Mr. Speaker, I hold in my hand the United

States Government Accountability report

The Iraqi Government has not met most legislative

security and economic benchmarks.

The President and Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense made a

surprise visit to Anbar Province in Iraq. Out of their visit, I might

imagine they would hope to have a counteroffensive against a number of

hearings that the majority will be holding on the question of are we

safer today than we were before the Iraq war. This report is both

striking and provoking, provoking Americans to realize that the policy

in Iraq has failed.

It is time now to declare a military success, a military victory. Our

soldiers have done their job. They have created an opportunity for a

democratic government in Iraq. But, unfortunately, the job that needs

to be done by the Iraqi Government has not been done. There are no

battalions that are ready to go on the ground.

So I will say to the administration, a surge will not work. Staying

the course will not work. I ask that the troops be redeployed and a new

direction be taken in Iraq.