Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this hearing.

Thank you, Secretary Hill, for shedding light on an increasingly

worrisome, dangerous situation insofar as North Korea is concerned.

All of us recognize that the key player as we move forward in

trying to get North Korea to comply with its agreements as well

as international standards is China. China provides the sustenance,

the support, and is a key benefactor for North Korea. If they

really did want to have an impact, they could, or at least they are

in the best position to do so. So China’s actions as this moves forward

will, from my perspective and I think from our perspective,

should be that if they want to be a credible partner they need to

step up.

There are several things that concern us. Including deploying a

missile defense system as effectively as possible to help out our allies

in that region, particularly Japan and potentially South Korea

as well, but especially Japan.

Now, on the weapons front, let me follow up. Senator Hagel

posed a question to you whether there was evidence of North Korea

transferring nuclear capabilities to any country, and you said there

was not. Now, at these missile tests, though, as far as other proliferation of arms and weapons of mass destruction, is it not true

that there was at least one or more Iranian officials there to watch

these missile launches?

Well, the fact that the Iranians were there and

they have relations with them and that we know that Hezbollah

is firing rockets, not missiles but rockets, into Israel right now, we

know that Hezbollah is armed, funded, protected, and for all intents

and purposes directed by Iran, that would be a great concern,

that Iran has those relationships militarily with North Korea; is

that not correct?

Well, they were not there just for a United

States Independence Day celebration to see the rockets and missiles

that North Korea sent off.

On nuclear.

Understood. Insofar as Iran, that is a concern

and they do have those relations.

Also, the Asia Times had reported recently that North Koreans

are strengthening ties to other countries. You mentioned Burma.

Venezuela has also been mentioned and stated by Venezuelan leaders,

and also Syria. What do we know about any of the military

transactions with Syria or Venezuela?

All right, that would be instructive for a classified

briefing I think, Mr. Chairman, at some point when convenient.

Insofar as the resolution that was passed by the United Nations,

it was not the Japanese-proposed resolution; it was a resolution

that you have characterized as strong. However, it was not as

strong as the Japanese resolution. I will not get into some of the

classified briefings we have had on that. But China was not supportive

of the Japanese resolution.

Should North Korea continue to respond in an unpositive or negative

way to the recently passed U.N. resolution in their reaction

to this one that is less strong than what Japan had proposed, have

we, the United States, received any assurances from China and

Russia that they would agree to invoke Charter 7 mandatory sanctions

on North Korea if North Korea continues?

What is your characterization of North Korea’s

reaction to this resolution that has been passed?

Right. And if it should continue?

Well, thank you for doing this for a living, and

I do not believe we can walk away from it. If we turn our backs

on it there will be even more danger from North Korea. I thank

you for your service. This is very trying, but very important for our

future.

Insofar as Japan is concerned, have they made any statements

or any indication that they are satisfied with the actions of the Security

Council, and what are we doing to provide assurances to

them for stronger actions should the North Koreans continue not

to cooperate? In particular, I know this is not necessarily the portfolio

of the State Department, but the deployment of a mobile missile

defense system to protect Japan; what can you share with us

on those aspects?

Thank you.

In 1 minute, where do you see the public in South Korea? Where

do you see any public opinion shifting with, not just the provocative

launches, but North Korea’s recalcitrance and objections to the Security

Council resolution?

Thank you, and thank you for your service. We

are fortunate to have somebody of your capability and integrity

serving our country.