Mr. Crowley

Mr. CROWLEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate it. Maybe

the Ambassador will have an opportunity after my inquiry to respond

if he likes as well.

Let me just go back briefly, if I can, before I head into the other

issue, my main point, and that is on Russia. In terms of the efforts

that we are making in Iran as it pertains to the people of Iran and

communicating with them what the goal of the United States and

the world coalition is in terms of bringing Iran into conforming

with the will, the desire of the world as it pertains to their advancement

with the nuclear technology development. And then secondly,

our concerns about their desire, or our belief of their desire,

to develop nuclear weapons, has the United States diplomacy actually

had an impact on the Iranian people? Has Radio Farda been

doing what we expect or wanted them to do in terms of making the

communication with the Iranian people?

Mr. CROWLEY. Are we exhausting every opportunity in terms of

tools that are at your disposal in terms of making that connection?

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Mr. CROWLEY. Let me just shift back over to Russia for a moment.

Recognizing that in all likelihood it is not in our foreign policy

approach to withdraw the potential use of force, I would also

recognize, and I think that many on both sides of the aisle recognize,

that there is a fatigue that has set in, a war fatigue here in

the Nation, and certainly throughout the world. There is a world

war fatigue that has gone on. And we look to other potential crises

in Asia. Particularly you talk about North Korea and how we, the

United States, recognize the importance of China and engaging

China to impose upon the North Korean Government the serious

nature of what we are attempting to do to dismantle their nuclear

capability. And it apparently seems to have had great success, at

least in the short term. The long term remains somewhat clouded.

Has the State Department recognized that Russia—because it is

my belief Russia is the keystone here, or the link in making this

bridge work. Has the State Department recognized that Russia is

probably in the same position as China was, as it pertained to

North Korea, with Iran today?

Mr. CROWLEY. And I know that the negotiations between North

Korea, the United States, and the other willing nations, including

China, took some time. This didn’t happen overnight. And certainly

further negotiations between the United States and China and

issues of concern bilaterally between those two nations unrelated

to North Korea were also part of that.

Is it safe to say that there are also issues with Russia that may

be somewhat clouding the relationship between the United States

and Russia, and therefore the ability to have them play the same

role at this point in time as China has with the North Koreans?

Mr. CROWLEY. Including a defense missile system within the

Czech Republic and Poland.

Mr. CROWLEY. Thank you.