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Art, the attached *National Defense Strategy* of March 2005 has some good language. There are numerous references to the post-cold war threat against the US still posed by states possessing the capability to deliver nuclear weapons against the US. Check out e.g. page 4; ***“problem states that possess or seek WMD, increasing the risk of WMD attack against the United States.”*** Same on page 5; And on page 7 ...***“The consequences of even a single catastrophic attack, for example, are unthinkable.”***

On page 16, under Protecting Critical Bases of Operation it reads ***“The entire range of strategic threats can put at risk our bases of operation at home and abroad. While we can identify some – e.g., missiles and WMD – others like those employed against the United States and its partners since 9/11, may be harder to identify. We need to improved defenses against such challenges and increase out capacity to defeat them at a distance.”***

And of course my favorite on page 22...***“As we transform our posture, we are guided by the following goals:***

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“Developing greater flexibility to contend with uncertainty by emphasizing agility and by not overly concentrating military forces in few locations.”

(apparently the SecDef ignored this tenant when preparing his BRAC recommendations)

As I find other documentation, I will forward it to you.

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