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Dear Sir:

I rarely am as incensed as I now find myself with the majority of the media and Congress, C-SPAN and yourself excepted. If not sedition on their parts, I do not know by what name to call it.

As defined in the dictionary; sedition is "1. language or conduct directed against public order and the tranquillity of the state. 2. the incitement of such disorder, tending toward treason, but lacking an overt act."

Clearly articulated by Senator Sam Nunn at the conclusion of the testimony by Admiral Crowe and General Jones before the Armed Services Committee was the acknowledgement that Congress agreed with the actions of the President to date. The heart of the issue as Congress sees it is in the matter of tactics; a matter properly the province of the Commander-in-Chief. Since some of the Congress is throwing a particular hissy fit with regard to their perceived disenfranchisement in the act of declaring war, it would certainly seem that the real crux of the matter is the fragile egos of the panjandrum that reside within the beltway.

The media too, downplay the ongoing atrocities by Iraq and the potential for building if not nuclear bombs at least very dirty bombs with radio-active materials already in Iraq. But, They never fail to frighten Americans with the specter of "our boys returning in body bags".

Brian, both of these groups fail miserably to point out several very important departures from the miserable foreign policy of previous years, which I enumerate as follows:

1. Instead of providing a lot of high tech weaponry to allies of convenience, we are keeping them under the care, custody and control of the U.S. armed forces.
2. Instead of hiding behind client states to fight our wars, we are being honest and standing up against aggression under our own flag. Most importantly, we are showing the world that our moral convictions are worth the possible loss of American lives to preserve world order on this ever shrinking globe.

3. Instead of acting unilaterally, we are leading a world consensus that, albeit sometimes bought, is marching to the drum of world peace for the first time in history of civilized man.
4. Instead of single handedly bludgeoning Iraq into capitulation by use of nuclear weapons, the United States has shown remarkable restraint as the sole superpower on the planet.
5. Instead of accepting our diplomats being taken as hostages, we have proceeded to calmly and logically increase the pressure with the deadline for peace being the final alternative to war. This is no disoriented "paper tiger" of the Vietnam era.
6. Instead of allowing petty dictators to feel comfort with the barbaric ancient custom of hostage taking, we have served notice that the decorum of world diplomacy will be maintained.

Brian, in light of these improvements, a small war if it is needed to restore the status quo ante is a small price to pay to stop another insane world conqueror. No one wants war, but we only encourage war by failing to act with honesty and decisiveness when it is warranted. Sadly, the number of body bags and the dollars expended are relegated to the status of triviality in the face of the future conduct of global behavior.

I do not wish to be categorized as a hawk or as a supporter of the presidency or as some sophistic philistine that derives any modicum of perverse joy at the prospect of the death of any human being. Far from it! I see clearly that we must stop emerging aggressors before we are caught up in another global conflict. Had the League of Nations been able to exercise the same resolve, WWII and the cold war might very well have never happened.

If you can possibly assemble a panel that will bring out the thoughts I have put forth, there may be some hope that the community of man will begin to unify behind facts instead of the inexhaustible rhetoric of the babbling naysayers that have like Neville Chamberlain led the world down the primrose path to chaos. There are few times in world events that have held the potential for improvement of the human condition that the future conduct of our national resolve.

Very truly yours,

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