Mr. Speaker, it is nice to see that we really and finally

are hearing the truth from the Bush administration about the Iraq war

and its impact on the overall global war on terror. The problem is we

didn't hear it from the President himself. No. It comes from a top

secret intelligence document that I am sure the President hoped never

saw the light of day.

For the better part of a month now, President Bush has been trying to

persuade the American people that we are safer today than we were

before 9/11. This national intelligence report contradicts the

President's statements and says that the war in Iraq has actually made

our fight against terrorism even more difficult.

So the question is, why would the President go out and say we are

safer if his intelligence agencies refute these claims? Either

President Bush has not personally read the top secret report or he is

not leveling with the American people about the real worldwide threat

we continue to face and how Iraq has made those threats even worse.