Mr. bin Laden's neighborhood

The United States is lining up commitments in preparation for military action against terrorist leader Osama bin Laden and the Taliban regime in Afghanistan that shelters him.

Type of military cooperation reportedly offered:

- Overflight permission
- Bases for strike and/or support aircraft
- Intelligence sharing
- Bases for combat and/or support troops

Color coding

- Committed
- Possible

AZERBAIJAN

Pop: 7.8 mil.
GDP: $23.5 bil.
Per capita: $3,000

Predominantly Muslim Azerbaijan has offered help in tracking terrorists and may open its airspace for U.S. warplanes based in Turkey.

UZBEKISTAN

Pop: 25.2 mil.
GDP: $60 bil.
Per capita: $2,400

Hit in the past by Islamic terrorists, the former Soviet republic reportedly is providing bases for U.S. reconnaissance missions and special-operations troops.

TURKMENISTAN

Pop: 4.6 mil.
GDP: $19.6 bil.
Per capita: $4,300

A predominantly Muslim former Soviet republic, it has declared a policy of "positive neutrality," fearing conflict along its border region.

KAZAKHSTAN

Pop: 16.7 mil.
GDP: $85.6 bil.
Per capita: $5,000

A former Soviet republic with large oil reserves, it has promised "all necessary support," including use of military bases and airspace.

RUSSIA

Pop: 145.5 mil.
GDP: $1.1 tril.
Per capita: $7,700

It has pledged intelligence sharing and more aid for anti-Taliban rebels. But it wants support for its brutal suppression of Muslim rebels in Chechnya.

ARMENIA

Pop: 3.3 mil.
GDP: $10 bil.
Per capita: $3,000

This Caucasus republic supports international efforts against terrorism and may open its airspace to U.S. and allied warplanes flying from Turkey.

KIRGIZSTAN

Pop: 4.8 mil.
GDP: $12.6 bil.
Per capita: $2,700

Small and isolated, the former Soviet republic has been attacked by Muslim terrorists. It has offered its air corridors for humanitarian aid flights.

TURKEY

Pop: 66.5 mil.
GDP: $444 bil.
Per capita: $6,800

U.S. warplanes that patrol Northern Iraq are based at Incirlik air base, a possible launching pad for long-range strikes against Afghanistan.

CHINA

Pop: 1.3 bil.
GDP: $4.5 tril.
Per capita: $3,600

While backing the fight against terrorism, Beijing wants the U.S. to act militarily only with approval from the U.N. Security Council, where it holds veto power.

SAUDI ARABIA

Pop: 22.8 mil.
GDP: $232 bil.
Per capita: $10,500

The key U.S. ally in the region, this conservative Muslim nation has offered to permit U.S. troops and aircraft to use its bases for strikes after initially hesitating.

KUWAIT

Pop: 2 mil.
GDP: $29.3 bil.
Per capita: $15,000

Liberated from invading Iraqi forces by U.S. troops in the 1991 Persian Gulf war, the tiny emirate provides bases used by U.S. warplanes and troops.

QATAR

Pop: 769,000
GDP: $15.1 bil.
Per capita: $20,300

Tight-lipped about U.S. military presence, this Persian Gulf state promised support and could provide logistics facilities for U.S. forces.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Pop: 2.4 mil.
GDP: $54 bil.
Per capita: $22,800

Oil-rich, the UAE reflects the caution of most Arab Persian Gulf nations in being seen as backing U.S. military action against Muslim Afghanistan.

OMAN

Pop: 2.6 mil.
GDP: $19.6 bil.
Per capita: $7,700

A key U.S. military supply and logistics hub, Oman could be used by U.S. warships and bombers for air strikes from the Arabian Sea via Pakistan.

PAKISTAN

Pop: 144.6 mil.
GDP: $282 bil.
Per capita: $2,000

Long the Taliban's key backer, it now has aligned itself with the U.S. and is expected to provide critical intelligence and use of its territory and airspace.

TAJIKISTAN

Pop: 6.6 mil.
GDP: $7.3 bil.
Per capita: $1,140

With thousands of Russian soldiers guarding its border with Afghanistan, Tajik military bases could be used by U.S. forces "if the need arises."

INDIA

Pop: 1 bil.
GDP: $2.2 tril.
Per capita: $2,200

Pakistan's nuclear-armed rival will permit U.S. warplanes to refuel in its airspace and is offering logistical help and intelligence support.