

U.S. calls on airlines to help Kabul airlift

The United States has called up the “Civil Reserve Air Fleet” – 18 civilian aircraft from six commercial airlines – to help transport people after their evacuation from Afghanistan

Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) aircraft

Boeing 777

United Airlines	4
American Airlines	3
Atlas Air	3
Delta Air Lines	3
Omni Air	3
Hawaiian Airlines	2

— CRAF flights

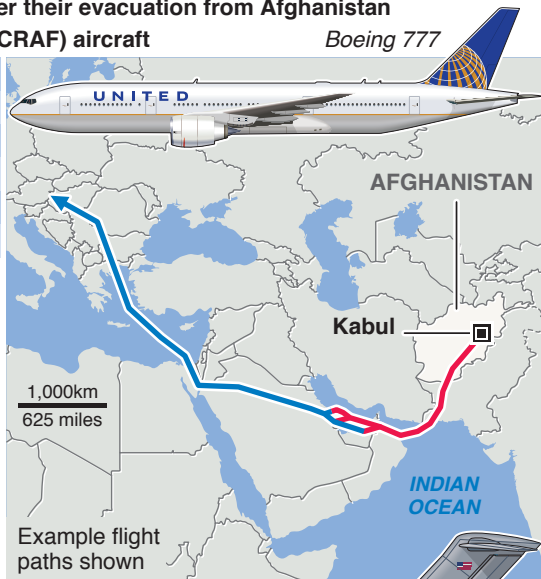
Will not fly into Kabul, but will be used to transport evacuees, after they have landed on flights from Afghanistan, to U.S. or third country

— Military flights

Will concentrate on operations in and out of Afghan capital

CRAF HISTORY

■ **1952:** Founded after post-World War II **Berlin Airlift**. Voluntary programme involves pledges by airlines to loan aircraft to U.S. military within 24 hours



C-17 military transport



■ **1990-91:** Activated in support of U.S. forces following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait

■ **2002-03:** Used for **Operation Iraqi Freedom** – U.S.-led invasion of Iraq