Madam Speaker, over the past few years this

administration has been beating the drums of war against Iran. There

are parallels against their efforts to try to create a war against Iran

and the falsehoods that set us on the path to war against Iraq. We know

that the United States intelligence community was able to demonstrate

that the administration's claims that Iran had a nuclear weapons

program were in fact not true.

The January 6 incident at the Strait of Hormuth is still another

cause for this Congress to look deeply at the administration's Iranian

war buildup, because it appears from news reports that the Department

of Defense grossly inflated an encounter that took place in the strait,

an encounter that was not like any that had taken place before, and

then not only inflated it, but fabricated information that would cause

the American people to believe that Iran was demonstrating military

aggressiveness.

We really have to get off the path of war towards Iran and start

working on building diplomatic relations.