Madam Speaker, last week I talked to a father who lost

his son in May in Iraq. He was, of course, devastated. He asked me a

question: Why did my son die in Iraq?

That is a question that will be on all of our minds in the coming

days when we receive the new report from Iraq. When we look at the

report in a very calm, dispassionate manner, I hope we think about what

is really going on in Iraq. What is really going on in Iraq, what the

President has crowed about as a great success in these regions is what

you might call the ``re-Saddamization'' of Iraq.

The President is going to brag about the sense that he is now giving

more power to tribes and tribal sheikhs who at some point when we

eventually leave Iraq will be better equipped and better armed to fight

the central government that the President used to crow about.

I think we need to have a calm, dispassionate review of what we're

doing. We are creating the conditions that could result in a worse

civil war. We have to have a calm review and make the right choices.