Yes, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Conyers, on this side.

I think the point about the sanctions in South

Africa that should be made is that those sanctions were crafted and

imposed in consultation with the ANC, with those forces in South

Africa that were attempting to overthrow the apartheid system, the

apartheid regime. But that, in my opinion, has not occurred, and

I do not know if it is feasible, within Iraq nor in Cuba. I have visited

Cuba on several occasions. I have spoken with dissidents

there. The ones with whom I have discussed the issue of the sanctions,

indicate that it does not accrue to their benefit. I think that

is important.

In this particular case, if I am clear as to your position, it is that.

I would hope that when the Administration witnesses come before

us to testify, that they speak first to the issue of the validity of that

5,000-a-month figure. I think that is very important, because it is

something that no matter what, if we can do anything to reduce

that figure, I think it is a moral obligation on the United States

to do.

It would be your position if that figure is accurate, that if we lifted

the economic sanctions, then the burden and the onus would

then be on Saddam Hussein and the regime to distribute, in a fair

and equitable manner, resources to reduce that figure. If it did not,

he then would lose support, popular support, and the battle of public

opinion within the country. Is that your position?

It would become very clear to the Iraqi people

that it was not the Great Satan, it was, in fact, the regime itself

that was responsible for the tragedy that is occurring.

I yield to Mr. Berman.

Just one question, that is all. I know we are running

out of time. We have a vote. The 5,000 figure that UNICEF

claims, if you could respond, is that a fair and accurate figure?

I do not care where it came from. I am just interested

in the accuracy of the figure. I do not want an explanation.

We have got to vote, Mr. Welch. I have great respect

for you, but is it a figure that, give or take——

I am not blaming the United States. I just want

to know.

I am not even asking for causality. I am just

saying——

Mr. Welch, I respect that, but we have less than

a moment. Are we talking approximately 5,000 dying?

So, you cannot question the validity or the legitimacy.

You do not have enough information to challenge the validity

of the numbers.

I am not even suggesting that there is a causality.

I did not mean to suggest that. But I just wanted to see if

there is a disagreement or if there is credible evidence that, that

is an inaccurate figure. You do not have any evidence.

Sure.

We have got to go vote. Thank you.