

## **Odd complaints; [Chicago Final Edition]**

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### **Abstract** (Document Summary)

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### **Full Text** (180 words)

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If the sheer number of letters published by the Tribune by people expressing indignation over President Bush's justifications for the liberation of Iraq is representative of the general sentiment of the nation, W's got trouble. But I don't get it.

Let's see: The indignant assert deception because in his State of the Union address, the president made the indisputably true statement that British intelligence believed that Saddam Hussein had tried to score some uranium in Africa. That fact is still believed by British intelligence services today and it was believed by our own National Intelligence Estimate service. The CIA and the State Department dispute some aspects of the intelligence, which means that within the shadowy world of spies, there is some disagreement. Duh?

Where's the basis for the indignation? Where's the deception? Where's the misrepresentation? Sure, we haven't found the weapons of mass destruction--yet.

But everyone agreed they were there before the war began. And after only several weeks, it's only prudent to assume that they'll be found.

What I suspect will remain lost is some folks' sense of proportion.