Mr.

Speaker, the President’s plan calls for

spending more money and raising

taxes. Do Members remember when

President Clinton sent U.S. troops to

Bosnia? He promised, he promised they

would have a well-defined mission with

a clear exit strategy. Three years later

and more than $20 billion later, about

6,000 U.S. troops are still in Bosnia. Our

own Secretary of State, Madeleine

Albright, has called it a mess.

Now the President intends to further

scatter U.S. troops into Kosovo as part

of another peacekeeping mission. It is

absolutely imperative that the President

give Congress and the Nation a

clear mission and a clear exit strategy

before committing our troops. Mr.

Speaker, our military forces are ready

and willing to defend the interests of

this great Nation. We cannot undermine

their oaths. We must define the

mission, the goal, and an exit strategy

before sending our troops into yet another

mess.