Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I apologize; my

questions certainly may be redundant because I was not here for

much of the hearing. So I apologize in advance for this.

But name a single country in the world, really, that would benefit

as a result of Iran obtaining a nuclear weapon. I mean, maybe,

I don’t know, North Korea or something. But what country in the

world would possibly be happy about that, would be okay with the

idea of Iran becoming a nuclear power?

All right. Let us talk about the ones that certainly

would have an interest in this, especially those in what we

would call the Sunni Crescent. This is their desire to maintain that

crescent, and not have a Shi’a full moon there, all right?

So you have got countries in the area that certainly it is not in

their best interests. And the question in my mind is whether they

will accommodate, you know, in the absence of the United States

from the area itself; will they simply accommodate Iran and just

try to live with it, no matter what Iran does? Or will they actively

participate in some scheme or other that would work to overthrow

the regime, or at least do what they can to stop them from acquiring

nuclear weaponry? The countries right in the region that actually

have the most to fear.

Sir.

Okay. But isn’t the enmity that exists within

Islam itself in these various schisms—the Shi’a, Sunni, and there

are others, of course, that exist—isn’t the enmity so great that how

does one accommodate that? Aren’t they always going to be concerned

about the fact that the ultimate desire of the other party—

in this case, Iran—would be to eliminate, to destroy Sunnis? And

therefore, there is no way. You are going to have to figure out a

way to change the regime.

Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I do have just

one last thing.

There are organizations, of course, that are part of the Iranian

diaspora that we hear from time to time, and I read a great deal

about in terms of what services they have provided to the United

States. I am speaking specifically of the MEK. I know that their

background is, shall we say spotty, and that there is a lot of concern

about whether it is a cultive personality and the nature of the

organization, all that sort of thing.

But my greatest I guess quest here is to try to determine whether

or not they can be of help to us. I don’t care what they looked

like 35 years ago. I want to know whether or not they can be helpful

to us today, and whether or not all the stuff that I read in

terms of the generals who were in charge of Camp Ashraf, for instance,

who have written letters saying these people are great, the

FBI and the State Department has interviewed every single person

in the camp and said nothing to worry about here, these are certainly

not terrorists, yet they are on the terrorist watch list; they

got there apparently because there was some desire to placate the

regime, and this was during the last administration.

I just want to know, can these people be used for our purposes?

They know the language, they know the culture. They have apparently

given us good information, at least that is what we are told,

with regard to the nuclear facilities in Iran, identifying them, and

a number of other things.

I am trying to separate out fact from fiction in this whole thing,

and determine whether or not there is any opportunity.

Well, let me ask you this. There seems to be an

enormous amount of concern on the part of the regime about that

possibility. I mean, apparently the Mullahs hate the MEK with a

passion that is unbridled, certainly in the stuff they say.

You know, I keep thinking to myself, if that is the case, if they

really are that worried about these people, it may not be the worst

thing in the world to at least use whatever leverage we can by saying

well, this is a possibility. Unless Tehran, if we wanted to use

it as a way to make them move away, for instance, from a nuclear

program. Is there anything we can do?

Maybe we can’t talk about it in this kind of a setting. That is

one thing that is possible. I mean, there are certainly covert operations

that may have to be undertaken, and that we can’t discuss.

But I am just thinking that if they despise them as much as they

do, if they fear them as much as they do, if the Mullahs fear the

MEK as much as they appear to, there is something there we

should be able to take advantage of. I am just hoping.

All right, well, thank you. Anybody else is welcome.

A very heavy?

Yes, well, that is true that that is their agenda.

And they tell you they want a secular, I mean, non-sectarian,

democratic Iraq. I don’t know. But anyway, thank you very much,

gentlemen, for your observations.