Mr. Speaker, I oppose a declaration of war, having just

returned from the Balkans more firmly convinced, no ground troops.

I know you cannot see it, but this is a picture of a young Apache

pilot in the Balkans who graduated with my son. He said, ``No ground

troops. The cost in human life would be too high.''

We need a negotiated settlement, not a declaration of war. I am

working to provide momentum, leverage and direction to the

administration to settle this conflict.

My colleagues on the other side are dissatisfied because of a lack of

leadership by the administration. We are dissatisfied with a lack of

leadership and failed foreign policy.

Do not declare war. Do not lose lives of our military. Focus our

attention on rebuilding the military, helping the refugees, and

negotiating a settlement that returns the refugees to their homes in

safety and brings our POWs and our troops home.