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EDITOR'S NOTE

After the end of the Cold War, American foreign policy experts searched for the next 'big' threat that would shape US international actions. After 2001, it seemed obvious that it would be international terrorism. And yet, even though the terrorist threat has not been ended, a host of new issues have crowded into view. Major wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, launched as part of the war on terror, have themselves become major factors shaping U.S. policy, in regard to bases, alliances, and finance. Several items in this quarter's issue of FPB show how all these aspects of the wars are affecting US policies.

In addition, development and humanitarian aid to weak states has grown increasingly prominent. Anti-corruption efforts in Gabon, aid to Haiti following its earthquake, and conduct of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (covered here in its aid to Moldova), show these policies in action. At the same time, a spat over Israeli settlements has pushed the Israel/Palestine deadlock back onto the front burner. Somehow, Secretary of State Hilary Clinton also found time to tour Latin America to cement U.S. ties with regimes there.

In short, U.S. foreign policy continues to deal with a bewildering variety of challenges around the globe. To keep track of U.S. policy actions and statements, there is only one place to go: Foreign Policy Bulletin.

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