[US Naval War College non-fiction article published in 2001, anticipates China's capability to take Taiwan in a phased Normandy style amphibious assault -- **absent US Navy intervention**. The article strongly implies that a US Navy attack submarine task force, which could stop any amphibious transport effort, would need to be distracted for the PLA to succeed. (5,566 words)]

[Introduction from 2001] A determined China could launch an invasion sooner than the five, ten, or twenty years that some have projected, though it would be unlikely to succeed if it made the attempt today. A phased, stepping-stone invasion would force Taiwan to decide whether to fight a long bloody war or surrender to the looming behemoth on the mainland.

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