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"Particularly worrisome is his alleged pattern of misjudging the capabilities of enemy states — the former Soviet Union and Iran — in precisely the ways that his political masters were bound to find most pleasing. But the point of these hearings is not to rehash Gates' past. It is to establish what he has learned from his mistakes and how he intends to prevent the Pentagon from repeating them."

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This item takes a mixed stance on the position Gates was a good choice on the topic Nomination of Robert Gates as U.S. Secretary of Defense.

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