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Résumé ou extrait : "China seeks geopolitical space in the Western Pacific. The spearhead of China's expansion is the navy which is now the world's largest with an expanding carrier force to enforce its maritime claims in the South China Sea and to push the US back from the Western Pacific. In view of China's constricted maritime geography, Southeast Asia is the one place that can provide access for its expanding navy allowing China to expand in different directions. Southeast Asia is a geopolitical pivot for China. Control of this region would deprive the US of a positional advantage in the Western Pacific, and would separate Japan from India, nullifying the Quad grouping which brought together the US, Japan, Australia and India to counter Chinese expansionism. Because of its strategic value, Southeast Asia has become a key region in the rivalry between China and the US with its partners in the Quad. Whether China can achieve control of this region is of great concern to the US and the Quad as it relates to Chinese long-term ambitions and its challenge not just to the region but to the global liberal order."
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