Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Secretary Steinberg, thank you for your service. I have really enjoyed

working with you and I know that it will continue, and thank

you for your public service and wish you well.

I think Senator Corker expresses the view of

many of us, as does Senator Menendez. We’re all very pleased by

the way the administration engaged the international community.

I think we all want to take action against the type of brutality that

Colonel Qadhafi represents and save innocent lives. And the

administration was able to work with the international community

and we think that’s the only way this could have worked. So I

applaud you on that.

I also am pleased to see that other nations are stepping forward

to take the major leadership role. I think that’s extremely important

and I agree with what you’ve done.

I do think that Senator Corker expresses a view of many of us

in the Senate and that is whether the mission is clear enough that

it won’t change the role in which the international community participates

in Libya. As you were saying, talking about the rebels,

we’re getting to learn more about them. A lot of us are concerned

as to what happens when Colonel Qadhafi leaves. Do we have a

responsible group of people that are prepared to step forward to

lead Libya, and what do they look like and who are they, what are

their backgrounds, and will it be some retreads of people who were

part of the atrocities in Libya? That’s some of the issues that I

hope we will have more confidence as the coalition moves forward.

Can you share with us some of the requests that you’re getting

from the representatives of the opposition? There’s been reports

that they want military supplies, that they want training, they

want different things. Can you tell us what some of their requests

have been?

Well, and I certainly understand those types of

requests. But as I think you understand, as you’re explaining, that

how the international community responds to those requests, particularly

with the United States participation, could very well

affect the perceived mission here. So I would encourage you to consult

closely with us as these issues unfold.

I want to go to a second subject. We all understand that one of

the major reasons why international action was needed was to prevent

the massive migration of people from Libya to other countries

that could have caused major problems for other countries. However,

there has been reports by the International Organization for

Migration that there already has been a significant amount of

migration from Libya to avoid the conflict and avoid the violence.

Do you have any information or could you provide us any information

as to the magnitude of individuals who have been displaced

as a result of the conflict in Libya?

If you provide it for the record, that would be

fine.

I would also like to know whether there has

been any discussions in the international coalition as to whether

there will be assistance provided to other countries in regards to

migrations from Libya or whether there’s other efforts being made

in order to bring in some of the international organizations that

deal with refugee issues.

Let me just underscore this. In Iraq those issues

were not dealt with for the longest period of time and still have not

been satisfactorily dealt with, causing significant burdens in Jordan

and Syria and other countries. These issues need to be gotten

on immediately rather than sitting there for months or years causing

significant problems in stability in the region.

So I would just urge that you make that the very high priority,

to engage the international community. We do have organizations

that are prepared to help, but they need the leadership, particularly

of the coalition now that’s been put together.

So there is a significant impact now.

I think we all need to understand that. We talk

about preventing massive migration, which we have as a result of

the efforts. But there is still a significant issue today as a result

of the problems.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.