If the distinguished majority leader will yield, following

the meeting with the President this morning, which I had the good

fortune of being able to attend, the one message that came out of the

meeting to me is that the hero today in Iraq is the Prime Minister of

Iraq. He is a man of great courage who has had a number of

assassination attempts on his life, even when he did not live in Iraq,

because of the people who were trying to get rid of him, and I wish him

well. He is a man of courage. To take on this responsibility knowing

that the evil forces that are in that country are out to dispense with

him says a lot about the kind of man he is.

Speaking personally of the meeting at the White House this morning, I

repeat the one thing that came out of that meeting today is the

forceful nature of the man who is leading that country as of next

Wednesday.