Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Secretary Armitage, I want to begin by just getting a little clarity

on missile capacity, the ability to launch ballistic missiles. Could

you comment on the current range of the North Korean’s missile

technology and what the implications are for neighboring countries?

And then, second, what’s your best thinking right now as to the

next generation of missile and how much additional range that will

give the North Koreans?

And I imagine this also causes concern among

the Pacific rim neighbors, whether it’s China, Taiwan, going so far

south as Indonesia. And are you equally concerned about the proliferation

of this technology as you are about the nuclear technology,

or is this a genie out of a bottle?

I want to come back to the issue of proliferation

and cooperation on proliferation. But first, while you underscore

that that’s our greatest concern right now, our national security

concern here, and I would hope the concern of other countries

in the region, that’s what makes it a multilateral problem. That’s

what makes it the world’s problem, not just the United States’

problem, is the proliferation of—the nuclear technology, the proliferation

of ballistic missile technology. But from the perspective

of those in the Pacific rim themselves, do you believe they’re more

concerned about proliferation, or are they more concerned about a

nuclear weapon changing the strategic profile of neighboring countries?

Well, speaking of Russia and China, specifically,

and the issue of the proliferation of ballistic missile technology,

do you believe that those two countries have truly been

helpful in dealing with this area of proliferation, or to what extent

have they provided dual-use technology to North Korea that’s made

dealing with ballistic missile proliferation more difficult?

Have we been successful in placing any limitations

or encouraging our allies to put limitations on the technology

that’s provided that might fall into the dual-use category, either for

ballistic missiles or for nuclear?

So those limitations are already in place——

But they’re being violated, you believe,

in Germany, they’re being violated in Russia——

They’re being violated by the Chinese?

But the question on my mind would be whether

dual-use technologies are being provided in violation of agreements

that we might have with Germany. Germany was the example

that you gave.

Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.