Mr. Speaker, it appears

the administration is about to bomb

Iraq. The stated reason is to force UN

inspections of every inch of Iraqi territory

to rule out the existence of any

weapons of mass destruction. The

President’s personal problems may influence

this decision, but a flawed foreign

policy is behind this effort.

Why is Iraq a greater threat to U.S.

security than China, North Korea, Russia

or Iran? They all have weapons of

mass destruction. This makes no sense.

There was a time in our history that

bombing foreign countries was considered

an act of war, done only with a

declaration by this Congress. Today,

tragically, it is done at the whim of

Presidents and at the urging of congressional

leaders without a vote, except

maybe by the UN Security Council.

But the President is getting little

support and a lot of resistance from

our allies for this aggressive action.

Sadly, our policy in the Middle East

has served to strengthen the hand of

Hussein, unify the Islamic Fundamentalists

and expose American citizens to

terrorist attacks. Hussein is now anxious

for the bombs to hit to further stir

the hatred and blame toward America

for all the approximate he has inflicted

on his people.