Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good to see you.

I want to say hello to Ambassador Jendayi Frazer and Mr. Pierson.

I also had an opportunity to be in Darfur. We took a Nightline

television crew in, along with Don Shield, and had an opportunity

to go into a village that had been attacked; and we talked to survivors

about what had happened there. Without question, the African

Union observer team that we later met up with told us two

things: One, there had been an attack that day in another village

further south; and, second, that the Government in Sudan was in-

volved in the attack, the government was involved in the bombing,

the government was involved in the half tracks of military vehicles

that swept in after the Janjaweed made their attack.

And the thing we heard from the victims that survived, including

the children, they drew us pictures of the aircraft that were heading

off. You could see what type of aircraft it was. They drew us

pictures of, you know, the national Islamic front government forces

and the Janjaweed.

One young boy put out his hand, and his hand was missing. It

was bandaged you see. The Janjaweed had cut off his hand.

I think—and you can address this during your testimony—but

given the fact that the Sudanese Government has been so slow in

rolling out the provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement

that was signed in the south to end that country’s long, long winds

of war, I think we have to ask ourselves, do we believe the Government

of Sudan will be more committed to living up to the commitments

of this Abuja agreement?

I think the other thing that our policymakers have to consider

is that numerous agreements that intended to bring peace to

Sudan have been signed in the past, and they have been violated

and ignored.

So we have to be thinking about the repercussions for non-compliance

with the terms of Darfur Peace Agreement. We have to

think about who is going to be the guarantor and what enforcement

mechanisms will the guarantor have at its disposal.

So for us to be realistic—I very much appreciate the good work

Ambassador Frazer has done on this and Mr. Pierson, but I think

these are questions we have to address.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.