Mr. President, on a

number of recent occasions, I have outlined

here on the floor of the United

States Senate my deep reservations

about the Bush administration’s rush

to war with Iraq, particularly as U.N.

inspectors are on the ground and making

progress. I am especially concerned

that war with Iraq at this time without

the backing of our allies and the support

of the United Nations will undermine

the effective coalition against the

more dangerous threat of terrorism.

And I believe it is the wrong priority,

especially in the face of the current nuclear

threat from North Korea.

But I also believe that this administration’s

conduct of American foreign

relations has angered our friends and

encouraged our enemies. This chip-onthe-

shoulder, my-way-or-the-highway

approach to diplomacy has alienated

our allies at a time when we need unity

to address modern threats.

Recently, a senior member of the

U.S. Foreign Service resigned in protest

over the administration’s approach

and its policies. Mr. JOHN Brady

Kiesling has served American interests

as a diplomat for many years in many

difficult situations. And his brave letter

of resignation speaks volumes

about the dangerous direction of the

Bush administration in the conduct of

foreign affairs.

I urge my colleagues to pay careful

attention to his words, and ask unanimous

consent that his thoughtful letter

be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material

was ordered to be printed in the

RECORD, as follows: