I will get straight to my questions.

Madam Secretary, 2 years ago you committed to me, at a hearing

similar to this, that I would have all of the documents made available

to me to examine concerning American policy toward Afghani-

stan. Because I made the charge then and continue to make the

charge today, that there has been a covert policy of support of the

Taliban by this Administration in Afghanistan.

Madam Secretary, just today we finally got word from the State

Department that the final batch of documents would be available.

Do you think 2 years, 2 years, is a good-faith effort on the part of

the State Department to comply with a request, a legitimate request

from a member of an oversight committee to your department?

Two years.

It is not in my possession; and finally we got

a call today, after 2 years of requesting, that leads people to suspect

that perhaps the suspicions about American policy in Afghanistan

are accurate.

Every time Rick Inderfurth, your assistant,

goes to Pakistan, there is an offensive shortly thereafter by the

Taliban wiping out their opponents; and we will go into that at another

hearing at another time, perhaps, not in front of the public.

Madam Secretary, your claim that we are not spending enough

money because of our balanced budget commitment here in Congress

for diplomatic needs, especially concerning the former Soviet

Union, it rings a little bit hollow. Let me ask you, how does that

stack up with the fact that there have been billions of dollars that

we know that we have provided to the Soviet Union that have just

disappeared? We have all heard and seen those reports. Are those

reports inaccurate?

Former Soviet Union, I said.

There has not been missing hundreds of millions

or billions of dollars in IMF loans that have been extended

to the Russian government?

Madam Secretary, being concerned about

starving children to the point that you throw money down a rat

hole, where corrupt people are stealing hundreds of millions of dollars—

yet we still pour money down that rat hole, and then complaining

to Congress that we are not giving you more. I don’t believe

that the American people hear that with a sympathetic ear.

Sometimes we have an honest disagreement

as to where to draw that line when we are dealing with a corrupt

government. What about weapons transfers? As we are providing

that aid to Russia and Russia is providing weapons to Communist

China that are designed to kill American sailors, to sink American

aircraft carriers, like the destroyers that were recently transferred

from Russia to China?

I am not going to say that everything in our dealings with Russia

is perfect. It is not. There are problems. We raise it with them.

There are questions. We will continue to ask questions. There is

corruption. We raise those questions all the time. But I think we

have to keep this in context as to what is going on in terms of our

trying to develop a relationship with a former adversary which

serves U.S. national interests.