

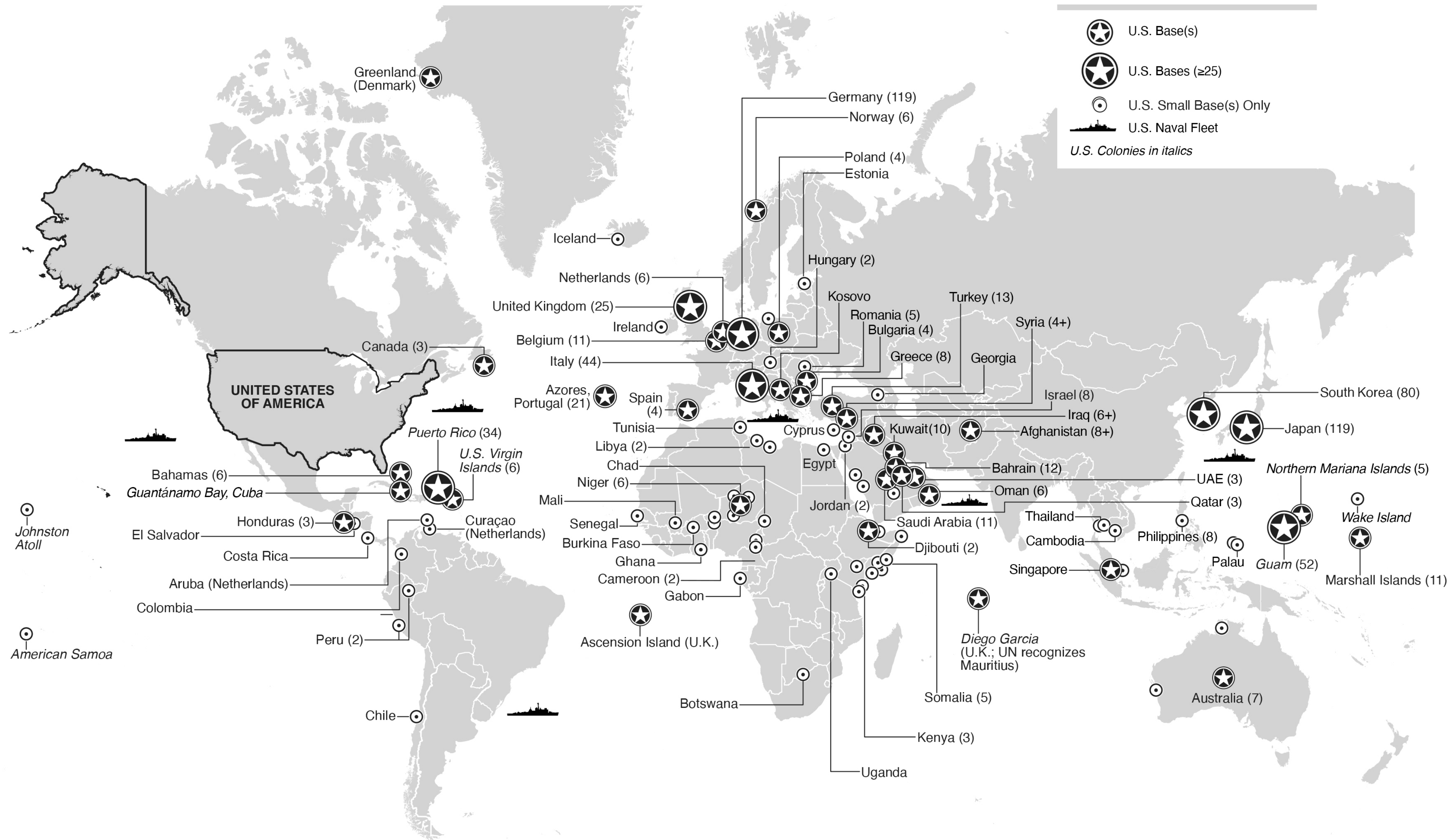
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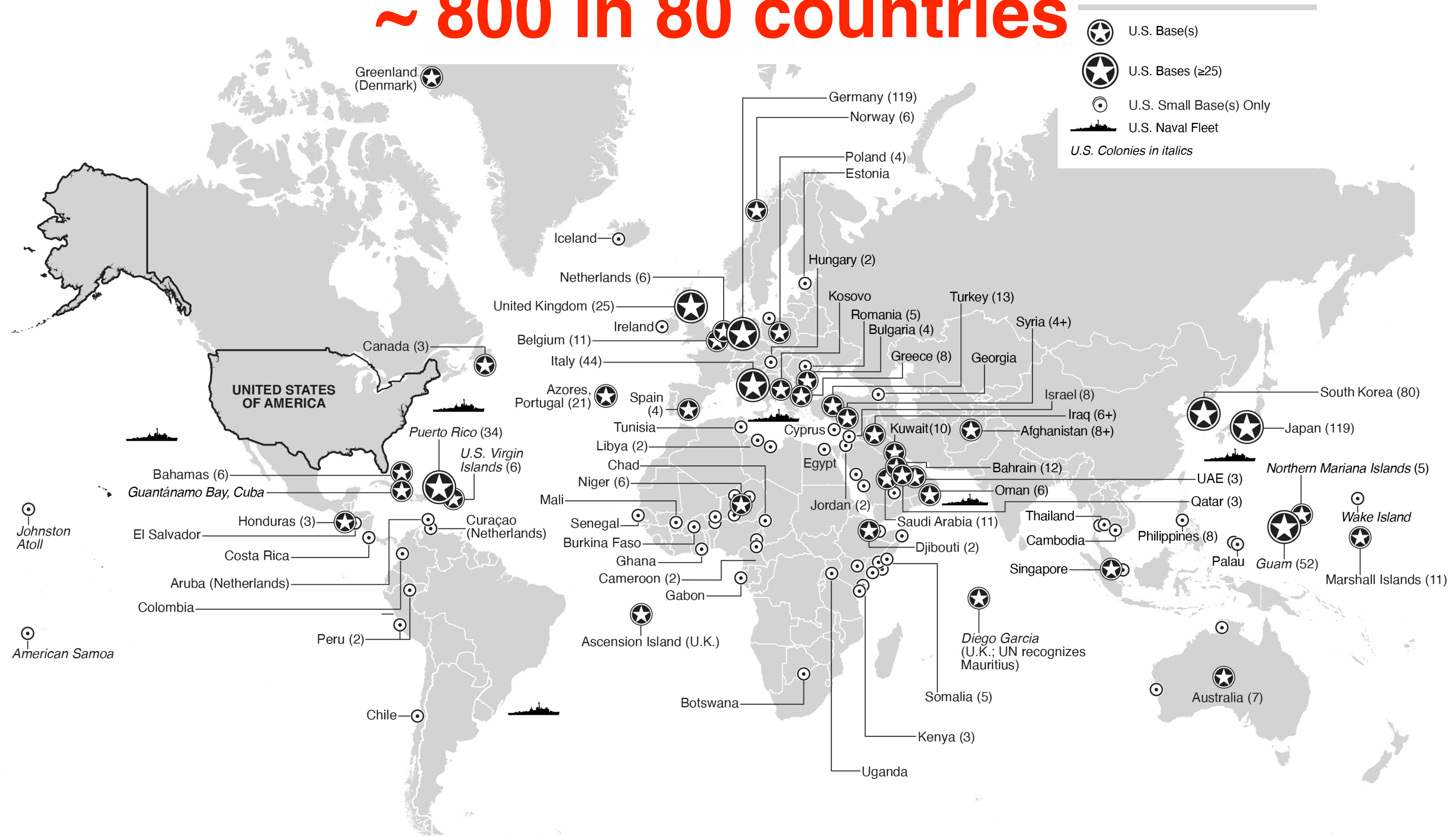
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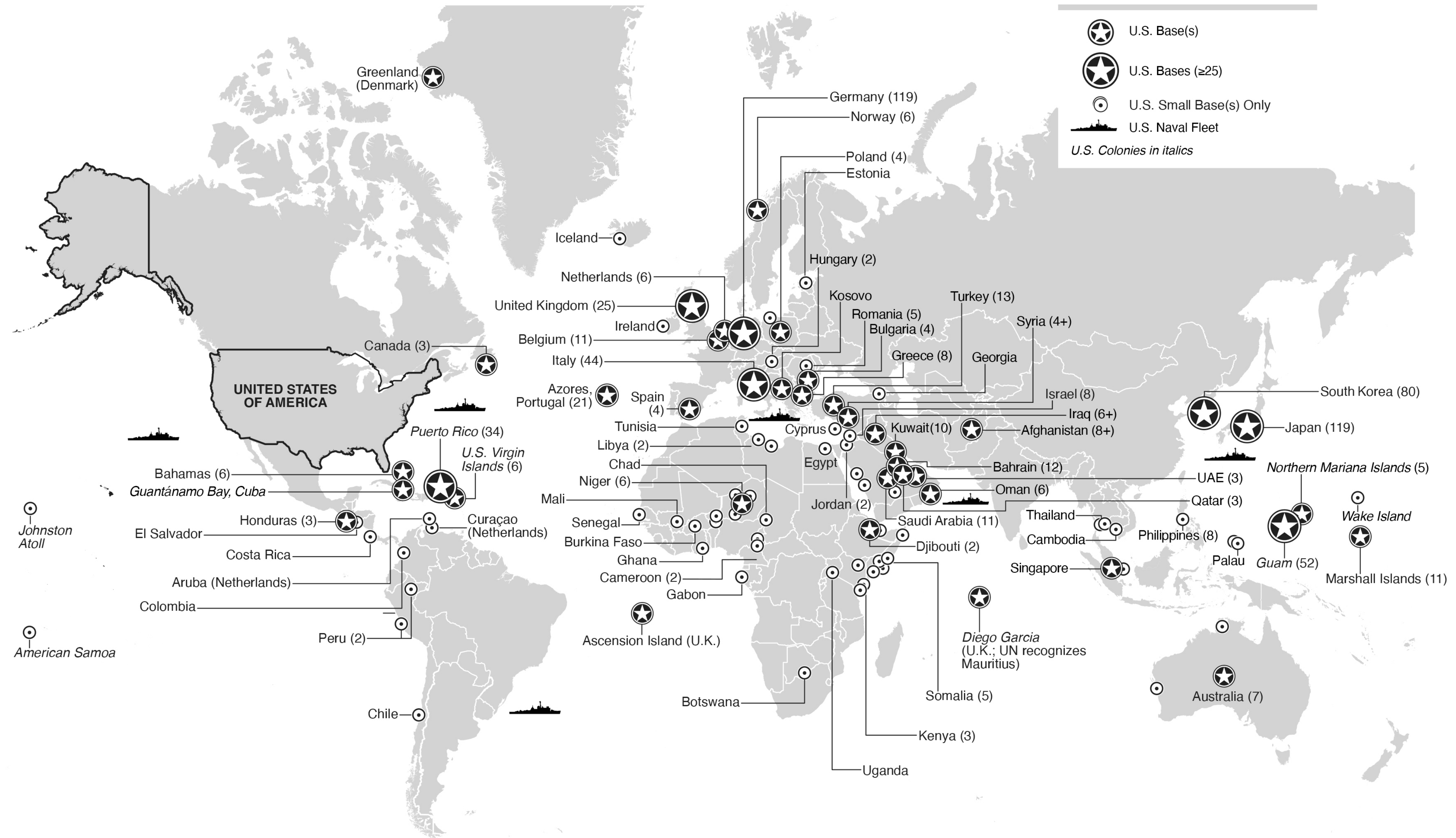
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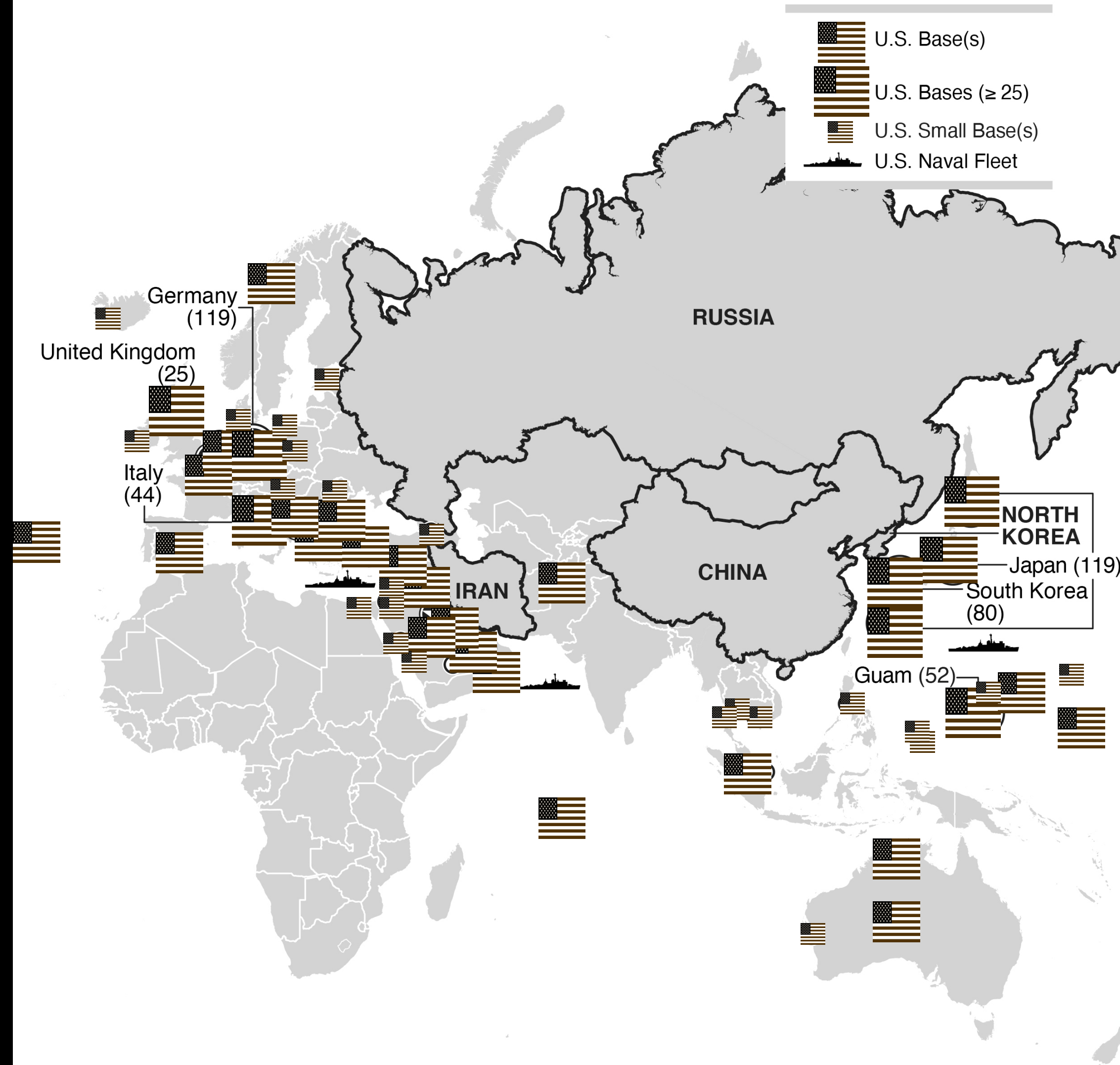
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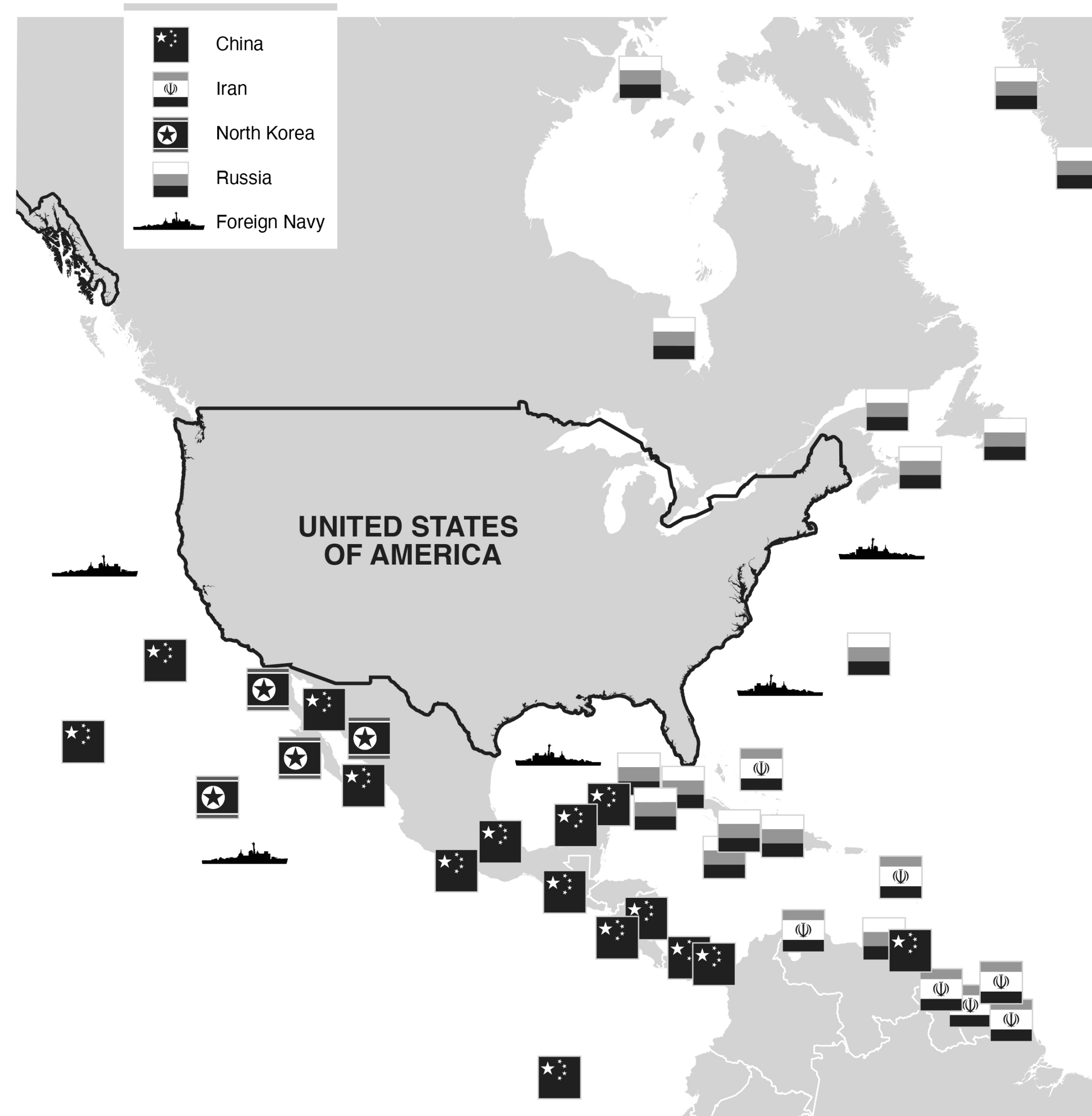
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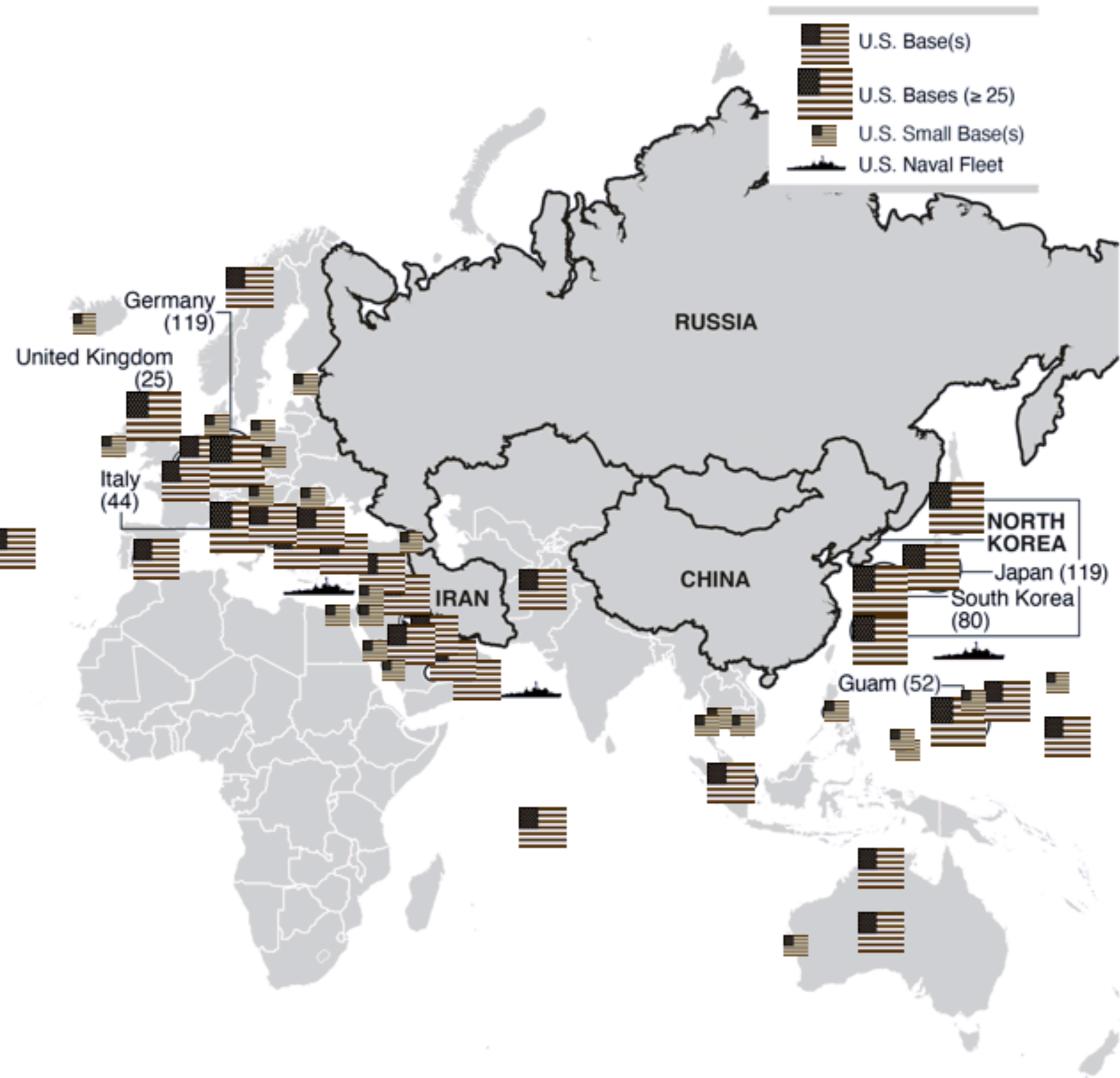
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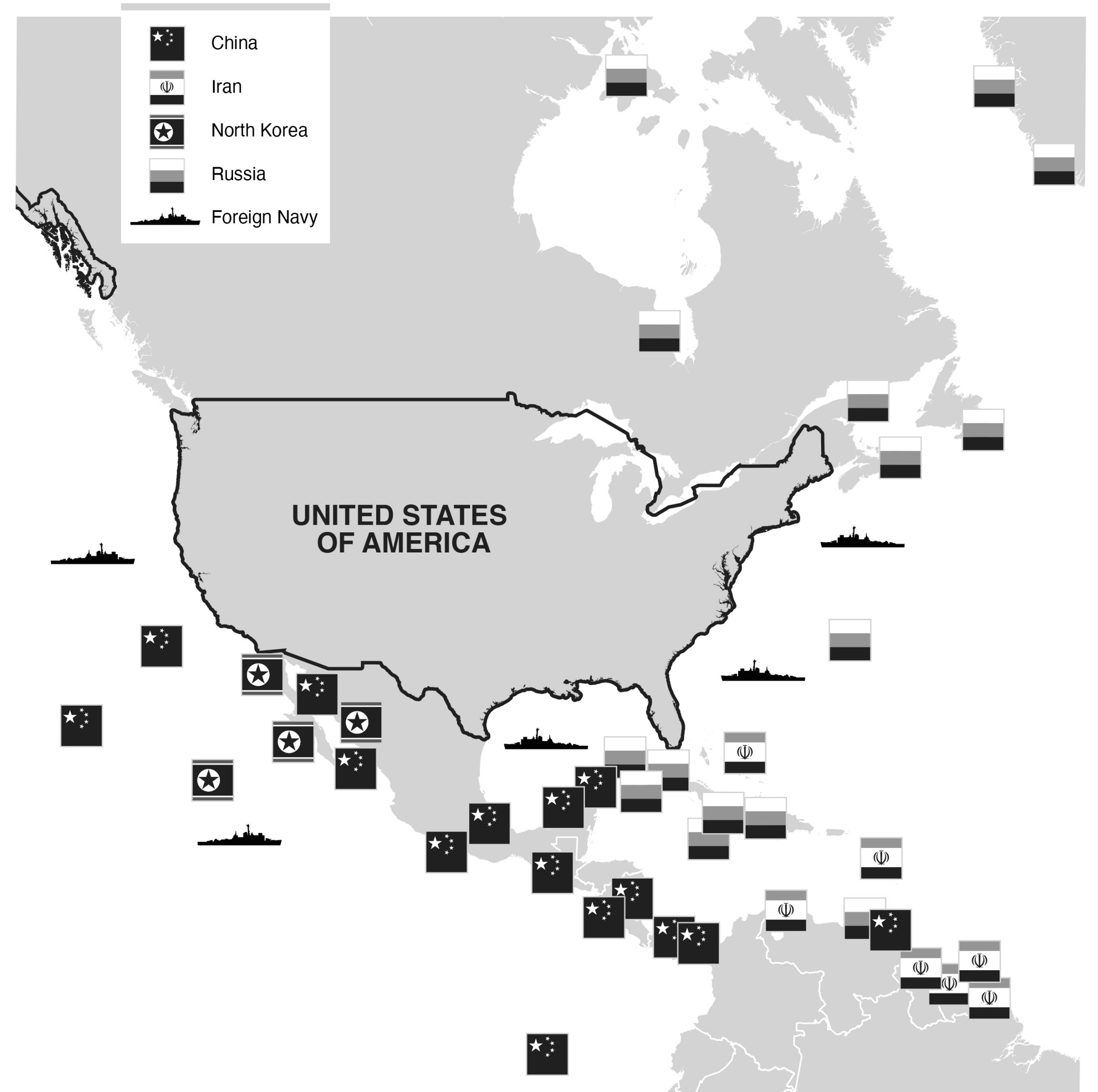
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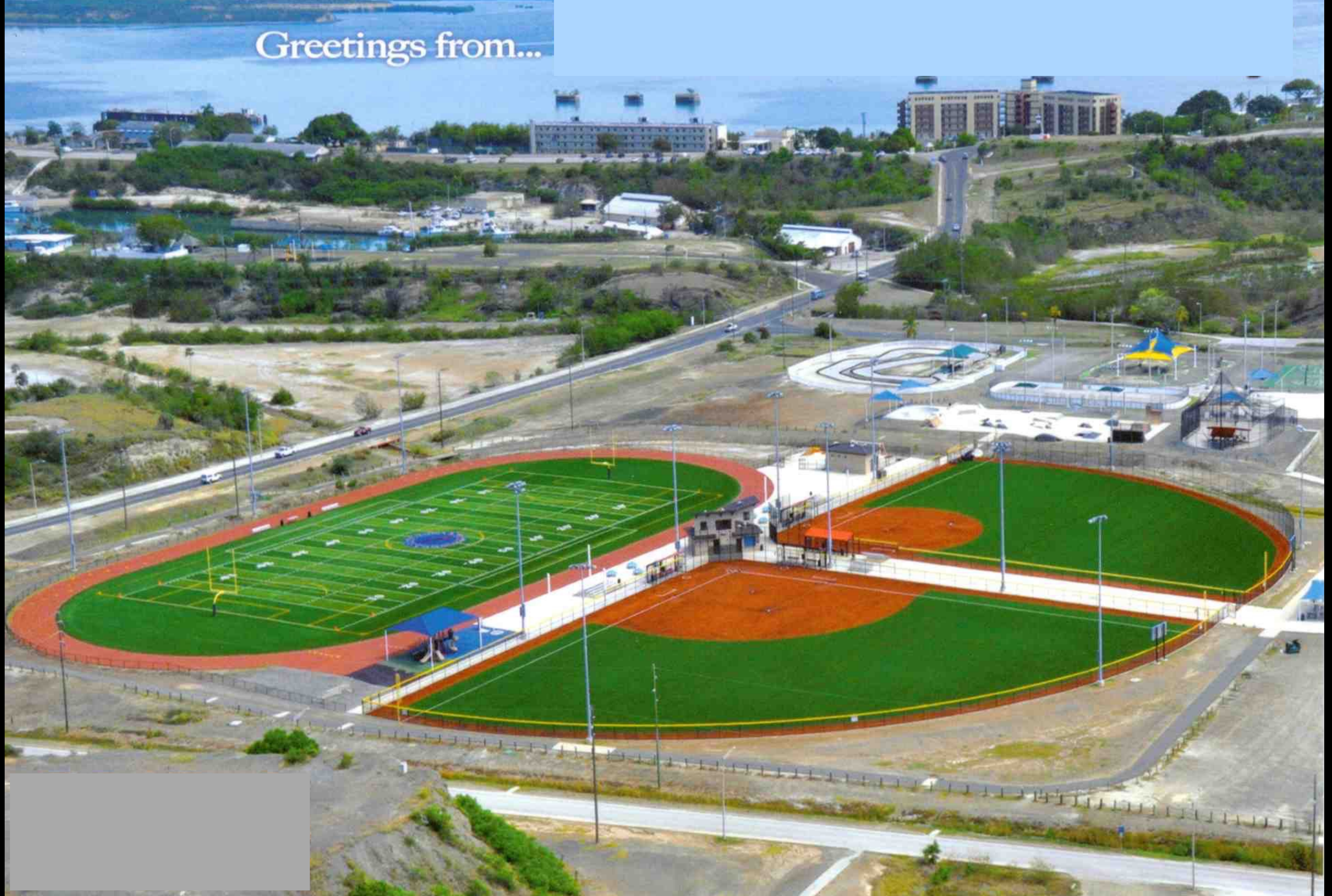
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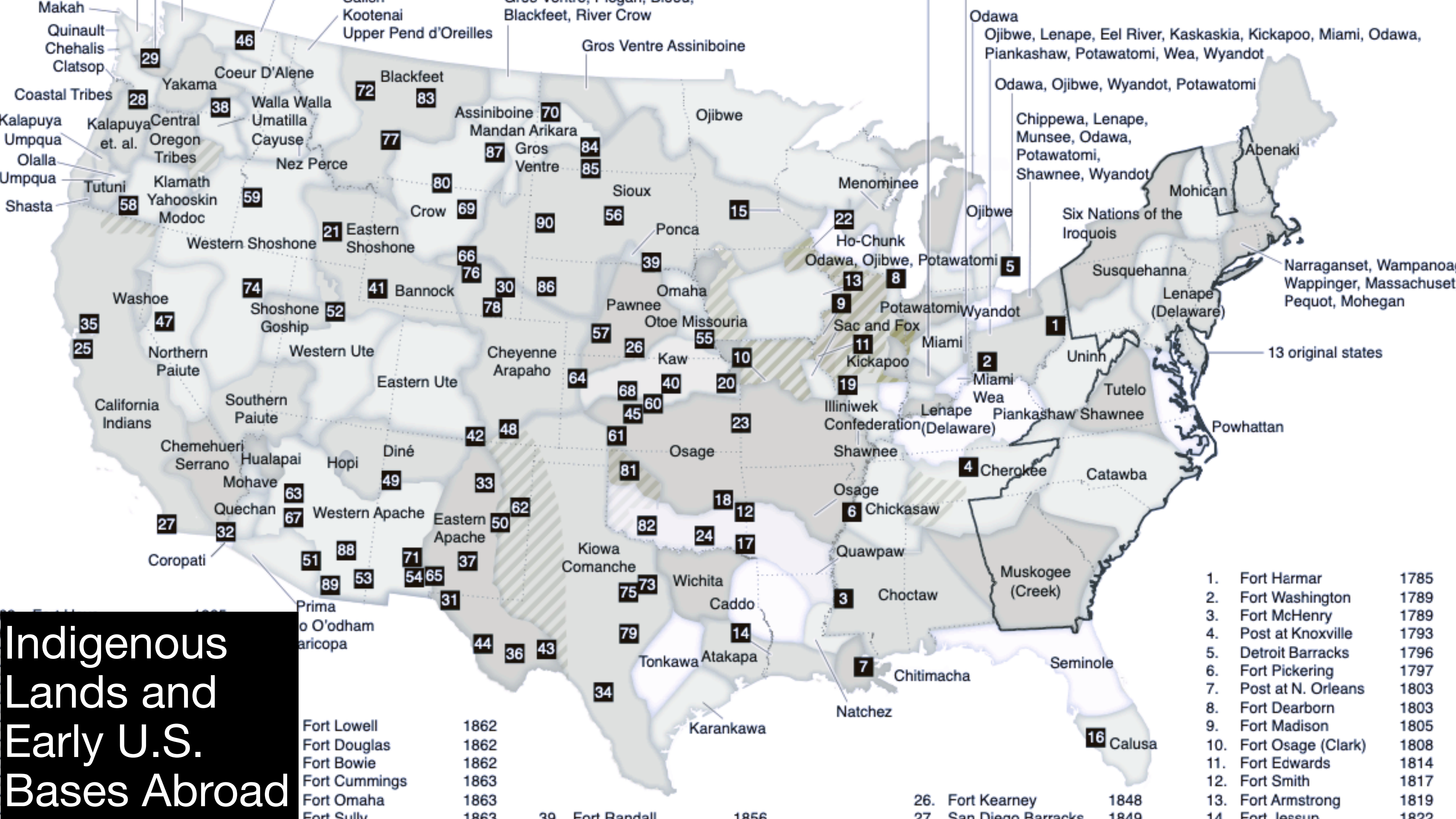




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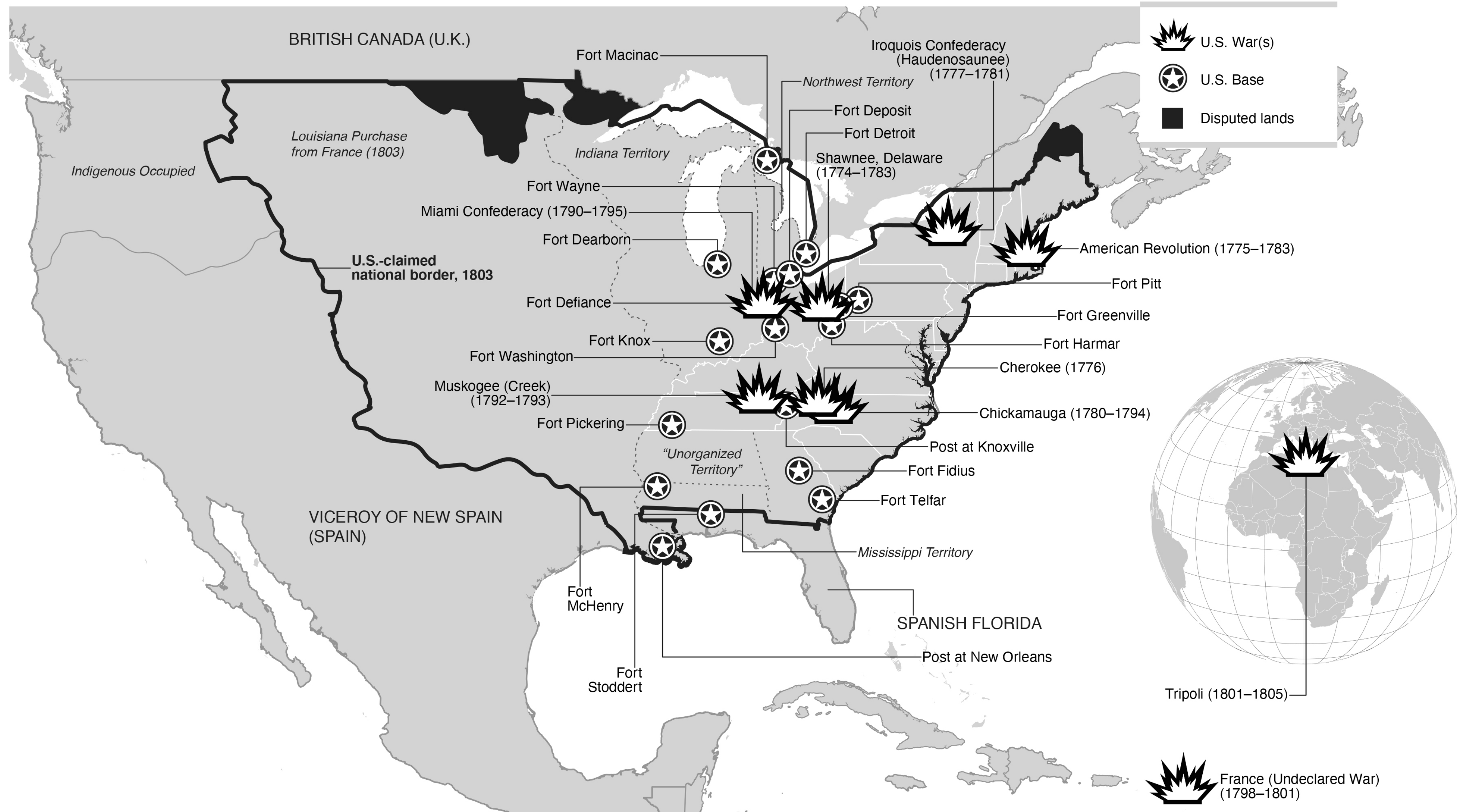


Indigenous Lands and Early U.S. Bases Abroad



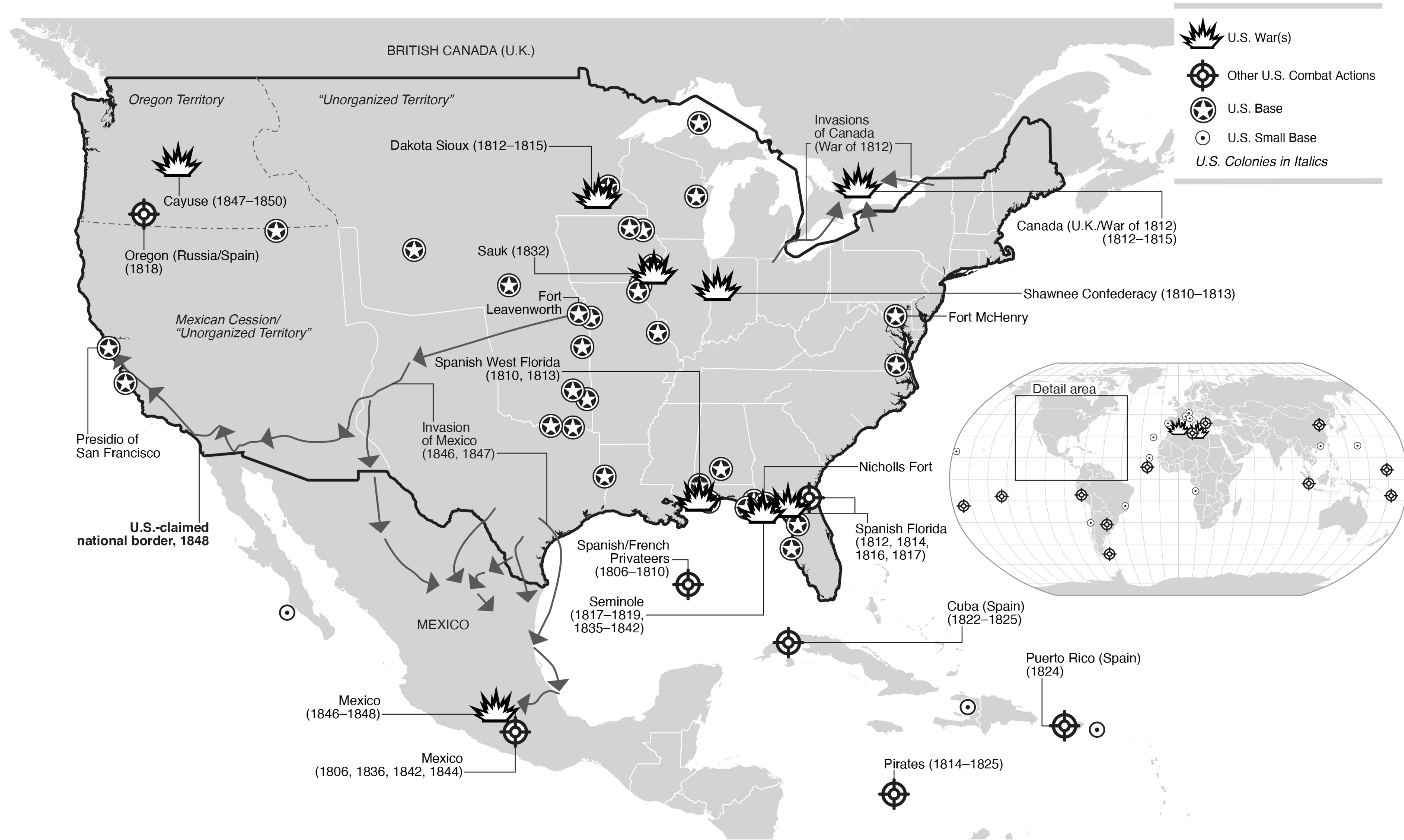
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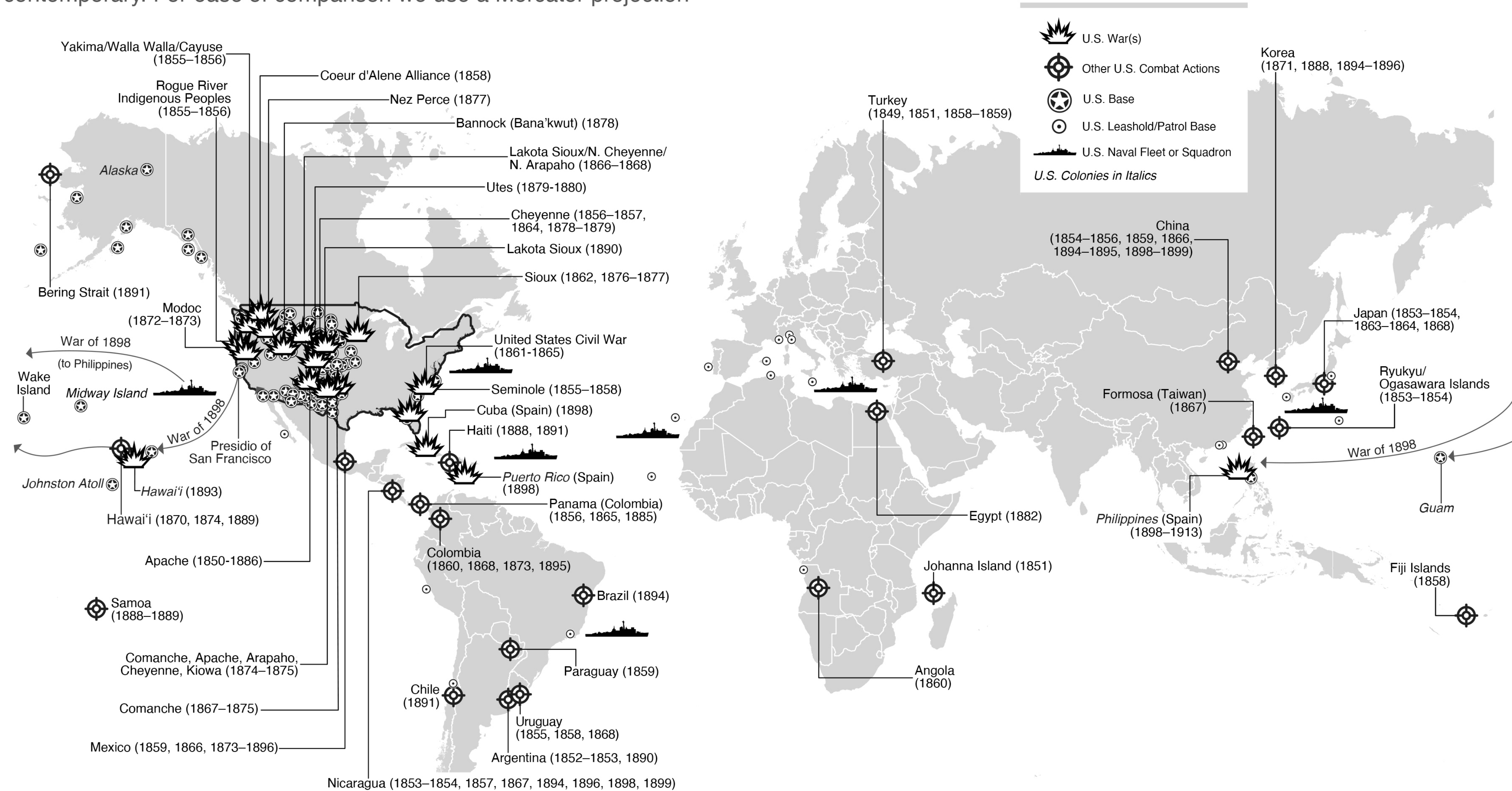
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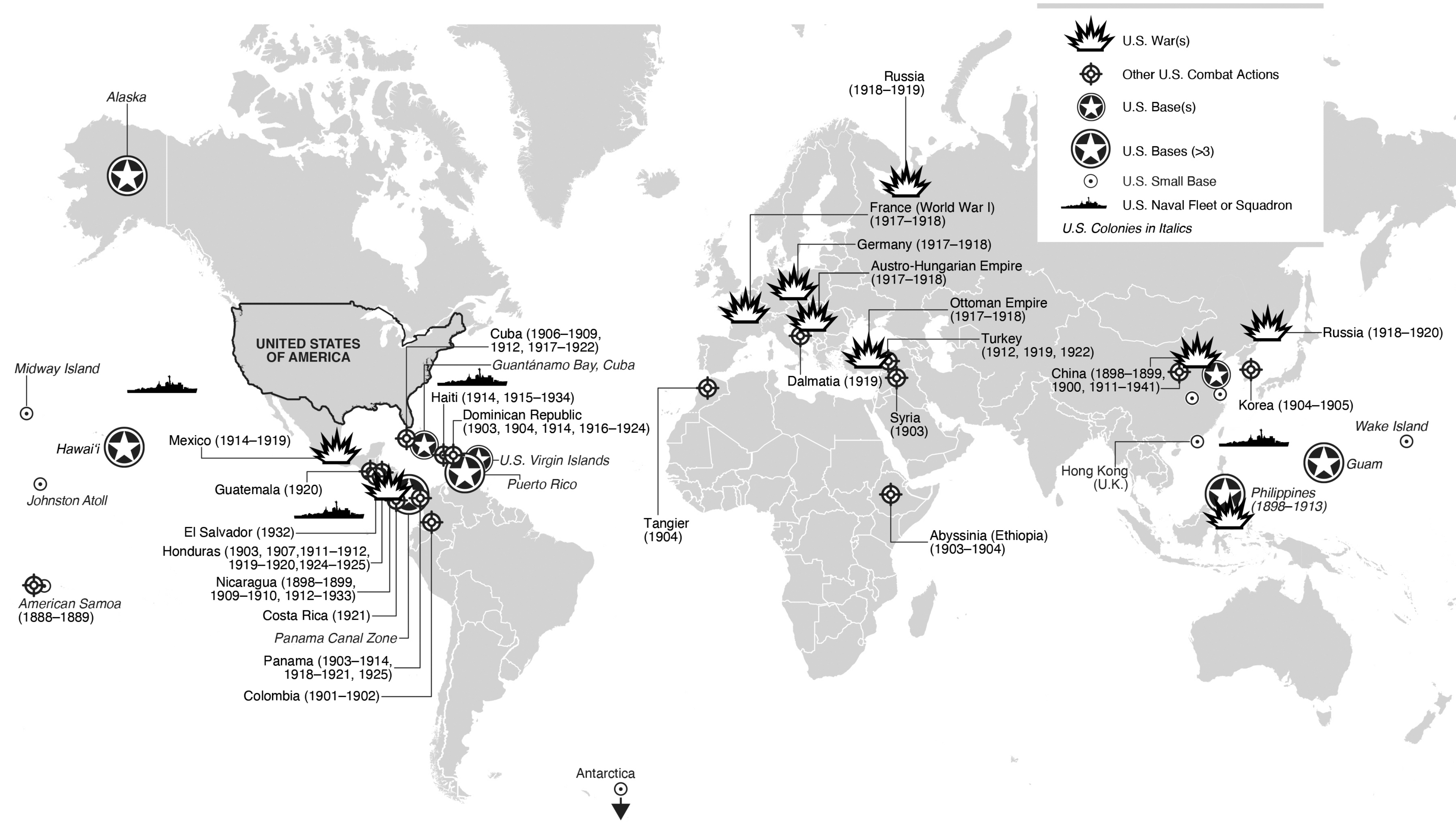
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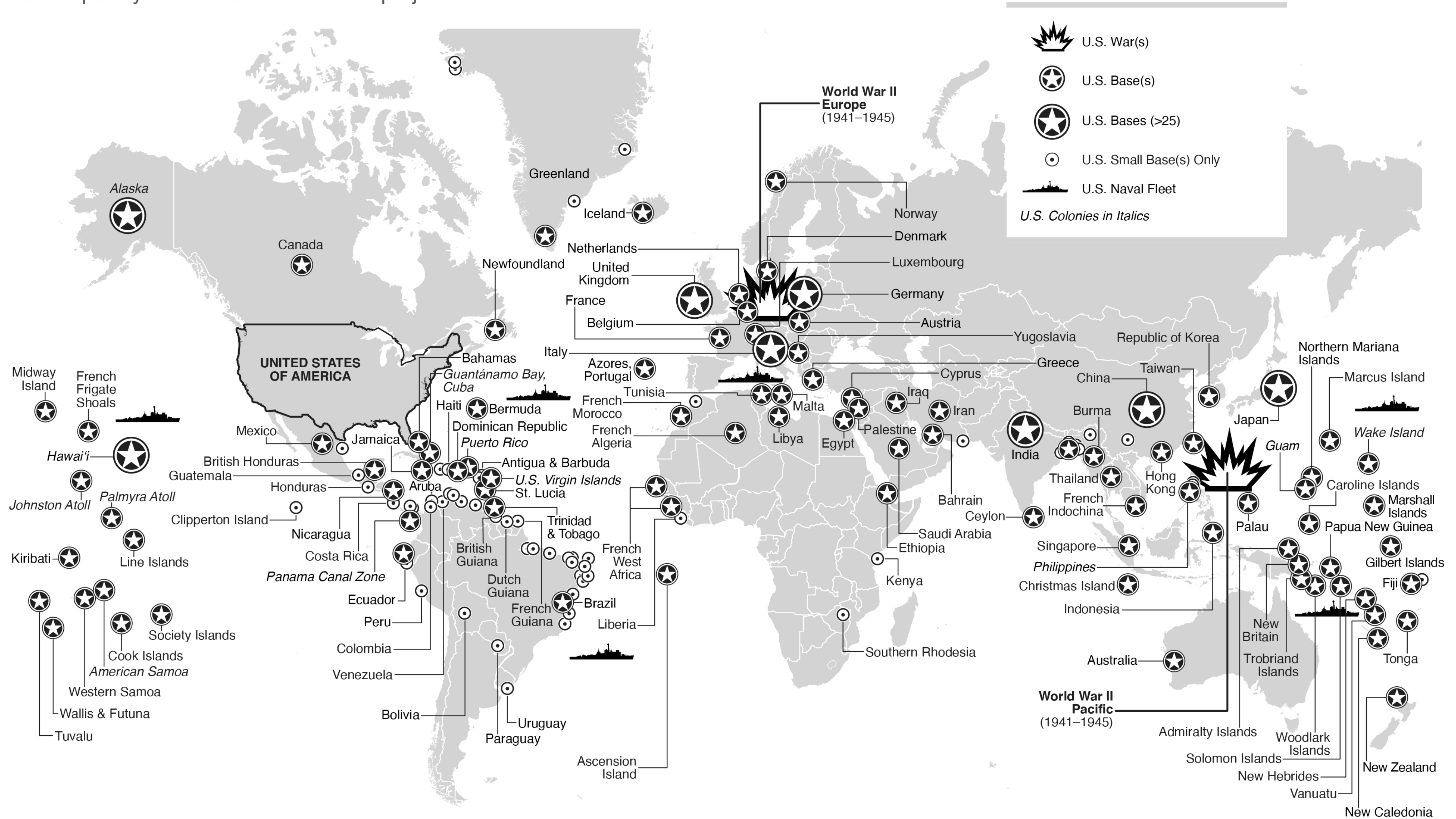
U.S. Wars, Bases, and Expansion Abroad, 1899–1940

Significant combat, bases, and expansion outside U.S. states. Some bases occupied for only part of this period. Additional bases existed during frequent invasions and years- and decades-long occupations of Latin American countries. For ease of comparison we use contemporary borders and a Mercator projection.



U.S. Wars, Bases, and Expansion Abroad, 1941–1945

Significant combat, bases, and expansion outside U.S. states. At World War II's height, the United States controlled approximately 30,000 installations at 2,000 base sites abroad. Map reflects relative number and positioning of bases around 1945. For ease of comparison we use contemporary borders and a Mercator projection.



U.S. Wars, Bases, and Expansion Abroad, 1946–1949

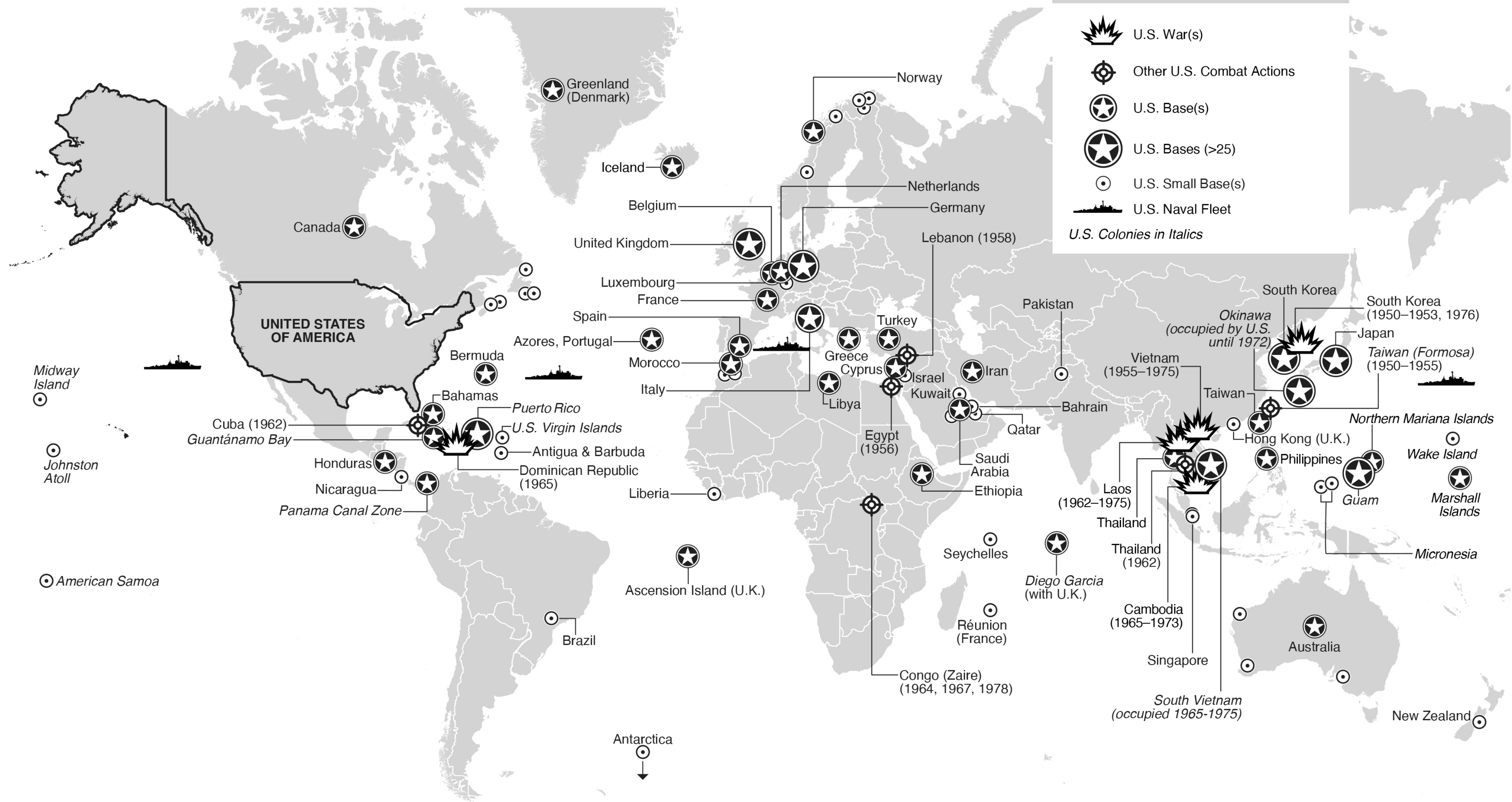
Significant combat, bases, and expansion outside U.S. states. Map reflects relative number and positioning of bases, which totaled just under 600 in 1949. For ease of comparison we use contemporary borders and a Mercator projection.



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U.S. Wars, Bases, and Expansion Abroad, 1950–1978

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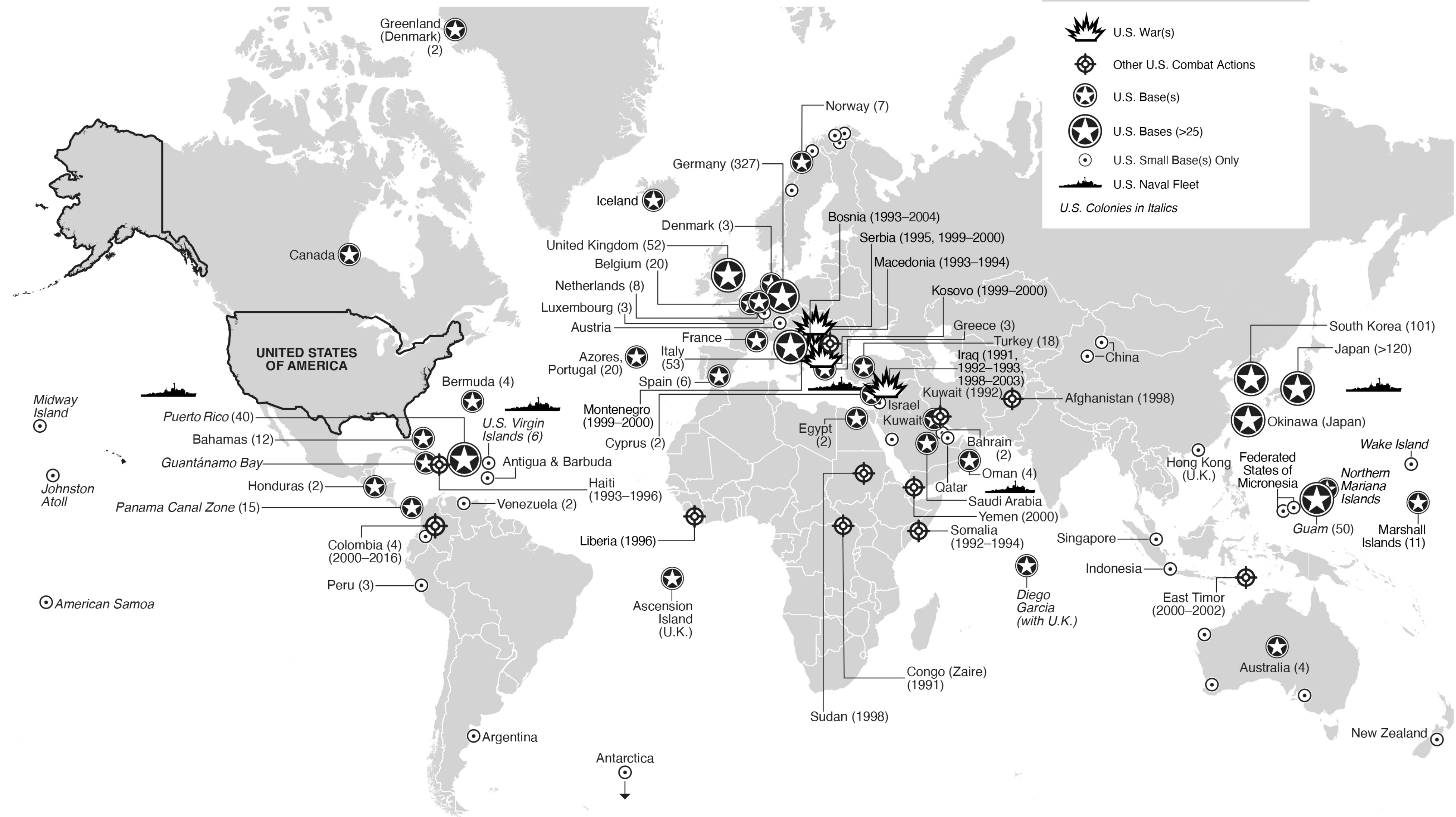
U.S. Wars, Bases, and Expansion Abroad, 1979–1989

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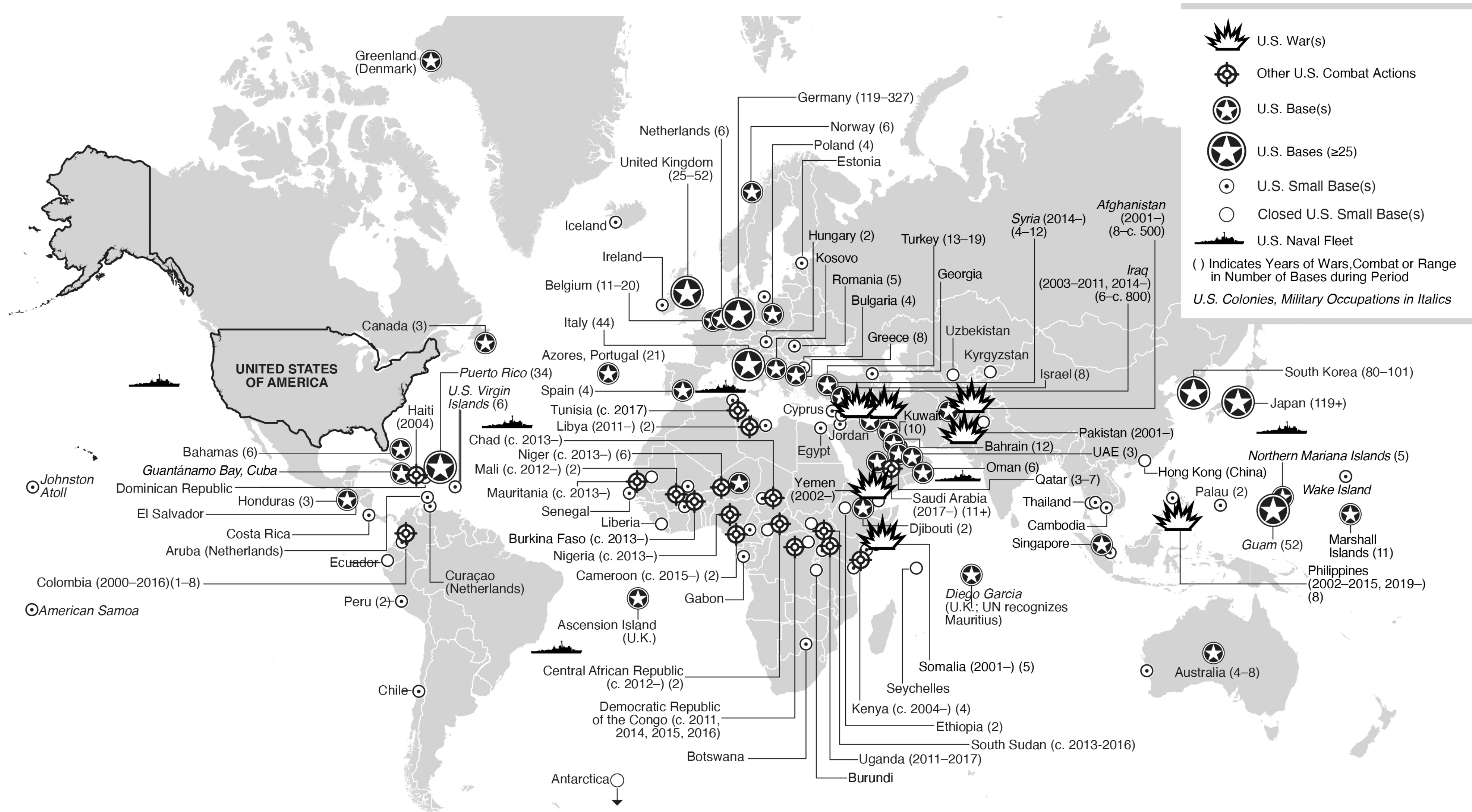
U.S. Wars, Bases, and Expansion Abroad, 1990–2000

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U.S. Wars, Bases, and Expansion Abroad, 2001–2020

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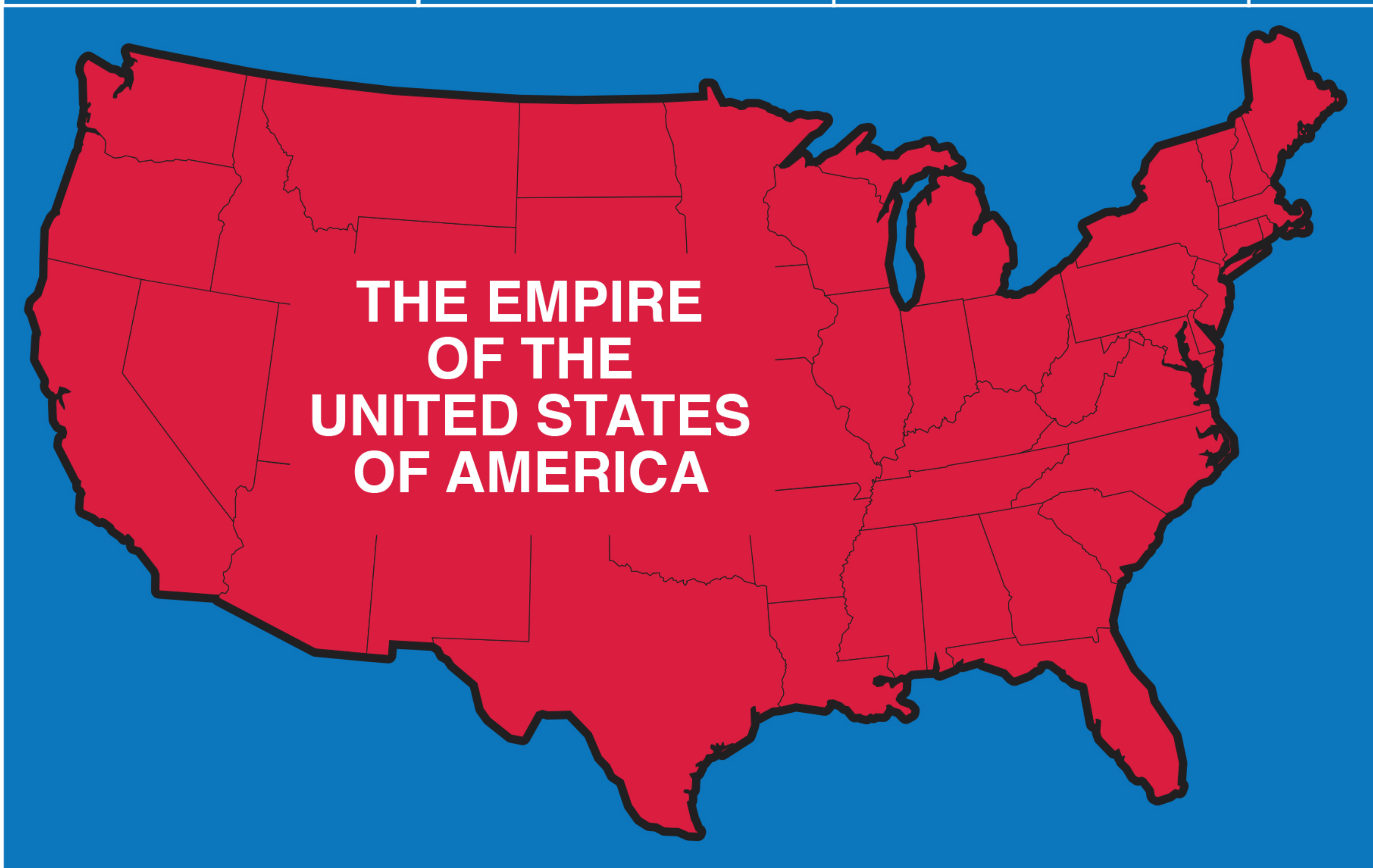
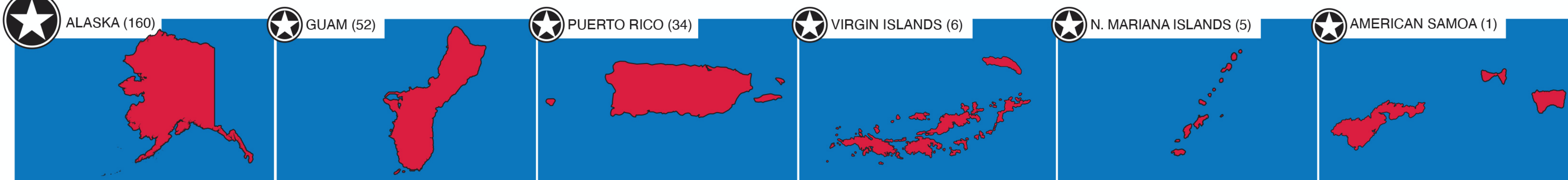
Drawdown / Build-Up

How to Close Bases Abroad + Build Diplomatic Presence

- ▶ Boost Rapid Deployment Technologies, Cyber
- ▶ Prepositioning, Access Agreements
- ▶ Congressional Annual Overseas Base Review Process
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- ▶ Budgetary Incentives for Closures
- ▶ Base Conversion, Environmental Clean-Up
- ▶ Double Department of State + USAID Spending
- ▶ Downsize + Replace Military Presence in Embassies, Consulates....

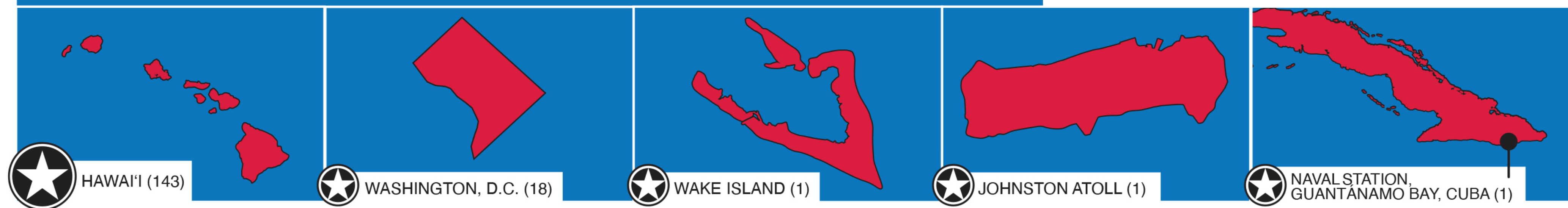
Congressional “Call”

- 1. Hearings to identify troop withdrawals, base closures overseas.**
 - 2. No funding for military construction overseas in FY2022 budget.**
 - 3. Halt construction of new base in Henoko, Okinawa.**
- Bonus: GAO report on reducing US troop, base presence in Okinawa.**



U.S. military base sites in (). Base sites in continental 48 states = 3,829. Land areas not to scale.

- Germany (119) • Japan (119) • South Korea (80) • Italy (44) •
- United Kingdom (25) • Portugal (21) • Turkey (13) • Bahrain (12) •
- Belgium (11) • Marshall Islands (11) • Saudi Arabia (11) • Kuwait (10) •
- Afghanistan (8+) • Greece (8) • Israel (8) • Philippines (8) •
- Australia (7) • Bahamas (6) • Iraq (6+) • Netherlands (6) • Norway (6) •
- Oman (6) • Niger (6) • Romania (5) • Somalia (5) • Bulgaria (4) •
- Poland (4) • Spain (4) • Syria (4+) • Canada (3) • Honduras (3) •
- Kenya (3) • Qatar (3) • United Arab Emirates (3) • Cameroon (2) •
- Djibouti (2) • Hungary (2) • Jordan (2) • Libya (2) • Palau (2) •
- Peru (2) • Singapore (2) • Thailand (2) • Aruba (Netherlands) (1) •
- Ascension Island (U.K.) (1) • Botswana (1) • Burkina Faso (1) •
- Cambodia (1) • Chad (1) • Chile (1) • Colombia (1) • Costa Rica (1) •
- Curaçao (Netherlands) (1) • Cyprus (1) • Diego Garcia (U.K.) (1) •
- Egypt (1) • El Salvador (1) • Estonia (1) • Gabon (1) • Georgia (1) •
- Ghana (1) • Greenland (Denmark) (1) • Iceland (1) • Ireland (1) •
- Kosovo (1) • Mali (1) • Senegal (1) • Tunisia (1) • Uganda (1)



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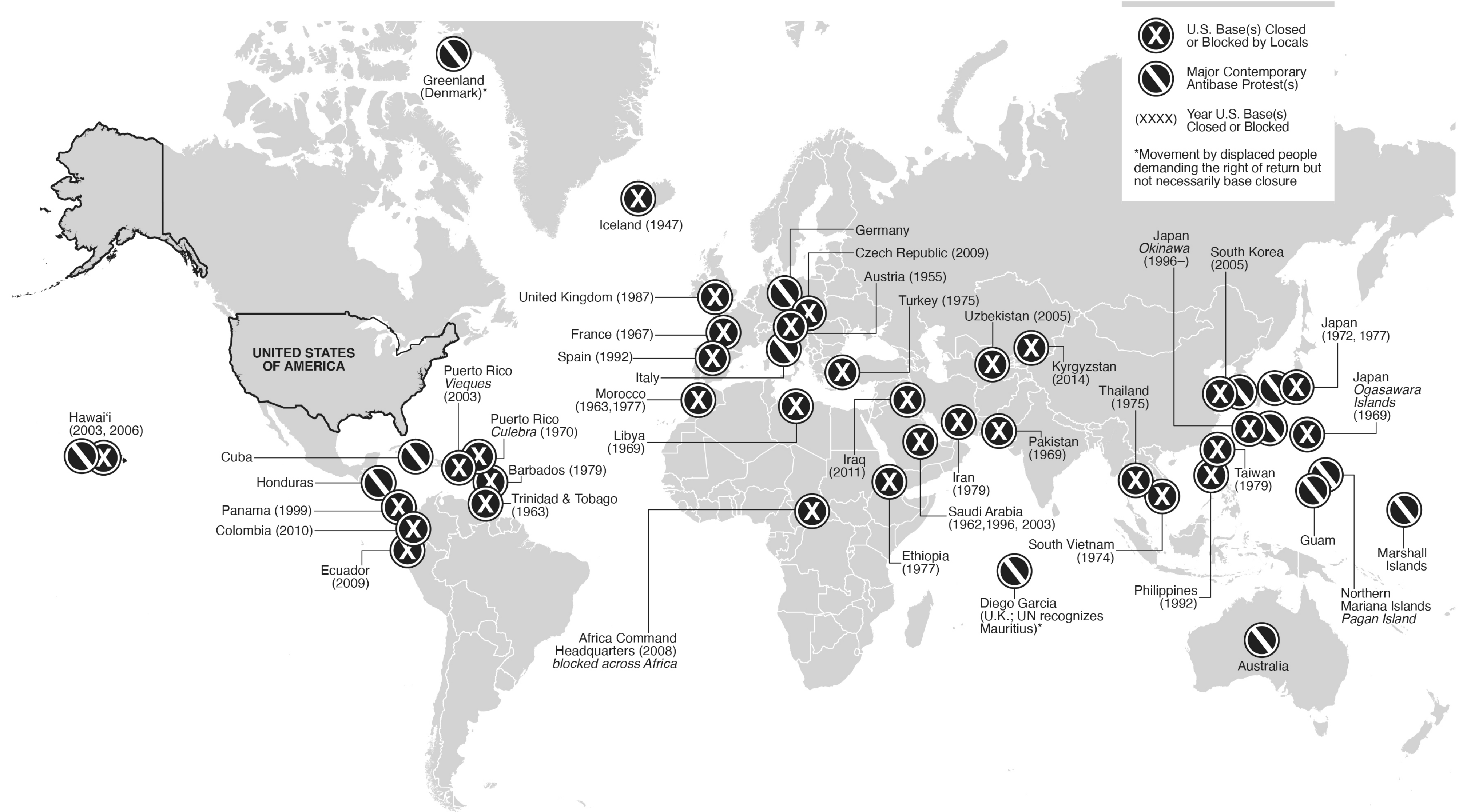
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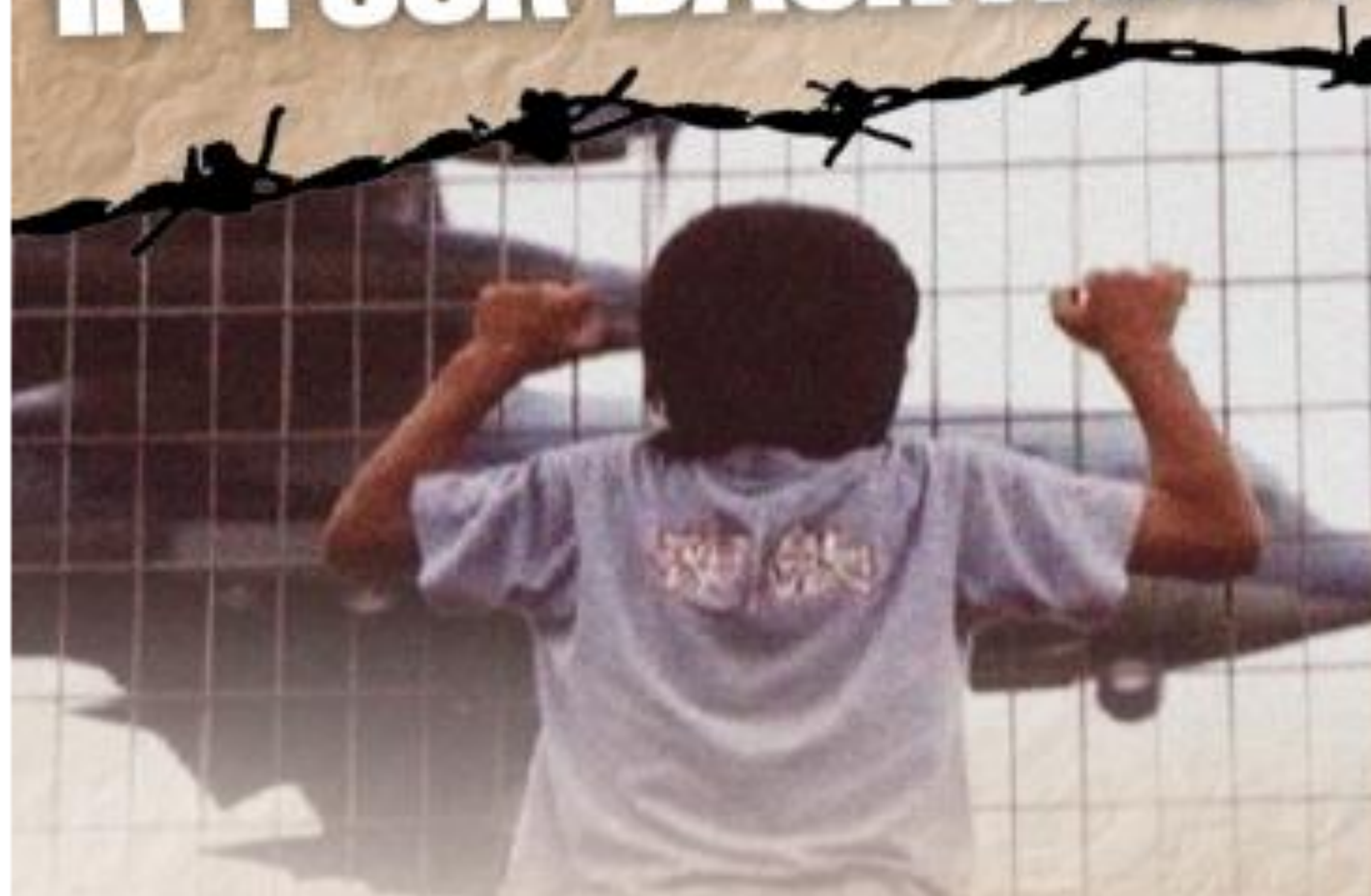


Protests and Evictions at U.S. Bases Abroad, 1950–2020

Social movements and national governments have forced the closure or blocked the creation of bases worldwide. For ease of comparison we use contemporary borders and a Mercator projection.



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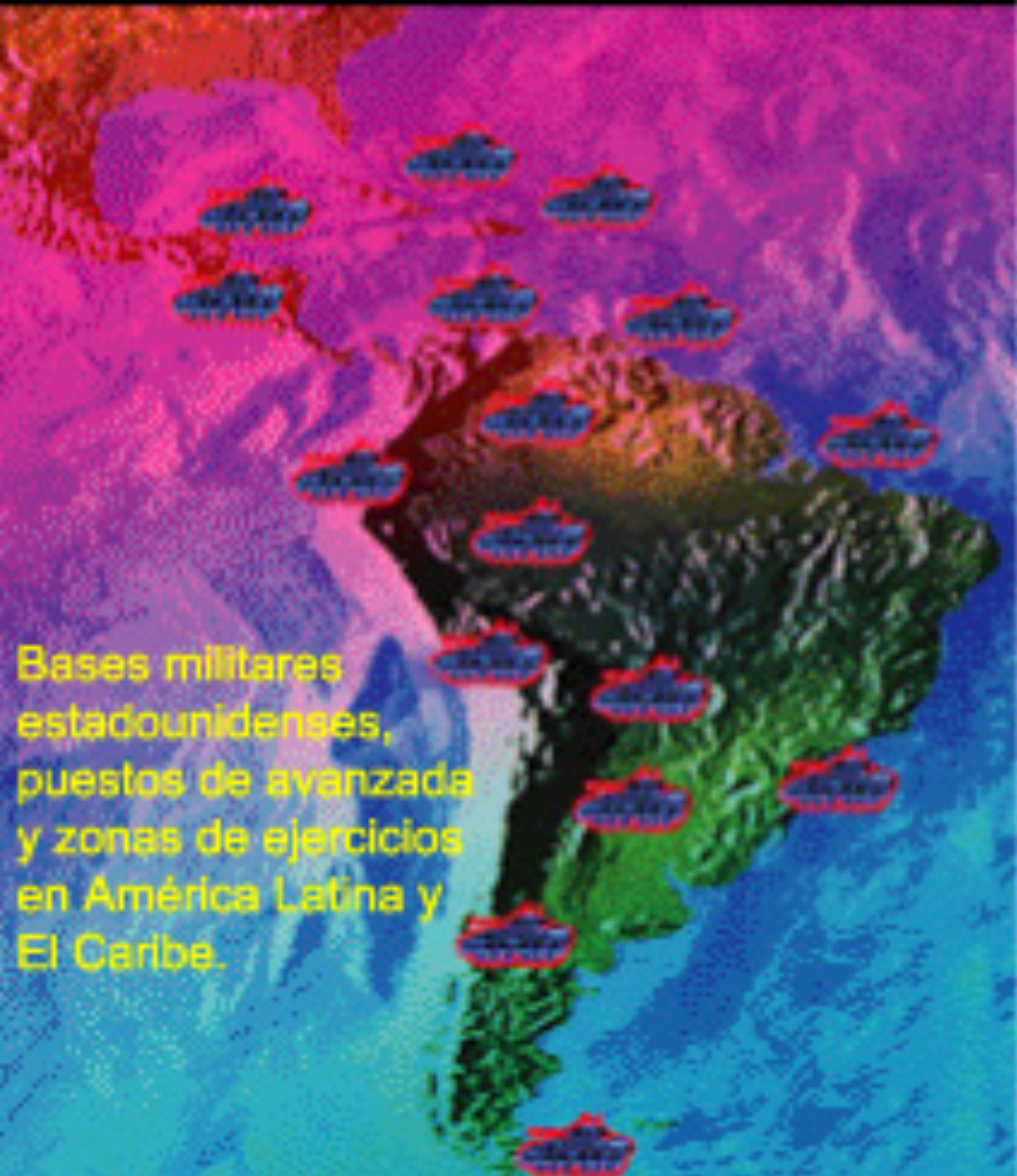


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Base Social Movements

Coalition against U.S. Foreign Military Bases: noforeignbases.org

Transnational Institute: www.tni.org/archives/act/17124 and

www.tni.org/primer/foreign-military-bases-and-global-campaign-close-them

Africa

America's Codebook: Africa: codebookafrica.wordpress.com

"Camp Justice," Pivot TV (documentary about Diego Garcia and US bases abroad; also on iTunes)

Chagos Refugees Group [Diego Garcia]: chagosrefugeesgroup.org

Island of Shame: The Secret History of the U.S. Military Base on Diego Garcia

"New Atlantis Project: A Story of the People of the Chagos Islands" [Diego Garcia]: newatlantisproject.com

Lalit de Klas [Mauritius/Diego Garcia]: www.lalitmauritius.org

Resist Africom

UK Chagos Support Association [Diego Garcia]: www.chagossupport.org.uk

Asia

Australia Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition: www.anti-bases.org

Close the Base [Okinawa]: closethebase.org

Ghosts of Jeju: www.theghostsofjeju.net

Independent and Peaceful Australia Network: <http://www.ipan.org.au>

My Sister's Place (Durebang) [South Korea]: durebang.org

National Campaign for Eradication of Crimes by U.S. Troops in Korea: www.usacrime.or.kr

No Base Stories Korea: nobasestorieskorea.blogspot.com