First of all, I want to thank you, Secretary

Fried, for the cooperation that you have given me by providing

information on the tentative future of Serbia and Kosovo. I would

like, if possible, to get another update on the infrastructure to support

the U.N.’s comprehensive proposal for the Kosovo status settlement

based on those recommendations from Kai Edie. I would

like to see how that has progressed.

I also am worried about whether the Europeans are as concerned

with that infrastructure as they should be. I would like you to comment

on that and on the status of NATO forces, international police,

and the governance model that would be put Implemented. I

am very concerned about whether there would be sufficient infrastructure

in place to support the proposed settlement, in the event

that the U.N. Security Council should go forward with it.

Second, I am interested in your comments about why Russia is

not supporting Special Envoy Marti Ahtisaari’s plan in the U.N.

Security Council. Russia says the problem is that a precedent that

would be set for Abkhazia, South Ossetia, and Transnistria to demand

independence. But I wonder if that really is the reason. Is

Russia just trying to extend its influence with the Serbs in Southeast

Europe? Is it looking for a quid pro quo—for example, for

something in return for the Western missile defense deployment in

Poland and the Czech Republic? What are the Russians really up to here?

And, last, but not least, if we cannot able to

get a U.N. resolution through the Security Council, what other options

are available for dealing with the final status of Kosovo,

where you have just said the situation on the ground is real cause

for concern?

I am concerned about the availability of viable

options and the involvement of the European Union, because I

have talked with a couple EU members, and they have some questions

about the legality of taking action without a U.N. Security

Council resolution.

I think it is extremely imperative that we allow the Europeans

to take a leadership role here, because it is their problem more

than ours. They will be responsible for the governance and enforcement

of the recommendations and so on. And I think that perhaps

the President might have been more careful about his statement he

made in Albania. I know he probably wanted to say something that

would be well received, but I think in some quarters, particularly

with members of the European Union, there was a feeling that

they would have preferred him not making that statement.

So, I think everyone must pay careful attention to dot the I’s and

cross the T’s in the event we decide to proceed without a U.N.

resolution because I do not want to see another Iraq. If we do not handle

this situation carefully, it could blow up. It will not be as much

of a problem as Iraq, but it could be something that destabilizes

the area and does great harm to the steady progress built up over

the last several years there. It would impact Slovenia, Macedonia,

Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, you name it.

Thank you.