Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thanks to each of you for joining us.

My first question I will direct first to Ms. Pletka and then open

it up to anyone else who might want to weigh in on it.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insisted on

national television in America that his government has what he

described as unquestionable evidence, unquestionable intelligence

showing that Hezbollah, with the backing of Iran, was behind the

suicide bombing in Bulgaria last week that killed five Israeli

nationals.

So, first, what is your assessment of Hezbollah’s possible involvement

in that? And second, if Hezbollah was in fact responsible for

the attack, do you believe that this was coordinated by Hezbollah

or was it coordinated by the Iranian Government in Tehran?

Even when we know or have strong reason to

know.

Anyone else care to add to that?

Do you ever worry, by the way, that with so many

bombings, that is going to give rise to even more anniversary

bombings? It is almost always the anniversary of some bombing

somewhere. That frightens me.

Do either of the other two of you care to weigh in

on that one?

Ambassador Jeffrey, I have got one question for

you.

Iranian navy commander, Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari, was

quoted recently as saying just like the global hegemony that is

present near our Marine borders, we also plan to establish a strong

presence near U.S. Marine borders. What is your assessment of the

current strength of the Iranian Navy?

So, in other words, when they talk about establishing

a presence somewhere, it is not necessarily a presence in

the same sense that we would use that term in terms of a carrier

group, but the fact that it is a smaller presence and more subtle

one does not mean that it is not dangerous.

Thank you.

Thank you, Chairman. I see my time has expired.