Thank you, Madam Chair.

In 1979, 444 Americans were held hostage—rather, 52 Americans

were held hostage for 444 days by the Iranian tyrants. The

United States, in my opinion, has held the MEK political hostage

for 450 days for its failure to abide by a court order and the court

saying 15 months ago that the MEK was denied due process by our

State Department, and our State Department has failed to make

up its mind one way or other whether the MEK should be delisted

or stay on the list. I think that is not a good situation for the

United States State Department to be in, that it should make a decision.

And sanctions historically have never worked. It just prolongs

the inevitable, whatever that may be.

My question, Secretary Sherman, is does the United States have

a policy that supports a regime change in Iran through the people

of Iran?

Excuse me, Secretary Sherman. I only have 5 minutes,

and I don’t want you to talk so much that I don’t get an answer.

Does the United States Government have a policy that we support

the regime change by the people of Iran in their country?

But do we support the regime change? If the people of

Iran want a regime change, do we support it? Would we support

it?

I am sorry. Is that a yes or a no or you don’t know?

I think one way that we could help a regime change—

and I do believe that is the greatest hope for peace, is that there

is a regime change and that the little fellow from the desert,

Ahmadinejad, be replaced by his own people. That is the most secure

and best way for world peace, is to replace him through the

people.

But one way we can do that is show support by making up our

mind on whether the MEK should stay on the foreign terrorist organization

list or not. We just need to fish or cut bait on that issue.

And I think that, of course, that we should make the decision that

they should be delisted and let the people of Iran in their own way

change the regime, as has occurred in the Arab spring in some

other countries.

When is Iran going to have nuclear weapons, Secretary Sherman?

When do you believe they will have them?

It appears to me that, no matter what we done and

what the international community has done, Iran is still determined

to have nuclear weapons, another example that sanctions

have not been successful.

The latest situation with the Iran Government in my opinion

working with who they thought were al-Qaeda—excuse me, Zeta

operatives in Mexico to commit crimes in the United States, is

there any further policy of the United States other than to isolate

Iran, whatever that means? Are there further plans with the

United States as far as the policy goes?