Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Secretary Burns, I apologize for coming in late. I have followed

a good bit of this hearing while we were going through meetings

in my office, so I’ve been very interested to see some of the lines

of questioning here.

Let me start by asking if the administration has any position or

further thoughts of pursuing possible alternative approaches, such

as the one that was offered by Brazil and Turkey, toward resolving

this crisis?

So, procedurally, it’s not off the table—those sorts

of approaches.

I was very interested to hear Senator Lugar’s

question about an article that appeared discussing the possibility

of the emergence inside of the Iranian Government, more toward

I think Senator Lugar said, a military dictatorship, but a larger

direct role, as opposed to the more theocratic approach, as existed

in the past. Do you have a comment on that?

Would you say that has accelerated over the last

8 or 9 months? That evolution?

I have a question about the use of sanctions. We

spent a lot of time talking about sanctions and existing laws, but

there have consistently been waiver provisions that seem to have

overridden sanctions provisions in the past. Would you have a comment

on the use of waivers up to now? How broadly they’ve been

used?

And wouldn’t it be fair to say that at least from

the reading that I’ve been exposed to—the waiver provisions have

been sort of the rule, rather than the exception, in terms of sanctions

that now are in place?

Would you describe the main concern of the

administration, with respect to the legislation that’s now in conference,

with the waiver provisions, or what other major concerns

are there?

OK. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.