Mr. Speaker, today's Washington Post tells us that the

administration recently curtailed the distribution of reports by

contractor Kroll Security International that show increasing violence

in Iraq. The article goes on to say that the Pentagon is sponsoring a

group of Iraqi Americans to speak at military bases throughout the

United States to provide

That is to say, the administration is sending Iraqi exiles, mostly

people who may not have been to the country in years, to tell our

troops just back from Iraq the about how things are going

there.

I imagine some of these exiles are the same people who told Deputy

Defense Secretary Wolfowitz that we would be greeted as liberators upon

arriving in Iraq. These are two more examples of an administration in

denial of what is actually going on in Iraq, an administration unhinged

from reality. If these emissaries of the administration were going to

tell our troops the truth about Iraq, they would say that the

international coalition is getting smaller, that our burden is getting

larger, and our casualties are rising at an alarming rate.

That is the reality in Iraq, the reality that our dedicated troops

deserve to be told by those sending them into harm's way. The American

public needs to know what is happening in Iraq. This administration is

failing to do that.