Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate it.

And you’re going to be working those through what

forms of—through U.N. transfer, NGOs?

Or we’re doing directly?

Going to do that directly.

Well, I think the role of the U.N. in Syria and

other places be debated, and that’s fine and good. I think the issue

here is how we are proceeding with the aid that we’re sending, and

how it’s going in.

I want to flip the question back, and I want to associate myself

with the gentlelady from California, Ms. Bass, a few minutes ago

when we were talking about this issue of the next ruling as we go

along. And someone who’s been elected again who came from not

inside the country. I want to just continue down that thought for

just a second.

It just seems to me we’re playing out the same format that we

have seen many times in many countries, especially in the Middle

East, where we’re coming in with someone who’s been away, maybe

on the forefront, who’s willing, as I think your words were gave up

his work to go help in Syria. That’s a noble cause, but the legitimacy

factor here, and the weakness seems to be a continuing problem

here.

Can you address that a little bit more in detail, and say why are

we not just heading down the same road that we’ve headed down

before?

But doesn’t it concern you? I mean, I probably——

We’ve seen that sort of thought before. We’ve seen

it in Afghanistan, we’ve seen the, you know, I’ll come to help, and

then we all of a sudden see consolidation of power. I mean, we’ve

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seen this in other areas, Egypt or other places. I understand we’re

not ‘‘putting him there,’’ but I think there is influence. If we’re influencing

in other things we can—there is influence that needs to

be looked at beforehand in this process. This is not an easy topic.

I’m not asking for an easy postcard answer, but I am asking the

question, saying I’m afraid we’re going down the same path again

that will reap the same problems and benefits as we go forward.

I think this is too important for us to miss, given the fact that our

close relationship with Israel, and Jordan, and the stability in that

region, this is not something we can afford to be playing with the

next 10 to 20 years. So, I yield back, Madam Chair.