Mr. Speaker, today the Washington Post quotes a former

CIA official who said

But this view is widely shared in every branch

of government. The State Department official warning to travelers from

September 17,

An army officer recently back from Iraq said,

A National Intelligence Estimate from

July said that among the three possible scenarios for Iraq, the best

case was merely A study by Kroll Security

International shows that the number of daily attacks has increased from

40 per day to around 70 each day. On Meet the Press, General Abizaid

said, not

up to the elections.

And this weekend, Secretary of State Colin Powell said, Iraq

is It is getting worse, but we do not know it from

the President's comments who says and sees Iraq as a success.

The President of the proud of the fact that he does not read the

newspapers. Can somebody please arrange a briefing for the President?