Mr. Chairman, thank you. Welcome, again Mr.

Secretary.

It is always reassuring to have you up here for

your weekly briefing.

It is your pleasing personality that we respond to. You enhance

the dialog considerably with your charm.

Mr. Secretary, you took us through an interesting

timeframe, I think, beginning back in June of 2002, as to

what we knew, generally, when, and what we are doing, where we

are. But I want to go back to an earlier date that was referenced

in a Washington Post article, which you saw, this weekend. And in

the Post article, to paraphrase it, it says that in November 2001,

that we were aware of, according to the Livermore National Laboratory

people, that North Korea was up to something, in fact moving

rapidly on development of uranium enrichment programs.

Was that an oversight that you did not mention that, or did not

it happen, or did you know about it, or did no one know about it?

Why did we not respond to that, if, in fact, that is true?

So you do not put much stock in that article.

So as far as you know, no senior officials, from

the President on down, were told of this report if, in fact, it happened.

Thank you. How much do we know about Pakistan’s

involvement in helping the North Koreans with their nuclear

program?

Well, there has been an awful lot out in the public

on this and we should probably pursue this in a closed forum.

You have mentioned, in response to the chairman,

that we intend to have talks with North Korea. Am I correct

on what you said?

Is there a timetable on that?

Are you concerned that the North Koreans may

be on an accelerated program here to enrich uranium, and once

that plutonium is out it could most likely be irretrievable and terrorists

get their hands on this, far more dangerous maybe than

what Saddam Hussein may be doing or not doing and so is the

timeframe not important here?

He just wants to sell it?

You do not see any connection to the danger to

the world? That is not a concern to you? Urgency to that?

Thank you.