Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank you for being

here today. And I want to commend Congressman Royce; he had

the question I had for you, Dr. Levitt.

And indeed, the import-export credits, I look forward to getting

the information from you as to the countries that are facilitating

these credits.

Additionally, you and Dr. Byman have pointed out that this is

a modern economy, it is a trading economy. And in terms of which

countries do they mostly trade with, and what do they trade?

And it is my understanding India, China are major

trading partners. And indeed, I would hope that they would understand

a point that Mr. Berman brought up in regard to Russia.

It is really frustrating to me that the potential of nuclear development

in Iran, to me, is a greater, more immediate threat to Russia

possibly than any other country, with the proximity of

Chechnia, the ease of land travel. It will take a little while to get

to us.

But why can’t they comprehend this threat? And I would also extend

it to China. Why can’t, with the potential of unrest, understand

that nuclear proliferation directly impacts Russia and China?

And back again on Russia. It is so frustrating to me

that, as we are developing our missile interceptor sites in Eastern

Europe, these are obviously, whether they be in the Czech Republic

or Poland, directed at Iran, not the Russian Federation. But it is

so sad to me somehow they have perceived this as anti-Russian,

when again I would think that most of us are very hopeful about

the emerging democracy of Russia, and that they would understand

that this is not a slap at that.

Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Mr. Byman, I was

intrigued in your testimony. You state that Iran has been more

helpful than harmful in advancing the cause of stability of democracy

in Iraq. In contravention of that, they obviously have been

providing upgraded IEDs.

Although what you say really should maybe in their interests be

a stable Iraq. And so how do you explain, and how do you explain

the providing of upgraded IEDs?

The majority rules.

Wouldn’t another contradiction be their support for

Hezbollah and clearly identified terrorist organizations?

Which is an extraordinary threat to the United

States and its allies.

And Mr. Albright, you were discussing the nuclear

capabilities. Are you knowledgeable, or any of you who may want

to respond, in regard to delivery systems, in regard to missiles?

Their range, their accuracy?

And southeastern Europe.

Thank you very much.