I think it’s been pushed back to 3.

So quick, I have one question.

I have one question, prefaced this way. This has

been so fascinating. I want to thank you Mr. Chairman and also

Senator Lugar, and our people here.

I want to say that under George Bush the first, the decision was

made not to get rid of Saddam, because, as I understood it—I was

in the Congress then—there was a fear as to what would come

after.

If Secretary Weinberger reflects the new thinking of that—those

days, apparently the new thinking go ahead and do it and don’t

worry. I think that leads to what Senator Rockefeller said is, are

we committed to doing what it takes afterwards? And, frankly, I

don’t know the answer, because I haven’t heard it from this administration.

I know I’m feeling a little troubled that we’re not doing enough

in Afghanistan, as much as this committee would like to do. So

that’s one point.

Now, the question I have is this. I am very afraid of the weapons

of mass destruction combined with the new world that we face of

people who don’t care about this world and this life and are willing

to give up their own life for some cause. I’m very worried about

that. So here’s my question. We have a U.N. resolution that is very

clear, 687, that says that Iraq must, must, allow in the inspectors.

Why don’t we start from that point? If we are going to build any

credibility in the world, I don’t think we start from the point that,

you know, we think Saddam is terrible. Yes, we do. And then to

say, therefore, we should go in whatever it takes and do what it

takes.

I think we need to start at the beginning, which is to build support

for our feeling that this is a dangerous situation. And I don’t

know why we don’t hear more from this administration—and

maybe I’ve missed it; maybe I have—about how we ought to go

about building support for a regime of inspection that is foolproof

that can be designed. And one of your witnesses, Mr. Chairman,

did lay out, I think, a terrific outline of what that should be.

So could I ask you, Mr. Berger, particularly on that point of the

U.N. resolution, if you feel we have enough there to build our case

and to demand an inspection as a first step to build a worldwide

support.

Well——

Well, I thank you for that, because I really—in

my mind, that was a tough resolution. They agreed to it. And I

don’t know how—he can do whatever he wants about it, but common

sense—the average American is going to look at that and say,

‘‘You’re hiding something, buddy.’’ And so is the world.

And I think the world fears those weapons of mass destruction,

and I say that’s a first step, and I would like to see us get behind

something very strong and do it soon.

I thank you.

Mr. Chairman, are you chairing? Senator, are you chairing?

Well, you’re up there.

I think so.

Yes, and I let you do it, the Boxer rebellion.