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Are China and Australia inching toward a trade war?

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Australian Trade Minister Simon Birmingham called for an investigation into the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to a trade row with China.^[1] The minister said on May 13, “‘You’ve got hundreds of thousands of people who’ve died, millions who’ve lost their jobs and billions who’ve had their lives disrupted, the least the world can expect is that there be an investigation and Australia’s far from a lone voice in advancing that.’”

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