Mr. Speaker, the Center for Arms Control and

Nonproliferation has released a report. It's called ``Implementing the

President's Plan: An Outline for Action in Iraq.''

This report, based on the Obama plan to redeploy U.S. troops and

military contractors in 16 months, was written by retired military

leaders Colonel Richard L. Klass, Lieutenant General Robert G. Gard,

Jr., and Brigadier General John Johns.

In a town full of reports, theirs is unique because it gives a clear

outline of just how to execute the administration's original plan for a

responsible and orderly redeployment from Iraq. Anyone who questioned

the original proposal just needs to listen to those who know what it

really means to carry out a military plan.

About the 16-month timeline, retired Army Lieutenant General Robert

Gard says, ``President Obama's plan to remove combat forces from Iraq

is militarily workable and can be executed responsibly.''

Echoing what many of us in Congress have been saying for years,

retired Air Force Colonel Richard Klass said, ``Redeployment of U.S.

combat forces should be coupled with a diplomatic surge to help

stabilize Iraq.''

Mr. Speaker, instead of a residual force of up to 50,000 troops, this

plan proposes a workable U.S. redeployment schedule that would result

in, first, 100,000 total U.S. troops remaining in Iraq by the end of

2009 and 35,000 to 65,000 support troops remaining in Iraq up until

2010 when the President's 16-month timetable would end, if it is

initiated by April 2009, and less than 1,000 troops remaining by

December 2011 when the U.S.-Iraqi security agreement mandates that all

U.S. forces be out of Iraq.

Not only would this plan redeploy troops and military contractors,

but it would ensure that the United States will not have any permanent

bases in Iraq. Even though the report comes from former military brass,

they readily acknowledge that there is no military solution to the

situation in Iraq.

The report calls for a strong diplomatic surge. It goes on to say,

``The United States needs to undertake an all-fronts diplomatic

initiative to engage the nations of the region to help stabilize

Iraq.''

The evidence keeps mounting up, Mr. Speaker, and the extended

occupation of Iraq is not in the interest of the United States, of the

international community or of the Iraqi people. I encourage our

military and foreign policy leaders to look closely at this report and

to heed the American people. We must redeploy all troops and military

contractors from Iraq, and we must do it as soon as possible.