Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think

that what I might do is thank Ambassador Sestanovich for being

here. I want to hear Elena Bonner. I came here to honor her work.

So let me just in 1 minute or less make a comment, which, as long

as we are talking about arms control regime, I think the whole

question of ABM and our anti-missile defense proposal and where

this all goes is to my mind a critically, critically important question.

I think Ambassador Sestanovich said this, so I do not know that

I need to put a question to him. I am of course sympathetic to people

in Russia for the terror that has been unleashed against them

and the anguish that they feel. On the other hand—and I look forward

to hearing from Elena Bonner—much as I have a hard time,

I do not believe that justifies the just indiscriminate killing of innocent people.

I think there is an awful lot at play politically in Russia. I mean,

I really want to know the why of this. You know, in whose selfinterest

is this war? I think perhaps Elena Bonner can do a good

job of informing us of that.

I thank you for your work. I have a number of questions, but I

have to leave even earlier. So I will not—as you can tell, I keep

talking because I want to put the questions to you, but I think I

had better finish.

Just for 1 second, I would say to both my

colleagues, I know that I wonder whether we might join efforts. I

have a floor speech and a letter that I was writing. I wonder

whether we could not put something together where we in the next

couple of days could have as clear a statement as possible coming

from the Senate. I think we ought to work on that together and do so.

I would be pleased if the chairman takes the lead. It does not

matter to me, but I would certainly like to be a part of that effort.

Let us make sure that happens.

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Ambassador.

Mr. Chairman, I want Dr. Bonner to know

that I may not be able to stay for all of her presentation, and it

is not out of disrespect. I have such great respect for her. My father

was from Russia, fled persecution from Russia, and I so admire

your work.