Thank you very much.

Thank you, gentlemen, for being here.

There is the prospect for a new round of negotiations.

I was in Brussels over the weekend at the Brussels forum, and

Lady Cathy Ashton was there talking about what we might look

for as an indication that the Iranians might really be serious about

those negotiations. And I wonder if, I guess, Ambassador Pickering,

I would ask you first what you think we ought to be looking for

to determine whether the Iranians are really serious?

And can I get you to talk a little bit more

about the impediments to being able to accomplish that kind of a

negotiation?

Thank you.

I will tell you what my pediatrician said about negotiating with

my 2-year-old, and that was they are totally self-absorbed.

Karim, you talked about the possible belief on

the Iranian part that an Israeli strike could be a net positive for

the regime. Do you think the Israelis have taken that into their

considerations, and how do they react to that?

Thank you. My time is up.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

You may have addressed this in your opening remarks, but there

has been a lot of—in the media, there has been a lot of discussion

about redlines and whether there should be redlines for—that

should govern our negotiations with Iran. I think Secretary

Panetta said that a redline would be an Iranian effort to actually

construct a nuclear weapon.

So I have two questions really. One is, is there general agreement

on what that Iranian effort to actually construct a nuclear

weapon would look like? And second, what do each of you believe

with respect to redlines around any future U.S. action or negotiations?

So, based on that, I assume the answer is that

there isn’t a commonly accepted definition for nuclear capability

that we could all agree to?

Yes, please.

And so, does that argue for not doing that?

For not trying to set——

Mr. Sadjadpour, do you share that?

So, General Cartwright, if the Israelis were to

bomb Iran, I assume that would result in some corresponding

action on the part of the United States.

And can you—do we have any good predictions for what would

result in the Middle East as the result of that kind of action?

Yes, that is my last question.

Thank you.

Thank you, Senator Lugar.