Well, Mr. Chairman, thank you so much. This is

an important hearing. I am happy to participate in this.

What is happening today, I think, around the world—there is a

tremendous amount of focus on Iran and its nuclear program, and

that seems to be really dominating the conversation. Even before

that happened, Iran has been a sponsor of terrorism. They continue

to be so, and they are getting bolder at it from time to time. So

it is important that we underscore this. It is important that we

bring a focus on this.

We have a distinguished panel. I am anxious to hear from them,

and I am particularly interested in hearing their views about how

the collapse of Syria, which I think everyone is in agreement will

happen at some time in the hopefully not too distant future, will

affect Iran’s conduct of its support for terrorism.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Senator Casey.

I wonder. I would like to get each of you briefly to give me your

personal opinion on what a post-Assad, post-Alawite Syria looks

like because there is, obviously, lots of opinions out there, but I

would like your personal opinions on it, and how that will affect

the relationship between Iran and Syria. We will start with Mr.

Ambassador.

Dr. Byman.

Ms. Pletka.

Thank you.

Dr. Levitt.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, my time is up.