and financial history, his international terror network, as well as his hatred for America, were all systematically dissected by Federal prosecutors. Given these revelations, it was clear, or it should have been clear, that our Nation and our citizens were in grave danger. I do not understand how intelligence services have the ability to penetrate, analyze and publicly distribute materials bin Laden allegedly disseminated through his cellular phone traffic in the hours immediately after the bombings. From these conversations, we learned of bin Laden’s alleged celebrations with supporters. But in stark contrast, over the same period of months, they were not able to intercept bin Laden’s planning or preparations for the attacks. I am also deeply concerned that recent reports in the press of specific, credible and quite extraordinary warnings appear to have been ignored. Lawrenceless, I am forced to say, this nation’s law enforcement, military in-the-Field and diplomatic posts are being systematically targeted by terrorist organizations. Why is it that our Nation and its people are being attacked in these ways? Our politicians and political observers have, for years, been willing to analyze and discuss about the IRA in England, the Shining Path in Peru, the Red Brigade in Italy; but now that it has come home, all of a sudden, we failed to analyze and ask the question, why did it happen.

Secretary of State Colin Powell is absolutely right. We must give diplomacy a chance. We must honestly ask ourselves, what is the root cause of this war being waged on our people and our community? I suspect that we will need to look at altering some of our foreign policy positions. Unless we do this, I fear that a military campaign, unsupported by sound foreign policy strategies, will only cause immeasurable civilian suffering throughout the world and may well actually lead to more terrifying attacks upon our cities and our citizens.

I would ask our President to sidestep those Rambo in the Pentagon who are talking about using nuclear weapons. Now is the time for us to be talking about using nuclear weapons. We need to free our Secretary of State to do his job, and I know he can do it.

Finally, I pray that common sense and reason will prevail.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to: Ms. CARSON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a family emergency.

Mr. BERGER (at the request of Mr. ARMLEY) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. DEFAZIO of Mississippi) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DeFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. PAUL) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, September 24 and 25.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.