Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Let me also apologize for missing most of the hearing this afternoon.

I was actually downstairs listening to Secretary Gates and

Admiral Mullen.

Well, I was going to actually start with one

question, because one of the things that I asked is whether we

have military commitments from any other Arab countries besides

the UAE and Qatar to participate in the mission? And Secretary

Gates indicated that we don’t at this time.

As I was watching the lead up to passing the resolution in the

U.N. and the actual decision by the allies to put in place the

no-fly zone, I think one of the really important steps along that

way was having the Arab League pass their resolution asking for

a no-fly zone.

So I guess my question is, having heard Secretary Gates’ answer,

are there diplomatic discussions under way with any other Arab

countries about participation in this effort and do we expect to see

additional support from them as this goes forward?

Have we gotten commitments from any countries

other than Qatar and the UAE?

Are we also talking to the African Union and

what role have they played?

I happened to be in London last week with

some other Senators and we had the opportunity to meet with Foreign

Secretary Hague, and one of the things that he was quite

hopeful about was the meeting that happened in London this week.

I wonder if you could talk about whether you feel like that meeting

was successful, what the goals of that meeting were, and what we

hope will happen now as the result of that meeting?

Do we have any intelligence—I mean that in

the loose sense of the term—tell us whether the other countries in

the Middle East who are witnessing demonstrations right now are

paying attention to what’s happening with the allied coalition with

respect to Libya? Is it having any kind of effect in Syria, for example,

in Yemen, in others, in Egypt? I mean, the places where

they’ve also experienced an uprising.

Thank you. My time is up.