Thank you very much. And thank you, Madam

Chair, for allowing us to have 1 minute and Mr. Steinberg, Secretary,

for your commitment.

Let me just say that, you know I guess anything that the President

does is well, I heard someone say, ‘‘If you walk on water, they

say you could not swim.’’ So, the fact that 1 year ago when the

Lockerbie bomber was released, everybody said ‘‘How terrible it is.

All of a sudden Libya is the worst place in the world.’’ It is amazing

now that I heard people wondering why we are in Libya, all

of a sudden in 1 year there has been a total change in our position

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against Libya. It is sort of strange. I do not know whether it is who

called for action rather than the action taken.

I would also certainly like to know that our responsibility to protect

is certainly something that is very important. I think that we

would like to find out about NATO’s roles.

And, I would also like to know about the treatment of the socalled

minorities that are in Libya right now who have been accused

of being supported with the mercenaries.

Thank you very much.

Thank you very much.

As I indicated before, I commend the President for waiting until

there could be a consensus with the Europeans and for the Arab

League for the first time to ask the west to intervene I think is

something that we keep losing the importance of that.

Just about Ghadafi in general. You know, I think that his intimidation

of many African leaders over the years have kept them

quiet. As a matter of fact, though, if you want to put his hand on

a dastardly group. Was Charles Taylor who went into Sierra Leone

and got together with the group the RUF who were chopping off

hands of women and children to get the blood diamonds. And so

Charles Taylor is a direct result of Ghadafi, so I am not so sure

that African leaders really have that much of a real appreciation

for Ghadafi.

They talk about the fact that we do not know who the persons

are. I met with former Ambassador of Libya Aujali and he gave me

the names of the 27 people who were in the provisional government

at that time who are leading the discussions for Libya. So the governing

group is not a total mystery. Many people who have been

imprisoned by Ghadafi in the past are a part of the group.

All of a sudden al-Qaeda comes up. I am not so sure that al-

Qaeda is in Libya, but you throw that up and that sends a red flag

to say that we need to be careful.

I think we do need to be careful, but there will have to be somebody

on the ground to combat Ghadafi’s troops. And it is going to

have to be Libyans. I think if they are trained and are equipped,

and they have the will to fight because they are fighting for their

freedom that they have been suppressed for decades and decades.

And so I think that the liberation persons will really have an opportunity

because I also believe that there will be deflections from

the military of Libya.

I have a question, though, about the behavior of some of the liberation

people as relates to sub-Saharan Africans. As you know,

there are black Africans that work in Libya. It has been alleged

that there were some mercenaries that were forcibly brought into

Libya by Ghadafi. I question how many there are because

Ghadafi’s forces are strong enough without a sort of ragtag group

of mercenaries from sub-Saharan Africa. However, the liberation

people have taken out on black Africans who are workers in Libya

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and have threatened them and have brutalized some of them. Some

of them are afraid to go to the hospital because they think that

they might get killed in the hospital. So I wonder whether our Government

is looking into the liberation people, so called good guys,

who are taking out black workers in Libya and also actually blacks

who live in Libya who are Libyans because of the rumor about the

mercenaries that are there. Do you have any light on that? And if

we could have any message to the rebel groups, that we should say

that we do not think that this is right?