Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Deputy Secretary, I welcome the chance to work with you. You

showed great commitment to Africa as the U.S. Trade Representative.

Now you have thrown yourself into the Sudan crisis. Moving

ahead will require the energetic commitment you gave to the

United States-Africa trade agenda. The last Congress came to the

conclusion that the Sudanese Government was responsible for genocidal

killing in Darfur. The Administration seconded that finding,

and President Bush signed legislation affirming it.

In January, I travelled to Darfur, a trip that reconfirmed the

genocide finding for me. We were in Tine, a town formerly of

20,000, where there are 200 survivors.

If we believe the genocide is occurring in Darfur, and I know that

other factors are in play, including land disputes, but if these don’t

void the genocidal factors, then we should act with great urgency.

You have gone to the Sudan, and the United States has done far

more than many other countries, many of which don’t wish to believe

that genocide is occurring. But I can’t help but sense that

greater urgency is needed.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.