Mr. Chairman, thank you for holding this

hearing. I think it’s incredibly worthwhile.

And I think—to direct my—comments by Senator Risch, I think

the panel’s talked about missed opportunities, and I think several

of you mentioned that the time is now to operate. And I think that

Senator Risch’s comments are one more indication that we have to

move quickly on this thing, and that we have to—we have to move

carefully, and we have to be careful about what we do. But, we

have used up all of our get-out-of-jail-free cards.

Ambassador Haass, you said that you thought life’s a matter of

priorities, something I definitely agree with. And you said that,

therefore, we should be thinking about missile defense in our relations

with the Russians, and how that may be something we trade.

Do you have any suggestions, does anyone on the panel have suggestions,

things that might work the same way with China?

Ambassador Wisner.

And it’s also interesting how often around

this town different people want different things to be our No. 1 priority

with China. I mean, we’ve got so many things to talk about

China. But, I think you make a good point on this being one of our

very highest priorities.

Mr. Sadjadpour, on Meet the Press, Secretary Gates said he’s

been searching, for 30 years, for the elusive Iranian moderate. I

know you know a lot about what’s going on in Iran. What are the

forces of moderation in Iran? And do you think they’ll have any impact

on the June elections?

On the elections. What are the forces for moderation

in Iran? And do you think they’ll have any impact on the elections? Yes.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, you talked about the domino

effect with Iran’s nuclear program, and I noticed in your testimony

you said 15 countries in the Middle East. I never realized that that

many have announced new or revived plans to explore civilian

nuclear energy in 2006. What do you think the regional governments

think about Iran’s nuclear program?

Great. Ambassador Haass, you talked about how important public opinion

was. Is there anything the United States should be doing, or

could be doing, to influence public opinion in Iran, about nuclear, especially?

OK. Thank you all.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.