Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you for your

continued stewardship of this committee.

I will associated myself with the remarks of Mr. Berman, Mr.

Ackerman and Mr. Rohrabacher. I will not repeat them now, but

I think they are very instructive.

I think this is no time to engage in politics or pontification. This

is a serious and critical time for our country and the world. I am

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very concerned, Mr. Secretary, about how may have leaked the

President’s findings and whether or not that puts the men and

women that we may or may not have on the ground in the intelligence

community in that country at jeopardy. I think that we

need to move forward cautiously, and this is a time for this committee

to do its job, ask the tough questions but also to understand

the difficult challenge that the President and your Department are

engaged in.