I thank the gentleman from Indiana for yielding. I will

also extend happy birthday to the gentleman from Indiana and thank him

for putting together this hour this evening. I think this is extremely

helpful.

I, too, listened to the first hour of the debate from the other side,

and I will not repeat everything that has been said here so eloquently

tonight by the gentleman from California (Mr. Rohrabacher), the

gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Burton), and the gentleman from Michigan

(Mr. McCotter); but I want to go to one word that was spoken on the

other side and that word was ``misrepresentation,'' and it was used in

the context of the Kay report.

This is an unclassified document. In fact, it is Mr. Kay's testimony

before the Senate select committee last October. In that report, Mr.

Kay says that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs spanned more

than 2 decades, involved thousands of people, billions of dollars, and

were elaborately shielded by security and deception operations that

continued even beyond the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mr. Kay went on to say, we have discovered dozens of weapons-related

program activities and significant amounts of equipment that Iraq has

concealed from the United Nations during inspections. A list of these

included a clandestine network of laboratories and safe houses within

the Iraqi Intelligence Service that contained equipment subject to U.N.

monitoring and suitable for conducting chemical and biological weapons

research; a prison laboratory complex used in human testing of

biological agents; reference strains of biological organisms concealed

in a scientist's home, one of which can be used to produce biological

weapons; new research on biological weapon applicable agents, Brucella

and Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever.

This is a viral illness that is very similar to the e-bola virus. We

heard a lot of discussion last year about the smallpox virus, and truly

smallpox is a frightening chemical agent because it is so infective.

This organism is not only infective but its early detection can be

easily confused with other illnesses such as the flu. People put into

our midst who are suffering from smallpox would actually quickly become

apparent because they look sick and they are covered with sores.

Individuals with Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever would look for all the

world like someone suffering from a summer cold and could work a good

deal of mischief in this country by infecting individuals going about

their business.

In addition, they found documents and equipment hidden in scientists'

homes that would have been useful in resuming uranium enrichment by

centrifuge and electromagnetic isotope separation and a line of

unmanned aerial vehicles not fully declared at an undeclared production

facility.

Most people do not consider a missile a weapon of mass destruction,

but when that missile has a range of 1,000 kilometers, and Iraq was

expressly prohibited from having missiles beyond 150 kilometers,

depending upon what you put in the warhead of that missile, that, Mr.

Speaker, is a weapon of mass destruction and found by the Kay Iraqi

survey group.

Finally, I will just sum up, as Dr. Kay himself did, deception and

concealment were the watchwords of the Iraqi Government. You do not

have those as your national priorities unless you have something to

hide. Saddam, at least as judged by those scientists and other insiders

who worked in his military-industrial programs, had not given up his

aspirations and intentions to continue to acquire weapons of mass

destruction.

Another term that we heard over on the other side was whether or not

Saddam was involved in September 11. I do not know the answer to that

question; but so much was stated as fact from the 9/11 Commission, the

commission that is studying the events around 9/11. In today's

Washington Times, and anyone is free to pick this up, it only costs a

quarter, and read it for themselves: ``Iraqi Officer an Al Qaeda

Operative, Papers Show.''

``There is at least one officer of Saddam's Fedayeen, a lieutenant

colonel, who was a very prominent member of al Qaeda,'' said September

11 commission member and former Navy Secretary John Lehman. Although he

stressed that the intelligence ``still has to be confirmed,'' Mr.

Lehman told NBC's ``Meet the Press'' on Sunday that the information

came from ``captured documents'' shown to the panel after the September

11 Commission's staff report had been written.

What we heard quoted tonight was from that staff report; so I would

just tell the American people, Mr. Speaker, that the final word has not

been written from the 9/11 Commission, and I would caution people about

coming to conclusions based on data that is incomplete.

Mr. Speaker, I know that time is somewhat at a premium, so I will

wrap up; but President Clinton said in 1998 that Saddam had weapons of

mass destruction, he had used them in the past and someday, some way,

if you don't take them away from him, I guarantee you he will use them

again.

Mr. Speaker, I have been to Iraq a couple of times, and this is not a

picture that I took, but this picture was taken by a member of the

Corps of Engineers down in my district, Mr. Doug Cox, who was in the

town of Kirkuk, Iraq right after Operation Iraqi Freedom started, and

actually he was with one of the forward groups. And this picture was on

the wall of the airport there in Kirkuk, the military training base,

and this picture was in a room where apparently there was some sort of

training facility. There were a lot of pictures on the wall, and we one

might relate it to some type of training facility we might have seen in

this country, but these pictures were obviously used

for a purpose in training Iraqi military individuals.

If people cannot see it well on C-SPAN, let me just describe it. It

shows an individual here, who has a tank and an airplane and a couple

of missiles at his disposal, and he is aiming them at a country, the

United States of America, or the USA, as is abbreviated there, and we

see an individual standing there in a cowboy hat or a Pilgrim hat, and

we see the crosshairs on this individual's chest. It does not take a

great deal of imagination to guess what was being taught in that

training exercise in this military installation in Kirkuk, Iraq.

And, finally, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Burton) did such an

eloquent job of talking about the times in the past that Saddam Hussein

had used chemical weapons against his own people, and this was the true

threat of Saddam Hussein. Yes, there are other countries that had

perhaps helped terrorists in the past. Saddam Hussein was the only

world leader who had ever used weapons of mass destruction in an

offensive fashion, and that is what made him so dangerous. We have the

proof from, as the gentleman pointed out, northern Iraq.

We also have the proof from our poor individuals, our poor soldiers

in the first Gulf War who suffered from Gulf War Syndrome, and Gulf War

Syndrome was a result of neurologic chemical agents. Individuals who

were susceptible, who had a specific enzyme defect, who were exposed to

low levels of those neurologic agents, then became susceptible to Gulf

War Syndrome.

So it is not a point for discussion that Saddam had weapons of mass

destruction. He clearly did. He used them offensively, and he clearly

had designs on using them again.