Mr. President, the

latest confrontation with Iraq shines a

harsh light on an important truth. The

collapse of the Soviet Union consigned

to the ash heap of history has not created

a world safe for democracy. The

‘‘Evil Empire’’ may have vanished but,

alas, the world remains a dangerous

and unpredictable place.

In Iraq, we are confronted with a dictator

as evil as Hitler. Saddam has

killed thousands of his own citizens, licensed

acts of terrorism, and produced

and stockpiled weapons of mass destruction.

It is a reign of terror unmatched

in the post-cold war era.

And how has this administration responded?

Rather than draw a bright

line in the sand, the President has been

relegated to the role of spectator.

The Commander in Chief has surrendered

his moral authority at home and

found himself ill-equipped to defend

American interests abroad.

At the moment of truth, America’s

acting Secretary of State—Kofi

Annan—cut a deal with the devil and,

tragically, a weakened, uncertain

President endorsed the settlement before

the ink had even dried.

Today, we hear reports that there is

no final consensus on what to do if Iraq

violates the settlement. Have we

known Saddam to keep his promises?

What if he does not adhere to the

agreement as in previous cases? The

United Nations apparently cannot

come to an agreement on what to do

about it.

The President’s failure to lead has

handed America’s foreign policy to a

cast of functionaries at the United Nations.

Mr. President, U.S. foreign policy

should not be subcontracted to Kofi

Annan or written at the United Nations.

America should not sacrifice one

ounce—any other ounce—of her sovereignty

to the architect and acolytes

of one world government.

This ill-conceived transfer of sovereignty

has left America and her allies

with an emboldened Saddam. In

Iraq today, Saddam has a firmer grip

on power, carries more regional prestige

and can sell more oil. Some dare

call this a triumph of diplomacy.

As I indicated to Secretary Albright

this week: ‘‘Preservation of the status

quo is not a diplomatic triumph,

Madam Secretary, it’s a tragedy. The

clear winner of this round is Saddam

Hussein.’’

Instead of being penalized for his defiance,

Saddam is winning bonus

points: more oil sales, heightened

standing, and new momentum to end

the sanctioned regime. Ironically, in

agreeing to agree, Saddam has committed

to do nothing more than he was

obliged to do all along.

Mr. President, by the grace of God,

America won the cold war. We triumphed

over the ‘‘Evil Empire’’ of

Lenin and Stalin. It is time for us to

stand again for liberty and freedom.

Saddam is a brutal dictator, a tyrant

whose actions at home betray his intentions

abroad.

Let us sound a certain trumpet for

America’s vital national interests—in

the Middle East and around the world.

Let us not be governed by the whims

and the will of Kofi Annan and the

United Nations. Let America lead the

world by the force of our principles and

the power of our ideas, with the hope

that one day the long tug of memory

might look favorably upon us as we

look approvingly on those who answered

freedom’s call in decades past.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent

that a column which appeared in

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of February, by Charles Krauthammer

be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article

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