First, I thank the Senator for an excellent statement.

Earlier today the Armed Services Committee had meant to meet. We were

going to have Secretary Rumsfeld up before the committee. I intended to

ask him two or three questions on the issue of intelligence, but since

the Senator is on his feet now, I am wondering if he would be willing

to respond to a question or two and help clear this up in my mind.

What we have now, as I understand it, is the intelligence agencies

saying that they provided the intelligence to the administration and

that they were not intimidated. I intended to ask the Secretary whether

he was aware of the Defense Intelligence Agency's own intelligence

report that stated--and I am quoting. This has been published. It was

declassified and published in the news sources--this is the Defense

Intelligence Agency:

That was in September of 2002. Yet a month later, just as Congress

was about to vote, the National Intelligence Estimate stated very

precisely that:

I was just wondering, if I can raise this point, here we have the

Defense Intense Intelligence Agency giving one report. Then, if we look

at the State Department Bureau of Intelligence, this is what the State

Department Bureau of Intelligence concluded:

The Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence.

I am making the predicate. If the Senator from Arizona

is not pleased with it, that is his problem.

The third intelligence report was the Department of Energy disagreed

that the famous tubes were for nuclear weapons. The State Department's

Intelligence Bureau also concluded that the tubes were ``not intended

for use in Iraq's nuclear weapons program.''

Finally, Greg Thielmann, retired State Department official, who

served as director of the Office of Strategic Proliferation and

Military Affairs in the Bureau of Intelligence, said last July:

He said:

I just ask, are these the kinds of questions that we hope an

independent kind of commission might be helpful to resolve? When the

administration's own Defense Intelligence Agency, the State Department

agency, and the Energy Intelligence Agency came up with similar

conclusions as Dr. Kay prior to the time the Senate voted on this

issue, don't you think the American people are entitled to know what

the facts are, not just the intelligence information made available but

how it was used by the administration and by the President?