Mr. Speaker, as we approach the decision to send ground

troops into the war in Kosovo, it is important for us to look at the

historical events surrounding that particular area and to then look at

the request that is being made, that will probably be made for this

Congress to approve in some fashion or other, a request from the

administration to commit American troops to this folly.

During the break, I was given an article that I found quite sobering,

from an individual in my district. The title of the article is

``Serbia: The lesson of Army Group E.'' It came off of the net, World

Net Daily, Friday, March 26. The author, a gentleman by the name of

Joel A. Ruth. And I quote from this article because I think it needs to

be widely read and widely heard, again, as we approach this potential

decision to send American troops in. It says:

The article goes on to claim that any attempt on the part of NATO and

this administration to participate in any such venture would be just as

full of folly and certainly would be just as bloody. And the idea that

we can bomb Milosevic into submission is, of course, if you are taking

this at face value, if the information supplied in this particular

article is correct, then that theory, that strategy, is idiotic.

For if there is such a system of caverns and caves within Serbia

where a million men could be housed and probably are being housed even

at the present time, then how can we possibly expect to really cripple

him through any amount of bombing that we can possibly do? It will, of

course, take armed forces on the ground, and it will, of course, turn

into the same sort of bloody situation that preceded us there some 50

years ago.

So I ask my colleagues once again to reconsider, when we are asked to

commit American forces to this area, that we consider the lessons of

history as it is so often difficult for us to understand. But it is

important for us to realize that history does repeat itself, that this

is a bad place for us to be with no particular reason for us to be

there.