Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, thank you for coming today. I did not have the

benefit of the earlier testimony, so please forgive me if this is a little

bit redundant, but in light of Mr. Rohrabacher ’s last comment,

it might be germane as well.

You say in your statement that we continue to see a diplomatic

way forward to gain full adherence to the Joint Statement. Would

you unpack for me some diplomatic linkages, first between China

and North Korea? Because obviously China is in the strongest position,

certainly in the short term, to effect a positive outcome in this

regard.

And secondly, our diplomatic linkage to China to, again, help us

position China or compel China or admonish China or cajole China

into using their strength toward the resolution, particularly in regards

to the Joint Statement.

And how far are we willing to go? Obviously

we encourage, we talk, we admonish, with the Chinese to develop

that linkage to the North Korea situation. In other words, we have

strength of relationship with China, certainly an economic

strength, there are very great weaknesses in our relationship, but

how far are we willing to go in terms of that relationship to, again,

encourage or compel the Chinese to use perhaps even more aggressive

influence on the North Koreans?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.