



Excerpts:

Senate Floor Statement of Senator Lugar

**Statement on the Additional Protocol Agreement with
the International Atomic Energy Agency Regarding
Safeguards in the United States**

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*Additional Protocol to the Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency
Regarding Safeguards in the United States, Floor Statement by Senator Richard G.
Lugar, March 31, 2004:*

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Iran's clandestine drive toward a nuclear weapons capability was partly exposed by an Iranian resistance group and confirmed by the IAEA. Then, Germany, France, and the United Kingdom concluded separate negotiations with Tehran in which the regime agreed to abandon its uranium enrichment program and to cease all efforts to pursue nuclear weapons. Iran signed an Additional Protocol with the IAEA last December. In January, Iranian Foreign Minister Kharrazi appeared to hedge on Iran's commitment by suggesting that Tehran had agreed "to the suspension, not stopping, of the uranium enrichment process." Then, last February, in his latest report on Iran, IAEA Director General ElBaradei noted that inspectors had found in Iran technical designs for so-called "P-2" centrifuges similar to those the Agency discovered in Libya, designs not declared to the IAEA. Iran has also failed to declare a pilot uranium enrichment facility, importation of many nuclear fuel cycle components, and experiments with plutonium separation.

Lastly with regard to Iran, Mr. President, there are there are extremely disturbing press accounts of inspectors finding traces of highly enriched Uranium-235, which could have but one use, in a nuclear weapon. The United States has made no secret of our view that Iran is developing nuclear weapons.

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