Mr. Chairman, I will not belabor it, because

I think you said what is on the minds of a lot of us, like you and

my colleagues I have been concerned about this.

I guess we are really pretty naive as a country to think that we

are going to allow him to increase his production to almost a level

that he had before in the export and sale of oil, the level he had

almost before the gulf conflict, and he is going to put that in children’s

programs, and seniors? Anybody who believes that is flat

dumb or naive, there is no question about it.

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And it also really bothers me, that agreement that Secretary-

General Annan made, as I understand it, puts a politically appointed

group as the overseers of the UNSCOM inspectors, and I

know when Madeleine Albright testified here we asked her specifically

about that, and she said, well, they will not have any veto authority.

But that is not what Saddam Hussein has said publicly. He believes

they do have veto authority, and I think we made some bad

international policy decisions that are going to come back to haunt

us in a few years, and I am interested certainly in hearing your

witnesses, but one thing for sure, we have certainly raised his stature

in the Middle East and diminished ours in this whole sordid

affair.

So I am looking forward to the hearing. Thank you for calling it,

Mr. Chairman.