Mr. Speaker, for months now, critics of

the war in Iraq have asked the question: Where are the weapons of mass

destruction? Recently former Vice President Al Gore said that none have

been found in Iraq. Just as he was wrong when he said he was the

inventor of the Internet, he is wrong on this point as well.

Recently, Charles Duelfer, the head of the Iraq Survey Group,

reported the finding of 12 mustard and sarin gas shells in various

locations in Iraq. Intelligence sources say that these are still

extremely dangerous shells.

Mr. Duelfer also reported that terrorists in Iraq are trying to tap

into the Iraqi WMD intellectual capital. They are keenly interested in

developing chemical weapons in there and also in Afghanistan.

So where are the weapons of mass destruction? Where they have always

been, in the Iraqi area, within the reach of terrorists, a threat to

U.S. troops, the region, and the world community as well.