Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for your public service. You are one

of the best that we have.

I would like to get you to opine. Given the recent agreement by

Iran to suspend their development of nuclear weapons, an agreement

with the Europeans, what appears to be in exchange for European

economic help for Iran, I would like for you to interpolate

that as to whether or not it would work if we were to offer economic

help in the same vein that the Europeans have.

You were talking to Senator Brownback about

the jamming. There was a report that the Cuban Government was

jamming broadcasts into Iran at a time when students were protesting

the oppression by the ruling clerics. What do you know

about that?

Since Iran is such a sponsor and benefactor of

Hezbollah and Hezbollah is clearly an impediment to the interest

of the United States in reaching a peace accord in the Middle East,

plus the fact that there is a substantial presence of Hezbollah here

in the United States, what contacts, if any, have been with the

Government of Iran about their sponsorship of Hezbollah? And if

none, what do we plan in the future?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, thank you for your service. It is pretty inspiring

for somebody new like me to be able to listen to someone like you

who has been there a long time, but you are never talking about

yesterday. You are also talking about tomorrow.

Mr. Chairman, I will be brief. Since I am the

cleanup hitter, let me just offer some——

Yes, sir, we have.

I will just offer some observations here.

I have listened very closely to what you have said, and I appreciate

what you have imparted to us. I listened very carefully to

what the Secretary said. As you heard my comments, I think he

is one of the best in business.

But he also very carefully did not answer a number of my questions,

and I did not press him purposely because I think there is

a divergence of opinion from his office and the White House. It

sounds to me—my observations are from what I have heard here

today are that the U.S. Government has engaged in exactly the

wrong policy with regard to Iran. We call them the axis of evil. We

imply that we are going to invade them. We do not engage them.

And we do not have any plan for assisting the Europeans, with our

own economic assistance program. Now, that is what I have concluded

from this.

Does anybody want to—yes, Dr. Cordesman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.