Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this

hearing on building stability and avoiding chaos in Afghanistan. It

is a tall order, and as Senator Lugar said, it has the opportunity

to be a model, if we are successful. I commend you on the hard

work you are doing.

In reading through both your testimonies, and during the hearing

thus far, I have not heard one mention of the United Nations

yet. Have we had a bad experience in our relationship with the

U.N.? Why has the U.N. not yet been mentioned here in our hearing?

Secretary Wolfowitz.

If I could take more of my time.

We have talked about the size of Afghanistan,

trying to understand how an organization such as the Taliban

could control such a large amount of territory. Senator Lugar noted

the miracle of our successful military campaign naturally leads one

to wonder what happened to the Taliban. In your testimony, you

say we have arrested 2,500 al-Qaeda members worldwide. In the

worst-case scenario, did the enemy just melt into the mountains?

Are they currently intact in their sanctuaries they might have prepared

there? Is that still a concern?

You say they might have just changed uniforms.

Is there also a fear that there are still sanctuaries in those

very rugged mountains that we saw from satellite images?

So if they are not in sanctuaries in the mountains,

are they then still amongst the general population?

A followup question would be: You talked about

not being in a quagmire. In Vietnam, one of the problems was that

our enemy was everywhere. They were simply members of the general

population. Is that a fear in Afghanistan?

Thank you very much for your testimony.