First, if I may, I just want to followup on the

Middle East situation with Israel and terrorism. I share the opinion

of my colleague from Kansas. This is a difficult situation, and

I am sure my colleague from Rhode Island, when he was discussing

concern about what is happening with the building of some barriers,

that there is not an equivalency between Iran supporting

Hezbollah, which is supporting killing, killing of Israelis, killing of

Americans, of allies of America. I am clear there is no moral

equivalency there. Iran is supporting terrorism. There is no question

about that.

The second piece of that then, just to finish the discussion about

the Middle East for a second, that portion of it, in terms of U.S.

policy, our policy is the establishment of a Palestinian state, but

the precondition of that still stands to what the President said on

June 24, that an end to terrorism is a precondition. Is that correct?

If I can just followup with a comment that

Senator Nelson raised about the jamming of the signals to Iran. I

had a chance to be in Cuba and the Cubans are very forthright.

They said we did not do it and others did it. You said other entity.

Can you identify who that other entity was? Was it Iranian officials?

So the Iranians were jamming the ability of

folks——

OK. I appreciate that.

Just one other question then. We know about the efforts for democracy

in Iran—the students rise up and they get crushed. They

were crushed brutally a number of years ago. They continue to be

crushed. How do you support democracy? What is it that we are

not doing today that will be more helpful in supporting a more

democratic Iran?

Last question, if I have the time, just to touch

upon the issue of Iran and its developing nuclear capacity. In U.S.

policy toward an arming Iran, how do we avoid the pitfalls of our

policy toward North Korea in 1994? How do you avoid the situation

where somebody says that they are going to negotiate, they are

going to sign an agreement, they are not going to go down this

track but then they don’t abide by their agreement? When they

have the record that they have had, when they have certainly, as

you indicated, the record of support for terrorism, we cannot afford

to have what happened with North Korea happen with Iran. How

do we avoid those pitfalls?

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.