

CQ Transcript from ABC News Interview with Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice
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()STEPHANOPOULOS: President Bush said this week that his greatest regret was the failure of the intelligence in Iraq.

Would you -- is that at the top of your list, as well?

RICE: Well, its high on my list, because we, and intelligence agencies around the world, thought we were dealing with something that turns out to have been a different kind of threat. But I have other things that I would have hoped would have gone differently. Ill tell you, I am still really appalled at the inability of the international community to deal with tyrants. We saw it in Burma. Were seeing it in Burma.

We are now seeing it, I think, in a very, very sad way in Zimbabwe, where Robert Mugabe should have gone a long time ago. And we cant seem to mobilize the international will to do it.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Is there anything you can do between now and January 20th to make that happen?

RICE: Well, I am going to continue to try to press in the international community. I even talked with my British colleague, David Miliband, just this morning about trying to see what we can do to get a renewed push to have this solved. They had a sham election. They then had a sham power-sharing set of talks.

Now you have a cholera outbreak. You have this cholera outbreak that could really endanger Southern Africa, not just Zimbabwe. It seems to me, that when the international community makes a very big deal about the **responsibility to protect**, as we did a couple of years ago, and yet you have the Darfurs and the Zimbabwes, it is a failure of the international community.

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