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yes, part of the answer to "why now?" is that the threat will only get worse if we don't act now - the threat that Saddam will use WMD, but also the threat that Iraq's WMD will somehow get into the hands of terrorists [redacted] This all links into the illicit money, since the more funds he has - and his cash pile is growing all the time - the more likely he is to buy fissile material etc

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This does have some new elements to play with, but there is one central weakness - we do not differentiate enough between capacity and intent we know that he is a bad man and has done bad things in the past We know he is trying to get WMD - and this shows those attempts are intensifying But can we show why we think he intends to use them aggressively, rather than in self-defence We need that to counter the argument that Saddam is bad, but not mad We also, I think, need more direct argument on why containment is breaking down In other words, putting the emphasis as much (maybe more) on the present and future, as the past

The key must be to show that Saddam has the capacity, and is intent on using it in ways that threaten world stability, and that our ability to stop him is increasingly threatened

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