I thank the chairman.

This shouldn’t be that hard. You know, we didn’t get involved in

World War II because of the Holocaust. We didn’t get involved

when 1 million Jews were killed or 2 million or 3 million or 4 million

or 1 million who weren’t Jewish killed or 2 million or 3 million

or 4 million or 5 million.

We got involved because the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and

shame on us for waiting.

We can’t just be sitting here while these people are being slaughtered

and maimed, where children are being killed because we

think it is better to observe the diplomatic niceties in our approach.

Tell that to people whose kids or kids whose families and parents

are being killed. It is unfair. It is inhumane. It is unworthy of us

as a society.

I can understand we are waiting for the appropriate time, but for

other people the time is too late. It is in our every foreign policy

interest for this guy to go.

I know what you are waiting for. You are waiting for, just like

we waited on all the others, for the guy to be everything but out

the door before we say you should go out the door, to be able to

go ‘‘whew’’ and blow him off the edge of the cliff so that there is

no risk. He is already really out. Who is going to appreciate that?

People appreciate you coming to their aid when they are at their

most vulnerable.

We are kind of risk averse here. But you know, this has to be

done. You know what the outcome is going to be, and it is not the

romantic in me that says in the end democracy is going to win and

the streets will win out. It is the mathematician in me that tells

me that.

And as somebody, and I think we all are, people who believe in

the values that we espouse, and that you have articulated so well

here today, so what’s the result of all of that reasoning and thinking

and hemorrhaging from our hearts? What are we waiting for?

Who does it hurt?

Are you worried about—are we worried about hurting his feelings?

We are hedging our bet here just in the odd chance that he

is going to be able to hang on so that we can continue to do business

with a murderer. Push him. Say it. Do it. He may not leave

when you say it, and it is no embarrassment to us if not. The embarrassment

is if we don’t say it. Can we say it, question mark?

And names will never harm me.

What is the down—Yes, I understand but what’s

the downside to saying to him get out?

Are we going to be embarrassed if he doesn’t listen?

Send them a Hallmark card.

That was important and courageous.

I’m saying——

Why not lay down your cards——

And go through all the rest of it

anyway? Tell him to get out and then continue with what you are

doing? But let people know where we stand and not be unambiguous

as we have been.

is the third time you and I have talked. We talked once in November.

We talked second in March and now here we are again.

Those previous times, in my opinion, I didn’t get a straight answer.

I think really you were just trying to kill the 5 minutes and

not give me an answer at all. There are still loudspeakers in Camp

Ashraf. What has the State Department done, if anything, to remove

the loudspeakers that are blaring into Camp Ashraf?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have tried to get

you to say regime change, something that you would not be unhappy

with from the tone of your explicit remarks. And the administration

doesn’t want to get too far forward in its skis, and despite

the fact that we have tried everything short of waterboarding and

we may want to try that later.

Come to our office.

I will move off of that, but getting it done, you

don’t have to say the words I supposed to get it done. In my opening

statement I referenced a list of things that I thought we should

be doing now that would more than ratchet up the pressure. It

would be hopefully to deal a more crushing blow to the regime, encouraging

its abdication.

What is wrong with those suggestions and why haven’t we done

that? I know we have had some sanctions on some individuals from

within the Syrian leadership, but why aren’t we ending all bilateral

trade? Why aren’t we barring all the Syrian banks from our U.S.

financial system? And why aren’t we freezing the assets of Syria,

all of the assets of Syria? And why aren’t we imposing a travel ban

on all of their government officials?

You can do them one at a time if you like. And wouldn’t that be

helpful in getting the thing done without us saying the unthinkable?

Let’s go straight to oil imports.

And financial institutions.

When can we—when can we see a recommendation

to freeze all the assets? Or would you prefer that we send that

over to you?

These are—these are tools that you have. I mean

you don’t have to go ‘‘Mother may I?’’

Why——

Let’s get precise.

Why don’t we freeze all of the Syrian assets in

the United States tomorrow and all bilateral trade with possibly

the humanitarian stuff exempted? And why don’t we ban all travel?

How long are we going to look?

Yes, but it will have—it will have some impact.

If we do it, whether we do it together

with them or not. And if we do it maybe they will do it. Why

not start?

Are you going to freeze all the Syrian assets in

the United States any time soon?

You are viewing this as a peep show. You are

looking at this. You are looking at that, and people are dying.

I am not saying you are inactive. I am saying

you are not as effective as you should be, or could be, or have to

be, or are morally obligated to be. We should be doing—if you don’t

want to say the magic words I understand that. I really don’t, but

I will say that I understand that. But I don’t understand why you

are not using all the tools at your disposal besides looking at them.

Would the gentleman yield?

Could we extend that to another minute?

Thank you. I wasn’t sure which you were referring

to of illegal immigrants in a country. Was that the Mexicans

in Arizona or the Iranians in Iraq?

Amen.

Let me try to—let me try to figure out our position

here. The Mujahidin I believe was declared—was listed I think

under the Clinton administration at the printed reports say under

the suggestion of the Iranians at the time who we were trying to

move into whatever position. The designation was continued

I was going to say this will be the—the chair

would tend to not give an additional minute, but you have got an

additional minute.

Thank you. The question is if they were delisted

on the—during the Obama administration, which I hear you asking

for, if they were delisted from the terrorist list that would present

the opportunity of absorbing them in other countries.

Including our——

Would the gentleman——

Would the gentleman be willing to establish a

quota for a reasonable number to come to the United States?

Let me—let me——

The Secretaries, would these people be considered

refugees because they could not go back to Iran because Iran

was the one who considers them terrorists?