Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you for

hosting this timely hearing this morning.

Thank you to Deputy Secretary Steinberg for being here.

If I could respectfully recommend, you buy a heavy winter coat

and boats because Syracuse University is in my District, so long

hard winters up there.

I, too, with my colleagues share the concerns that we have heard

here, and I will forward to hearing the answers to these questions

about why the U.N., why the NATO, why the Arab League was

consulted before the Congress and before the American people. So,

I look forward to this morning’s hearing.

Thank you.

Thank you, Madam Chairman.

And thank you, again, for being here this morning, Mr. Steinberg.

I want to start out my questions first with Pan Am 103 an what

our chairwoman mentioned at the beginning of this hearing, and

that is our concern. I am sure you are well aware of 38 students

from Syracuse University were on that flight.

And about a month ago we had the opportunity to

interview Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and I asked her that

question: What will this administration do to be sure that we are

collecting evidence and that we will prosecute the parties responsible

which we have good reason to believe is Mr. Ghadafi? And I

would encourage you, strongly encourage you and this administration

to pursue that. There are so many families who are still waiting

for closure. They have not had this one final piece put into

place. An so, on their behalf we implore this administration.

We now have a good opportunity with the defection of the Foreign

Minister yesterday to take this opportunity to ask questions

and to find out so we can prosecute Mr. Ghadafi for this heinous,

heinous crime.

Thank you.

Beyond that now I want to talk a little bit, we have heard so

much about ground troops. And right now you have mentioned that

we are not going to pursue that. But you did mention in the U.N.

Resolution occupation forces, and you sort of touched on that but

you did not really elaborate on that. Can you take that phrase out

of the U.N. Resolution and expand for us what that means and

whether or not, because we witnessed this administration unilaterally

applying authority for the missiles, now whether or not any

further steps would be required by this administration to commit

grounds and if not? So, I would like to hear your thoughts on that.

What does the U.N. Resolution call for with regards

to this occupation forces?

I think the concern of this Congress is that the

policies have been so vague in our mission, in our goals and what

are we doing there, and what is the end game that we were concerned

that now committing ground troops there may be something,

again, it is not brought to the Congress and it is not brought

to the American people. And I think that that is the concern here;

that this whole operation escalates, we are in this position without

Congress’ consent and without consent of the American people. As

my colleague Mr. Pence mentioned, it was a unilateral authority

that got us into this. So now how do we prevent any further commitment

of troops from our country?

Can you assure this Congress that the President

would not commit ground troops without consenting and having a

conversation with the Congress?

Thank you very much.

Thanks for being here this morning.