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Summary: Biden and Kishida are expected to formalize the process of performing maintenance, repairs, and overhauls on U.S. Navy warships at Japanese private shipyards. The U.S. Navy has already experimented with ship repairs at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries' Yokohama Dockyard and Machinery Works. The repairs will initially be limited to the two dozen ships forward-deployed to Japan. Congressional action may be required to expand the operations to allow Japanese yards to service U.S.-based ships as well. This would help ease maintenance bottlenecks at American yards and allow ships to return to operation faster. Analysts say that in a potential future conflict between the U.S. and China in the Taiwan Strait, it would be crucial for the U.S. Navy to be able to perform quick repairs in Japan so that ships can return to battle, rather than spending weeks traveling back to the U.S. Meanwhile, co-production of assets would likely begin with munitions.

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