Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I associate myself with

the comments made by Assistant Secretary Welch, and I would like

to conserve some of our time and wait for questions.

The Administration would certainly welcome anything

that improves the humanitarian situation for the people inside

Iraq. That is the primary reason that we worked so hard on

the various elements of 1284 that Assistant Secretary Welch has

just described. What I cannot say is what kind of cross-border system

might work the best. I would not want to equate the situation

in Iraq with the situation in Afghanistan, in that respect.

It is certainly a proposal that we have been working on with Mr.

Chalabi, have been discussing with him and with some of his colleagues

and would welcome discussing further with the Committee.

We have not gotten as far as drafting a proposal, no.

I think it is probably very difficult to overstate the

amount of repression that there is inside Iraq. There is no question

that there are people who would like very much, a lot of people

would like very much, to come out from under that repression, to

come out from under the Saddam Hussein regime. That has been

the case for a very long time, certainly since he first took over and

from the days that I lived and worked there.

We actually do not know that.

That is exactly right.

He kills anybody before they even have a thought in

their head about what they might do.

That would be correct.