. Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for joining us

today.

There is a dualistic view toward the United States, so often, in

many cases, we are seen as imperialistic or through the lens of

being a neocolonial power, yet, at the same time, an entanglement

such as this, with Georgia and Russia, is received with calls from

the international community that the United States take a leadership

role.

That is a bit ironic, and I want to, in light of that, ask you about

the Europeans’ response. How robust has that been? I would like

you to unpack that for me. Clearly, the President of France has

played a critical role here, but the European response, and I will

follow up afterward with you.

. In your statement, you say, ‘‘We must show

solidarity and determination with our European allies and that, depending

upon how Russia responds in the next few weeks, we will

consider specific steps thoughtfully.’’ What does that mean?

. Do you have some specifics in that regard?

. Now, we have canceled the Civil Nuclear Cooperative

Agreement, for the time being. In the near term, are

there any plans to resubmit that or reconsider that?

. This was discussed a bit before, but how serious

of a setback is this to what is already a very mild United

States-Russian cooperation on nuclear nonproliferation issues in

Iran? Is there a linkage there?

. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I yield back.