I would just add, Senator, that in July—or, rather,

June 29, 2002, there was a naval shootout in the Yellow Sea to the

west of the Korean Peninsula, and so that interrupted the prospect

of talks for a month or a month-and-a-half, so that most of the period

of time between the President’s announcement of June 6, 2001

and when I went to Pyongyang on October 3, 2002 was because the

North Koreans weren’t ready to receive a group.

When I did go in October, it was to both describe the bold approach

that the President had approved, but also to note, with sadness

and in privacy and confidentially, that we knew that North

Korea had this uranium enrichment program going on covertly and

that we hoped that they would find some way to end it, because

this was a very serious impediment to all the things that we felt

that we could begin to do with North Korea.