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BARACK OBAMA



Even before he became a hit in the U.S. Senate, Barack Obama proved he got what it takes to be America's commander-in-chief. Here's what he told the Chicago Tribune in 2004 about what should be done to keep Iran nuke-free: "The big question is going to be, if Iran is resistant to these pressures, including economic sanctions, which I hope will be imposed if they do not cooperate, at what point are we going to, if any, are we going to take military action?....In light of the fact that we're now in Iraq, with all the problems in terms of perceptions about America that have been created, us launching some missile strikes into Iran is not the optimal position for us to be in.....On the other hand, having a radical Muslim theocracy in possession of nuclear weapons is worse. So I guess my instinct would be to err on not having those weapons in the possession of the ruling clerics of Iran. ..."

—from "Obama would consider missile strikes on Iran" —September 25, 2004: Chicago Tribune

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