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U.S. Officials: China Considers Sending Russia Artillery and Ammunition

By providing Ukraine with weapons, the United States has already opened the can of worms to Russia's allies giving it the same level of support. And now that it appears that Beijing may step in and make that a reality, Washington's military establishment is crying "foul."

According to U.S. officials who spoke to [The Wall Street Journal](#), intelligence indicates China is considering providing Russia with ammunition and artillery.

The United States has [warned Beijing](#) that China would "alienate" itself from the world if it were to help Russia with the war in Ukraine.

"I think it would alienate them from a number of countries in the world, including our European allies, and it would put them ... into the center of responsibility for the kinds of war crimes and bombardments of civilians and atrocities that the Russians are committing in Ukraine," said White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on NBC's *Meet the Press*. He added that "their weapons would in effect be used for the slaughter of people in Ukraine."

"I don't think it is in China's interest to do this," said Sullivan, "but that's a decision Beijing is going to have to make for itself."

The national security advisor assured that "We have not seen China yet provide military equipment to Russia for purposes of fighting in the war in Ukraine," but said the administration would remain "vigilant."

The word that China is considering sending ammunition to Russia amid the war came as China on Friday — the anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine — issued a 12-point plan for peace that involves de-escalation, keeping nuclear facilities secure, and creating humanitarian corridors to protect civilians.

Earlier in February, the Chinese regime publicly criticized the U.S. for voicing suspicions that Beijing is providing Moscow with nonlethal military aid, rebuking American leadership for intervening in China's relationship with Russia.

Michael A. Horowitz, a geopolitical analyst who serves as head of the intelligence consulting firm Le Beck, argued that it is in China's interest for Russia not to lose the war.

Per [NBC News](#):

Beijing, [Horowitz] said, had "already been providing Russia with significant support, be it in the form of increased oil imports, dual-use components, micro-chips imported from



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Western countries and satellite imagery.”

He added that if China provided only arms munitions to Russia, that might not register in Europe, which along with the U.S. is one of its main trading partners. “But if they provide anything beyond that, including artillery shells that are heavily used in Ukraine, or drones, then Europe will feel pressured to respond,” he said.

“China would not necessarily be unhappy with a diminished Russia that would increasingly have to align with Beijing. But avoiding a Russian defeat is in Beijing’s interest,” he said.

The goal was “to make sure Russia can’t lose, and to force a negotiated settlement,” he said, saying that this was why China released the peace plan.

Meanwhile, Volodymyr Zelensky said on Friday that he wants to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping to talk about China’s proposal for the war’s conclusion. The Ukrainian head of state asserted that he wants to make sure China does not supply Russia with weapons.

“China historically respects our territorial integrity, and it should therefore do everything for Russia to leave the territory of Ukraine,” Zelensky told the press at a conference.

Despite Washington’s worries that China sending arms to Russia would be a dangerous escalation of the war, the White House recently approved sending Abrams tanks and Patriot air defense systems to Kiev.

And the military support may not end there. Although Biden has, for the moment, ruled out sending F-16 fighter jets, defense manufacturer Lockheed Martin has plans to “ramp up” production of F-16 war planes as Kiev continues to plead for fighter jets from Western nations.

In fact, a bipartisan group of members of the House of Representatives is [urging Biden](#) to provide Ukraine with these fighter jets.

The U.S. has also shown no hesitation to wage economic war on Ukraine’s behalf with round after round of sanctions.

Just last week, the U.S. State and Treasury departments [announced](#) a new set of sanctions intended to attack Russia’s economy, and will target over 200 individuals and entities. This includes Russian government officials, proxy authorities in Ukraine, Russian financial institutions, and other third-party actors.

Specifically, the sanctions will target those who are tied to the Russian defense and technology industries, as well as to the energy and mining sectors. As part of this plan, the White House said, it will place new restrictions on exports to Russia and increase tariffs on Russian-made products.

And now, China, Russia, and South Africa are [conducting joint naval drills](#) together.

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