Thank you very much. Mr. Leader, it is nice to have you back here.

Mr Chairman, I would ask unanimous consent to have a statement included in the record regarding this.

I would just note that back in March, in fact, several

of us authored a resolution on Kosovo that was sort of a beginning

process of sending the sort of signal that you do, and we just

had a vote a few minutes ago, the last vote we cast here on the

floor of the Senate, basically on this issue, and it basically said—

and the language is pretty irresistible, I suppose because I think

the language, the opening phrase of it was, we will not stay indefinitely.

No one wants to vote for something that says we are going to

stay indefinitely. Five of us voted against the resolution, Senator

Biden and myself, Senator Lieberman, Senator Cleland, and Senator

Robb, for the simple reason I think it sends a very confusing signal.

I mean, if you are sitting back in Serbia today and you are

watching the U.S. Senate cast a vote 90 to 5 that says we are not

staying indefinitely, now, that is a good message for the folks back

home here, because there is some concern that we have a strong

strain of isolationism, and certainly you are more aware of this

than most of us, going back to a time in our country where it took

a one vote margin to get a draft, when Europe was burning.

Franklin Roosevelt ran for reelection in 1940 promising that we

would not engage in a world conflict, and so it is an appealing thing.

But I suspect that today if you were sitting there, Milosevic, wondering

what the Senate is up to, we just voted 90 to 5 to say we

are not going to stay indefinitely, and no one wants to stay indefinitely,

but I question the wisdom of these kinds of resolutions at

the same time we are trying to convince international bodies and

organizations to be supportive of resolutions and to join us if necessary

in exercising military force to deal with these situations. We

look like we want it all different ways. We really do not want to send a message.

I do not know whether you have any comment on that at all.

What I really wanted to ask you about in addition to that point

was the point that you just raised in response to my good friend

and colleague, Senator Coverdell’s question about the ripple effect,

and you sort of alluded to it in your comments here.

One of the things that is different about Kosovo that was true

of Bosnia was in the case of Kosovo there is a strong ally who is

willing to stand up and be supportive, and that is Albania, which

Bosnia did not really have in its neighborhood.

Croatia was involved, but they had their own self-interest, and

there was some confusion about where they were in all of this,

whereas Albania has been very forceful in providing support and

assistance to Kosovo, and so I suspect that if we do not do something

here in addition to the tragedy in Kosovo that you have probably

identified here there is a very real possibility, it appears tome—and I may be wrong about this.

I do not claim any great expertise in this part of the world at

all, but I think we may be looking at a situation that spins out of

control in to Macedonia and further down into the peninsula, and I wondered if you might further comment on that.

I see my time is up at this point, but whether or not you see

any—we are trying to raise the level of awareness here. If you do

not respond to this, we may find this situation expand exponentially beyond control.

Could you just comment, and I do not have any

specific knowledge about the resolution in the Senate, but would

you at least express some degree of caution about resolutions, however

well-intentioned here, that sometimes send confusing signals?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A lot worse. I am sure he knows about that, too.