Thank you, Madam Chair.

Secretary Sherman, let me just start with a local issue for me,

which is also part of the subject of this hearing.

Robert Levinson is a constituent of mine missing since 2007. His

wife lives in Coral Springs, Florida. In conversations that I had

with Assistant Secretary Feltman during the summer, there was

some belief that suggested that he was being held in Asia, that the

Iranians may be involved, may know. In light of the recent release

of the hikers, we have to continue to press the Iranians on this

issue. Is there anything, any additional information you can provide

for me or for Mr. Levinson’s family?

The Department is working hard to locate and

bring Mr. Levinson home and Mr. Gross as well.

I appreciate your answering my second question.

Thank you.

I also wanted to talk about these reports about China scaling

back their activities. There was a recent story, a Reuters report,

where Foreign Minister Salahi said that the Chinese are very active

in Iran. There may be one or two projects that may have been

reported in the media. One or two projects may be slow, but that

is no problem.

I guess the question I have, under the existing sanctions law—

and this gets to the broader question of are we doing everything

we can right now—under the existing sanctions law, there are, if

I understand the law correctly, three options.

We can—if we know that company is violating the law, we can

impose sanctions, we can with waive sanctions for national security

purposes, or we can designate that that company is subject to the

special rule.

The news that some Chinese companies may have scaled back

tells us that those Chinese companies are operating there. And, if

that is the case, then those companies have to be treated in one

of those three ways if these sanctions are going to have any import

at all. So are we—is that where we are going, and why haven’t we

done that yet? I am sorry. We all have limited time.

But the question is not just about whether these companies have

slowed down and whether that is having an effect. The question is,

is the sanction law doing what it should? And for it to be effective

not just with respect to those Chinese companies but with respect

to companies all around the world they have to know that we enforce

the sanctions or we will at least identify the companies and

then waive the sanctions.

I would suggest that those companies that we are

gratified are slowing down should be identified; and if they are

slowing down and have committed to leave, they should be subject

to the special rule. If we are gratified they are slowing down and

for national security purposes that is sufficient, then let’s say that.

But let’s identify those companies so that every other company

around the world who does business in violation of our sanctions

law understands what the ramifications would be.

And, unfortunately, my time is up. Madam Chair, I yield back.