Mr. Chairman, there is certainly no greater problem,

more of a conundrum, in the world that we confront in Sudan.

It is extremely important. I hope that we will take this into consideration

during all of our deliberations and during every time we

have an opportunity to address a member of the Administration,

that we never made a single ounce of progress, ever, in the entire

time that we have been working in this area, without confronting,

without making it impossible for Khartoum to do anything else.

They only did what they did when we took away all other options.

It wasn’t because they wanted peace. It was because they had no

other option at that time, and they look forward to the, I think,

time when we aren’t looking as carefully at this.

The complexity of those challenges require high-level commitment

on the part of the United States over a long period of time.

Appointing a special envoy to Sudan would commit that attention

without elevating our diplomatic presence there, and I would like

to hear where the Administration is in the process of evaluating

this proposal.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Deputy

Secretary.

If the Ranking Member’s comments earlier on were correct—and,

first of all, I certainly agree with his characterization of your presentation.

But if he was correct in that, because you did so well in

preparing for this and delivering the information, that from this

point on your testimony will always be received by the Full Committee.

That is a fulfillment of the old adage that no good deed goes

unpunished.

I am sure you were. I am just saying it for you.

I will only ask one question and then yield what time I might

have left to Mr. Burton, as he has a question or two also.

Mine deals specifically with the ICC. I met not too long ago with

the chief prosecutor. We talked to him about what it is he may

need from us, what help he may need from us. I just want to make

sure that there are no problems, to the best of your knowledge,

that would prevent us from being able to supply him with whatever

information he needs in having American officials work with him.

I know, of course, in referring to the fact that we abstained from

the resolution, that set the ICC in motion on this issue. But there

is, of course, that provision in law in the American Service Members

Protection Act which permits the U.S. Government to render

assistance in efforts to bring to justice Saddam Hussein, Slobodan

Milosevic, Osama bin Laden, other members of al-Qaeda, other

leaders of Islamic Jihad and the other foreign nationals accused of

genocide, war crimes, or crimes against humanity. So with that

proviso and with the amendment that we added to the State Department

authorization, do you see any obstacles that would pre-

vent us from being able to provide the kind of support that you

may need to pursue his quest for justice through the ICC?

Thank you.

Certainly.

Okay. Although I am intimidated by having your

lawyers talk to my staff, because I don’t have any lawyers on my staff.

I yield the balance of my time to Mr. Burton.