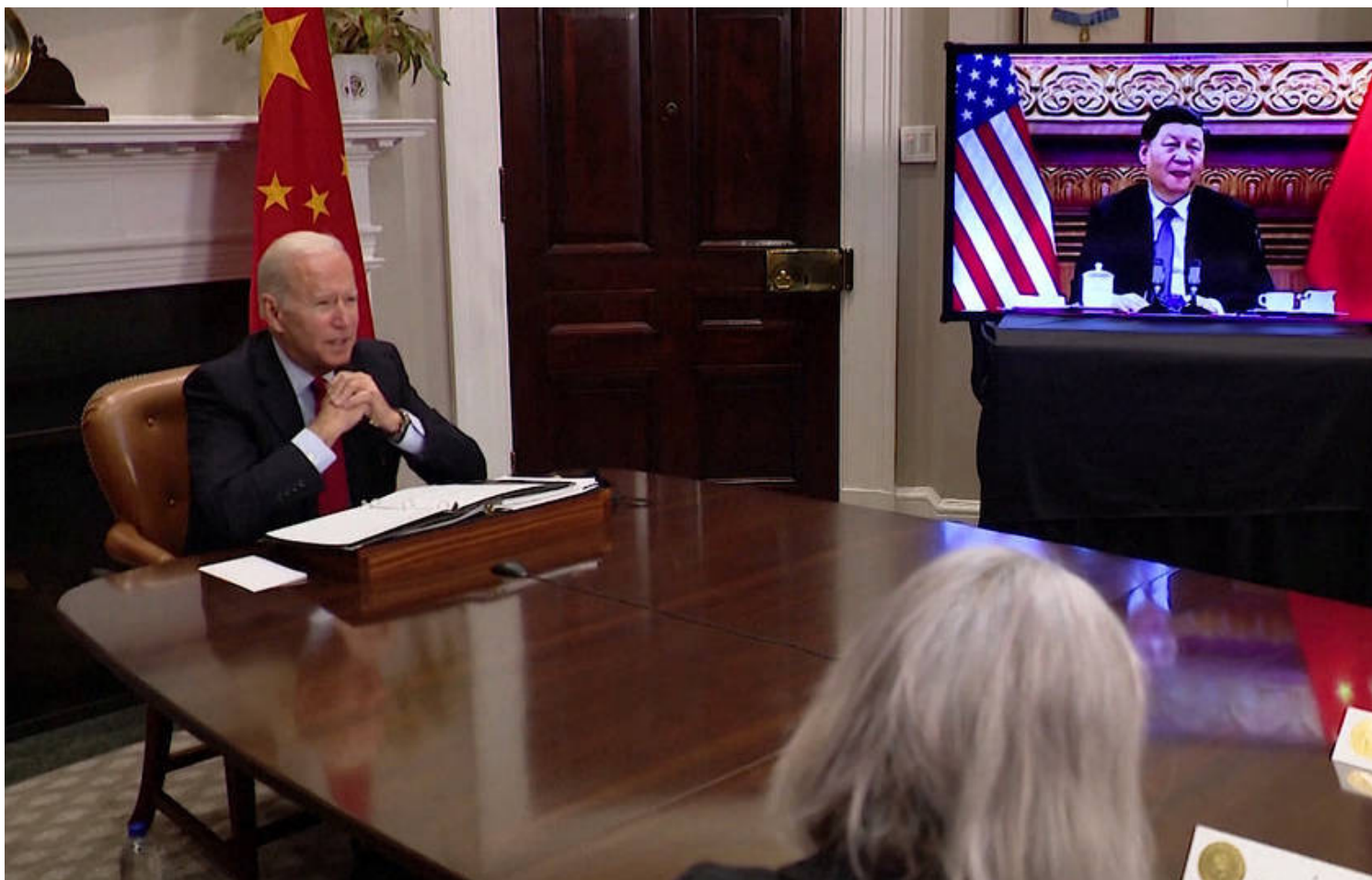


Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping pledge cooperation in U.S.-China virtual summit



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Beijing, November 16 (RHC)-- U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke for three and half hours in a virtual summit on Monday. Topics discussed included Taiwan, human rights and trade policies.

During the summit, Xi warned Biden that supporting Taiwanese independence would be “playing with fire.” Xi also criticized the U.S. for building new alliances in the Pacific region to counter China’s rise. Xi said dividing the world into blocs would “inevitably bring disaster to the world.”

Biden called on the two nations to develop “guardrails” to help avoid possible disagreements from spiraling into conflict. Biden said: “It seems to me our responsibility as leaders of China and the United States to ensure that the competition between our countries does not veer in the conflict, whether intended or unintended. Just simple, straightforward competition.”

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