Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for holding

these hearings. I think that anyone who is interested in Iran

can look at the series of hearings that you’ve been holding and gain

a great deal of information about what’s going on and what’s happening

over there. It’s been comprehensive, it’s covered all of the

different areas, and I think it’s a kind of a tour-de-force in how the

Senate Foreign Relations Committee can do its job.

And I want to thank the two of you who are, I think, exemplary

Federal employees. And I think you exemplify all that’s good about

what’s going on, I think the American people are lucky to have you here.

I also think that, you know, we tried 8 years of yelling at the Iranians.

And that, I mean, this is not something that happened in

the last year. We’ve known about what’s been going on in Iran for

a long time. And I don’t think yelling at them did a whole lot of

good. I think that this is very, very frustrating to all of us. It’s obviously

frustrating to Senator Risch, it’s frustrating to me, it’s frustrating to everybody.

But it’s a frustrating world out there. I mean, it isn’t just Iran—

what about North Korea? I’m frustrated about them, I’m frustrated

about lots of different things that are going on, and these are just very difficult problems.

And I believe—I’m not going to apologize for the administration,

but I think we have made progress in terms of the fact that we

have got Russian more involved. And what we’re doing, we’ve got

China on these resolutions, I think the stuff that Under Secretary

Levey’s doing with regard to the financial pressure being brought

to bear on the Iranians, which he talked about in his opening testi-

mony is really quite impressive in gathering all of the world and

going after them financially. This is a tough, tough fight.

But I do share Senator Risch’s frustration, and I do think that

we are on a short fuse, but I couldn’t think of two better people to have working on this.

Now, that out of the way, Secretary Levey, could you talk a little

bit about cooperation you’re getting from the Gulf States in terms

of what we’re trying to do?

Secretary Burns, you mentioned in your testimony

about the U.N., the Russian decision not to transfer S–300

surface-to-air missiles to Iran. How significant is that?

Secretary Levey, Senator Boxer went through

a good series of questions about China, and China’s involvement.

Clearly, China signing on the sanctions is significant for us, but

what are the chances that China is going to use this as an opportunity

to do business in Iran, now that other Europeans are starting

to cooperating with us, and other nations are cooperating with

us, that China can move into this vacuum and pick up some of this business?

Under Secretary Burns.

Secretary Burns, I noticed in your statement

you talked about the Justice Week, 55 other nations joined and rebuked

Iran for its atrocious human rights record in the Human

Rights Council. Can you talk a little bit about how this and the

1929 Resolution indicates some change in the U.N.’s approach to Iran?

Under Secretary Levey, can you just kind of

go through—kind of from Iran’s view—what’s happening to them

financially around the world?

Thank you. Thank you, both, for your service.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.