Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I didn’t read the report that was alluded to—welcome, Ambassador.

I am not familiar with the report that was alluded to by my

friend and colleague from California, Mr. Rohrabacher, about the

assistance being provided by the Chinese Government to the development

of a nuclear weapon program by North Korea. Could you

bring me up to date on that report?

Could you tell me who authored the report?

Well, again, I am unfamiliar—maybe you can tell

me who this particular group is, and is it an authorized—was it established

by an act of Congress, or is it an advisory group to the

Administration?

I am not asking about the substance of the report.

Well, I will read that with great interest because—

and please correct me, Ambassador, but obviously, the national

security of the United States is implicated by what has occurred

recently in North Korea, but it may be drawing the incorrect

inference. But I would presume that the national security of

the People’s Republic of China was put at risk by the developments

recently in North Korea.

You indicated that in your conversations with Chinese officials,

they expressed anger. Did they express concern about their own

national security, given the developments in relationship to the nuclear

test and what we presume to be the development of nuclear

weapons by North Korea?

Because that would just seem illogical to me,

from the perspective of the national security interests of the Chinese,

you know, to have a program, let alone participate in helping

the development of a nuclear weapons program. Again, I am not

disputing my friend and colleague’s concern or what he is reporting

that will be stated tomorrow, but that just—I find that shocking,

because I would hope that we don’t have to go to great lengths to

compel the Chinese Government, to influence the Chinese Government.

I am sure they are very adroit at recognizing their own national

security interests. I would hope that they would take a leading

role in persuading the North Koreans to desist and to

denuclearize the Korean Peninsula. Do you have a comment?

Thank you, Ambassador.

And before I conclude, I would like to extend my good wishes to

the gentleman behind me who is chairing the Committee. Jim

Leach has been an extraordinary contributor to the dialogue and

to the conversation, the public conversation on issues of profound

concern to all of us. He will be sorely missed.

Jim, I think you know that you command deep respect from this

side of the aisle. So let me add my kudos to those that have already

been stated, and that will continue, justifiably, to go your

way as you depart. Best of luck.

I will be very brief. I just want to associate myself

in full measure with the observations of Mr. Leach. And I

would encourage the Administration to secure a copy of the transcript

to review that, to take it to heart. I think you are going to

be hearing much of that in the course of the next 2 years. And I

would encourage extending those remarks, whether it be Latin

America or wherever it be, because the concept of respect and respect

for process in contact is important.

I was very impressed with the former Secretary of State, Jim

Baker, when he reminded us that it was 16 trips to Syria that finally

resulted in an unsuccessful—but did result—dialogue between

Syria and Israel relative to Golan Heights, and I thank the

gentleman for yielding.