Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you all for your testimony.

Ambassador Pickering, let me ask you, we originally had some

resistance to the sanctions that we approved in the Congress last

December. And but for those sanctions and the fact that we have

a great success moving in the direction of multilateralism as it relate

to those sanctions, which are always more desirable, would we

have any traction with the Iranians at the end of the day?

It still begs my question. I didn’t suggest

that was your view. I was asking, but for the sanctions, would we

have any leverage going into a process to get the Iranians to engage

in a discussion that would hopefully have this solved without

a military process?

General Cartwright, you have said in the

past, and correct me if I am mistaken, ‘‘if they,’’ meaning the Iranians,

‘‘have the intent, all the weapons in the world are not going

to change that.’’ Not change their intent, but do all the weapons

in the world change their ability to achieve nuclear weaponry?

You said in your testimony that Iran doesn’t

need to make a U.S.-style weapon. What is your estimate of how

long it would take if Iran decides to break out and to have them

enrich uranium to 90 percent and make a crude nuclear weapon?

Mr. Sadjadpour, this conversation about the

thought process of Ayatollah Khamenei, if he believes that regime

change is our goal, then he is less likely, I would assume, to think

that there is any process worthy of a negotiation.

If he thinks, as you described it as behavior change, that we simply

do not believe that for the world and our own national security

interests and certainly in the region that having nuclear weapons

in a country that has so much oil and obviously doesn’t need it for

domestic power is our goal, does his thinking change? Is there some

way to persuade that it is not regime change, but simply behavior?

Well, that is not going to happen.

Let me ask you one final question. Is anybody

concerned about, OK, so Iran gets nuclear weapons. Is anybody

concerned about what Turkey and Syria do in the region?

How is it that they say to themselves, ‘‘I can live and secure my

people without my own nuclear power?’’