Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of questions.

First of all, could you give us an update on the status of any of

the ongoing investigations of the International Criminal Court? I

believe that that is a very important part of the solution, should

we ever reach one in Sudan, that somebody actually be brought to

justice.

There is a certain degree of fear, I think, on the part of the people

who are involved with the atrocities here that we may actually

pursue them, and something like this might be helpful. So I would

just be interested to know what is happening on that front.

The other thing is, what is the situation in Chad? What is the

relationship between Chad and the Khartoum Government? What

can we expect? What can we—or should we fear some sort of, you

know, continuation of hostilities or beginning of hostilities, maybe

I should say?

And then, lastly, what are the events in eastern Sudan that we

may be wanting to watch for, because I know that it is another hot

spot beginning to develop.

So we are not in communication? Even though

there is no request for assistance, we don’t communicate with them

on that basis?

I understand, and I appreciate that, but if we

could just get some indication of where they are in the process, I

would certainly like to know.

Do either of you think that the potential for continued

violence throughout Sudan and at various parts, if we are

successful in bringing peace to Darfur—it does seem to me, I must

admit to you, looking at this now for the 8 years that I have been

here and the travels that I have had with Mr. Payne to Sudan,

that the Government of Sudan either has a policy of continual

strife in the country, for reasons that I am not sure I understand.

But it does seem that way, and/or they are unable to actually devise

a coherent strategy for the country. I am not sure which, but

I fear that it may be a mixture of both. And it puts us in this precarious

position of again going to hot spots and anticipating the

next one that is coming, because it certainly has been the modus

operandi of the government.

Quite disconcerting. Thank you very much.