Thank you, Madam Chairman.

I missed much of the hearing because I had another one I had

to be at, so forgive me if some of these questions are redundant.

Ambassador, would you outline for me whether it’s Hezbollah, al-

Qaeda, whether the external forces that are working in Syria to

overthrow Assad, kind of in order of their strength, if you will, in

your opinion. And then let’s go a step further than that and outline

for me what you see a post-Assad Syria looking like. Who has the

most—who winds up with the most power after he leaves?

Who’s the number one external influence, al-Qaeda?

Okay. Number two?

Okay, enumerate the extremists for me.

How strong are they?

Okay. Okay.

The influence of those groups on a post-Assad government.

In your opinion, is that a good thing for American sentiments?

Well, I get that. That goes without saying. What is

the percentage chance that that’s what’s going to happen? What we

don’t want to happen is for any arms—we don’t want them to wind

up in anti-American hands, let’s face it.

Go ahead. So, what’s the percentage of likelihood in

your opinion of that happening?

Does Assad know that?

Okay. Would you call him and tell him, in case—you

know, make sure that he knows that? Now, let——

What advice would you give us to expedite that decision?

We will certainly be doing that.

Thank you. My time is expired. Thank you, Madam

Chair.