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SCHAKOWSKY'S STATEMENT FOLLOWING FAILURE OF US TO FIND WMDS IN IRAQ

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued the following statement on the failure of David Kay, head of the 1200 U.S. inspection team, to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq:

"President Bush forced our nation to war based on an immediate threat that did not exist. President Bush's weapons inspector, David Kay, confirmed that sad reality today when he announced that he has not found any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

"David Kay is asking for more time and more money to find weapons of mass destruction, yet President Bush couldn't wait to invade Iraq because it posed an imminent threat to our national security. President Bush and his Administration exaggerated the truth and stretched pre-war intelligence. Sadly, American soldiers and Iraqi civilians died.

"The real danger to our national security today is the Bush Administration's policies in Iraq that are isolating the United States and placing a heavy financial burden on American taxpayers."