Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And thank you, to all of our panelists, for being here.

I have to start with Dr. Vandewalle, since he’s a Dartmouth professor

and I always like to recognize people from my home State

of New Hampshire. So, thank you very much. It’s great to have you

here.

One of the things you talked about in your

testimony is that there is the potential for history to repeat itself.

And you pointed out that Libya was really created sort of artificially,

back in 1951, when the provinces were pushed together.

Given that, given the obvious continued separateness of the east

and west, would it be better for us not to try and maintain a unified

Libya?

Thank you. You say that there are only certain

members of the Interim Council that we really have identified

and know who they are. Mr. Malinowski testified that we do, in

fact, know a lot more about the opposition than popular media reports

would suggest. One of the concerns that’s been raised about—

by a number of our military leaders has been potential ties to terrorist

groups.

Can you all talk about who these opposition leaders are and

what we do really know about them, and whether they do have—

or we believe they have ties to terrorist organizations?

And I’ll ask you to go first, and then maybe——

Mr. Malinowski and Dr. Haass.

Mr. Malinowski.

I think you testified that ‘‘we’’——

Know more than——

Thank you.

My time is up.

Dr. Haass, I would really like to hear your answer, so I’ll come

back to you on the next round.

Thank you.

I wanted to go back to Dr. Haass and ask you if you would respond

to my question of earlier: Who are the opposition leaders?

And what do we know about them? And how concerned are we

about potential ties to terrorist organizations?

Also, as you all know, there’s quite a debate

about arming the opposition forces. So, first of all, I guess I would

ask you, Do you think that it would be legal to arm the rebels? And

second, should we do that? Right.

I’m going to ask each of you to respond. But,

could you also talk about it in the context of our allies and whether

we think they share that view? Our other allies in this endeavor. Right.

I mean, there has been some——

Good. Right. Right. And I assume——

That that’s implicit in that——

In that question. That——

Sure. Thank you.

And I just have a final question for Mr. Malinowski.

Could you comment on the situation with refugees right now in

the country, and whether there is a need for more humanitarian

workers, or what their situation is? OK.

Well, thank you all very much. We appreciate your being here.

And I will close the hearing at this time.