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Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, Ralph Cossa, President of the Pacific Forum

CSIS, which is based in Honolulu, recently published an insightful analysis in the International Herald Tribune entitled, "Spy Plane Posing Test That Beijing Risks Flunking." I will ask unanimous consent that his article be printed in the Record following my remarks, and I urge my colleagues and Chinese officials to read carefully his article. A recent colleague of Mr. Cossa's at CSIS, James Kelly, has been nominated by President Bush to be the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies' Pacific Forum has a long history of both monitoring and working to improve relations between the United States and China. For this reason especially, Mr. Cossa's analysis of the current crisis in American-Chinese relations is particularly disturbing.

As Mr. Cossa points out, "Beijing's automatic reaction to any mishap is to quickly incite anti-American sentiments. This is contrary to China's stated desire to develop improved relations with Washington."

He makes the point that some in China in the past have accused the United States of a "Cold War mentality" but that today it is China "that is demonstrating such a mindset in the way it has reacted to this accident."

Yesterday, Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed regret for the death of the Chinese pilot and has made suggestions to the Chinese on how to resolve the current crisis and prevent further such incidents. Now it is time for China to respond with similar magnanimous gestures by releasing our air- men and women and returning our aircraft. Any further delay may damage American-Chinese relations in an irrepairable way.

I ask unanimous consent that the analysis to which I referred be printed in the Record, as follows:

[From the International Herald Tribune, Apr. 4, 2001]

SPY PLANE POSES TEST THAT BEIJING RISKS FLUNKING

(By Ralph A. Cossa)

HONOLULU—The collision between a Chinese fighter and an American reconnaissance aircraft in international airspace over the South China Sea is an unfortunate, unplanned, butnatural representation of the maturity of both the relationship between China and the United States. So far, Beijing appears to be flunking the test.

The collision, about 50 miles south of China's Hainan Island while the American plane was on a routine, unarmed surveillance mission, was probably caused by overzealousness on the part of a pilot.

Chinese jets routinely conduct intercept training against such convenient American "targets" but have reportedly become more aggressive, if not reckless, in recent months. The roles of the rule call for the faster, more maneuverable Chinese F-8 jets that were involved in the collision to yield to the slower, highly manoeuvrable EP-3 propellor-driven surveillance plane.

China's immediate handling of the incident—to publicly blame the United States even before the facts were known and to protest what it called "flagrant American aggression"—was reminiscent of Beijing's handling of the aftermath of the Belgrade bombing, which was immediately branded a "war crime." It seems Beijing's automatic reaction to any mishap is to quickly incite anti-American sentiments. This is contrary to China's stated desire to develop improved relations with the United States.

Equally disturbing was Chinese refusal to grant American diplomats immediate access to the crew or to the plane, which is loaded with sensitive surveillance equipment (although much of it was no doubt destroyed by the crew before landing at the Chinese airfield).

WASHINGTON—China, the self-proclaimed defender of national sovereign rights, treats the plane as the piece of American sovereign territory that it is, or—as it has already done, according to some reports—boards the plane and attempts to exploit its sensitive equipment? How China behaves will be a sign of just how important maintaining good relations with the United States is for China.

Some elements in China have long accused the United States of harboring a Cold War mentality. But it is China today that is demonstrating such a mindset in the way it has reacted to this accident. In his recent meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Qian Qichen of China, President George W. Bush pledged to treat the Chinese with respect. But respect must work both ways. The longer the release of the crew members is delayed, the more one must conclude that Mr. Qian's pledge to cooperate with Washington was an empty promise.

Continued Chinese heavy-handedness will certainly result in more calls for increased arms sales by Taiwan's supporters in the United States. Any attempt by Beijing to trade the crew or aircraft's release for a reduction in arms sales is sure to backfire.

Poor handling of this incident by either side could result in a serious setback in the broader relationship and would magnify the impact of other decisions. Instead of merely asserting that the other is to blame, both sides should agree to cooperate in a full inquiry into the accident, aimed first and foremost at ensuring that this type of tragedy does not occur again.

The Chinese government should also ensure that a full, fair, and objective accounting of what actually happened reaches the Chinese people.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA HOCKEY TEAM

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to recognize the University of North Dakota's hockey team. As a native North Dako- tan, I am very proud of the rich hockey tradition at the University of North Dakota. The defending NCAA Champion "Fighting Sioux" defeated Michi- gan State in NCAA hockey's "frozen four" semi-final today in Albany, New York by a final score of 2-0. They will defend their title Saturday at 4 p.m. in the national championship game.

Dean Blais, the team's coach, has done a fantastic job in continuing the UND hockey program's tradition of excellence. The "Fighting Sioux" have
won a total of 7 national championships. In just 6 years as head coach, Blais has led the team to four Western Collegiate Hockey Association regular season titles in the past five years and National championships in 1997 and 2000. Last year, the “Fighting Sioux” were honored as the first collegiate hockey team ever invited to the White House.

The “Fighting Sioux” are led by Jeff Panzer, a Grand Forks, North Dakota native who is nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, which recognizes college hockey’s top player. Panzer had 26 goals and 55 assists during the regular season and led the Nation in scoring with 81 points. But at UND, teamwork and team spirit has always been a paramount, and the team’s success this year has once again been the product of a team effort.

On behalf of the entire State of North Dakota, I wish the “Fighting Sioux” the best of luck in the championship game on Saturday. I’ll be cheering for you.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, April 4, 2001, the Federal debt stood at $5,777,864,856,329.85, Five trillion, seven hundred seventy-seven billion, eight hundred sixty-four million, three hundred twenty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents.

One year ago, April 4, 2000, the Federal debt stood at $5,768,855,000,000. Five trillion, seven hundred eighty-five million dollars and eighty-five cents.

Five years ago, April 4, 1996, the Federal debt stood at $5,137,761,000,000. Five trillion, one hundred thirty-seven billion, seven hundred sixty-one million dollars.

Ten years ago, April 4, 1991, the Federal debt stood at $3,465,170,000,000. Three trillion, four hundred sixty-five billion dollars.

Fifteen years ago, April 4, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $2,021,383,000,000. Two trillion, two hundred one billion, three hundred eighty-three million dollars.

As a member of Congress, he won the respect of both Republicans and Democrats for his dignity, intelligence and integrity. He chaired the House Select Committee on Ethics, crafting the Congressional code of ethics. He also served on the House Select Committee on Assassinations, helping to investigate the deaths of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Preyer never compromised his principles for victory. An unabashed optimist, Rich turned his loss into opportunity. Four years after his defeat, he ran for Congress. Congressman Preyer went on to serve the people of North Carolina’s 6th District for 6 terms, from 1968 to 1980.

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Congressman Preyer left the House of Representatives in 1980. He and his wife Emily returned home to Greensboro, where they continued to touch the lives of so many in our community and in their state. I am personally grateful to Rich for his encouragement during my Senate campaign in 1998.

Richardson Preyer was truly a blessing to all the people of North Carolina. We will miss him deeply. Our prayers go out to his family.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN “ANDY” LOVE’S PROMOTION TO MAJOR GENERAL

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I want to join my colleagues in congratulating a special Coloradan, John A. Love, for his promotion to Major General of the Colorado Air National Guard.

Just last week, on March 30, 2001, John Love, who is better known as Andy by his family and friends, earned his second star as a Major General when the U.S. Senate unanimously approved his promotion. His promotion to Major General was Andy’s 7th promotion since he first started his military career with the Colorado National Guard as a Second Lieutenant on June 1st, 1988. I send my congratulations to Andy from the floor of the U.S. Senate for this well deserved promotion.

Major General Andy Love’s roots run deep and true in Colorado. His distinguished father, John Arthur Love, was elected to serve as the Governor of Colorado three times. Governor Love was first elected Governor in 1962 and served the people of Colorado well. Governor Love also served as the Chairman of the National Governors’ Conference from 1969-1970. In 1972, his time as Governor ended when he was appointed by President Nixon to serve as our nation’s first Director of the Energy Policy Office, a predecessor of the U.S. Department of Energy.

In addition, Andy’s sister, Rebecca Love Kourlis, currently serves the people of Colorado as a Justice on the Colorado Supreme Court. Other members of the Love family have also served Colorado, and continue to serve to this day.

Major General Love’s career with the Colorado Air National Guard has gone far beyond the “one weekend a month, two weeks a year” commitment we usually think of when we think of this kind of service. For the past 34 years, Andy has dedicated time every week, putting in more than 2,500 flying hours. He did this to keep his skills as a fighter pilot sharp and current. Over the past 34 years he has mastered several generations of fighters, including the F-100, A-7 and F-16. Andy’s proficiency and commitment has been underscored twice by his winning the squadron’s “Top Gun” award, and he won these distinctions on two different fighter jets.

In his newest role, Major General Love serves as an assistant to the commander of the Air Force Space Command and the director of Air National Guard Forces at Peterson Air Force Base. He is responsible for advising the commander on all issues impacting the Air National Guard and provides administrative oversight of assigned personnel. He also is slated with assuring