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MR. MUSKIE. Mr. President, I would like to bring to my colleagues' attention a recent article by one of our nation's most distinguished diplomats, W. Averell Harriman.

In the May 16 Outlook section of the Washington Post, Governor Harrisman discusses the recently defeated Mansfield amendment from the unique perspective of a man who has been directly involved in the issue of our NATO commitment from the very beginning.

Noting that our tropp commitment to NATO has extended far beyond the original intention, Governor Harriman stresses the need for a thorough re-evaluation of what he terms an "unhealthy" situation.

I commend Governor Harriman's thoughts to my colleagues in the Senate, for although the Mansfield amendment has been defeated, the issue is one which we must face again in the near future and which will demand the most thoughtful deliberation for its resolution.

Certainly, Governor Harriman's views will be helpful to us in this process.

I ask unanimous consent that the article, entitled "An Unwise Reaction to Unwise Policies," be printed in the Record at this point.