

CHAPTER 5

LONG-TERM STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA IN MILITARY AVIATION

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Security competition between China and the United States in the Asia-Pacific region has been heating up over the past few years. This tension has manifested itself in a myriad of ways, including dangerous air encounters. In September 2015, a CNN reporter on a US Navy P-8 surveillance aircraft flying over the South China Sea released footage of the Chinese navy warning the US plane to “please go away” to “avoid a misunderstanding” as it flew in the vicinity of China’s new man-made islands.¹ In May 2016, Chinese J-11 fighter jets intercepted a US Navy EP-3E Aries aircraft conducting a routine patrol mission in international airspace over the

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