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A nice little historical note [here](#), revisiting a bunch of scary predictions Robert Kagan and Bill Kristol made in the year 2000:

Ten years from now, and perhaps a good deal sooner, we likely will be living a world in which Iraq, Iran, North Korea and China all possess the ability to strike the continental United States with nuclear weapons. Within the next decade we may have to decide whether to defend Taiwan against a Chinese attack. We could face another attempt by a rearmed Saddam Hussein to seize Kuwait's oil fields.

Good to keep in mind the next time they shout "fire" in a crowded foreign-policy theater.

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