Mr. President, to bring to the attention of the Senate,

during the consideration of the DOD appropriations, I offered an

amendment with my colleague Senator Reid about an NIE for Iraq. We have

not had an NIE--National Intelligence Estimate--just for Iraq. The one

that has been printed in the newspapers, or the reports in the

newspapers have been an NIE about global terrorism, of which Iraq was a

part, but we have not had an NIE on Iraq in the last 2\1/2\ years. This

was accepted in the conference report.

Yesterday I sent a letter to Mr. Negroponte, with Senator

Rockefeller, Senator Levin, Senator Biden, Senator Reid, and Senator

Reed, urging him to move forward. It outlines the areas to be covered

in the assessment. I had that letter printed in the Record.

I yield the floor.