



MISSPEAKS

Between April 3, 2002, and October 3, 2003, Secretary of State Powell made 50 misleading statements about the threat posed by Iraq in 34 separate public appearances. His “let’s-go-to-war” presentation to the UN Security Council on February 25, 2003 was full of errors, misstatements, based on forged documents and decade-old data!

'Misspeaking' is what Washington politicians call 'lying.' They can't help it. And it's a lot easier than having to apologize. Sources: *Iraq on the Record: The Bush Administration's Public Statements on Iraq*, special investigative report by the United States House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform, 16 Mar 2004; and *WMD in Iraq: Evidence and Implications*, the non-partisan report by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2004.