Thank you, Madam Chairman.

Let me just remind the panelist and the American people that

we are still at war against terror. Military strategist Sun Tzu once

advised if you know your enemy and know yourself, you need not

fear the result of a 100 battles. So I ask the question: Do we know

our enemies and do we understand their covert strategies?

In this operation in Libya, do we know who makes up the rebel

opposition? Are they receiving support from al-Qaeda or the Muslim

Brotherhood? How do we know that the Libyan rebel opposition

groups are not worse for America’s national security interests than

Ghadafi?

The Yemeni American cleric who is the top propagandist for al-

Qaeda stated in the newest edition of ‘‘Inspire,’’ which is a recruit

tool for al-Qaeda. Anwar al-Awlaki said this: ‘‘The Mujahideen

around the world are going through a moment of elation, and wonder

whether the West is aware of the upsurge of Mujahideen activity

in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Yemen, Arabia, Algeria and Morocco?’’

This is according to The New York Times, March 30th.

Global Muslim Brotherhood leader Ouseef Qaradawi, I cannot

pronounce that exactly right, he gave a sermon reported by the

Gulf media in which he called Arab leaders to recognize the Rebel

National Libya Council to confront tyranny in the regime in Tripoli.

So I ask you, sir, do we honestly know who makes up the rebel

opposition?

All right. In the essence of time, I saw in the news

today that CIA has gone into Libya to try to determine who the

rebels are. And so I will commend the administration and the CIA

for finally trying to determine that.

On a separate line of questioning, the President said in his

speech Monday night that in Libya we are faced with a prospect

of violence on a horrific scale, and we had a unique ability to stop

that violence. Did we? That is a rhetorical question.

And you mentioned humanitarian intervention a couple of times

as I have been sitting here. So, to be clear, if humanitarian intervention

is the President’s justification for action, tell me why we

have not invaded Uganda? And if this is the Obama doctrine that

the United States will intervene for humanitarian reasons, then

tell me why we have not invaded Sudan, Chad, Congo, Bahrain,

the Ivory Coast, Syria, Iran, and other areas where we have seen

humanitarian needs where civilian populations have been attacked

by their governments, decimated in many local instances? And so

is that what the Obama administration, this administration, is trying

to set as American foreign policy that we are going to send

Americans into harm’s way and expend American resources? When

we are $14 trillion in debt, are we going to send to every corner

of the world where there is humanitarian needs? And that is a rhetorical

question as well.

So, I am concerned that we are setting a precedent here that we

may not be able to live up to.

I am also concerned that this administration talked to the U.N.,

NATO, and the Arab League prior to talking to this Congress.

I applaud him for coming yesterday, the administration coming

yesterday to bring us up to speed. But, Madam Chairman, I wish

he would have informed us ahead of time.

Thank you.