Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I only have one question. The United States is helping Japan

today, I believe, install missiles on land and in the sea to defend

against—that might intercept missiles coming in; is that correct?

Well, my larger point is that the

nuclearization of North Korea has consequences beyond the immediate

consequences. It seems to me that we are pretty good in

Washington at seeing the immediate consequence of our actions. If

we decide that we would like to topple Saddam Hussein, we can

imagine that and we can do it. We are not as good at imagining

what might come next.

As we think about North Korea’s nuclear plans, I think of China

in that respect. China is a distinguished country with a long history

and a long memory, and you said they counsel patience. But

I wonder how much of your diplomacy has to do with helping

China think about what steps two, three, and four are of the con-

sequences of a nuclear-armed North Korea, and if so what are some

of those steps?

If we were to look ahead and to try to explain to China, if North

Korea continues and were to acquire nuclear weapons and arm its

missiles with those, what would the consequences be that China

should think about that affect China over the next 5, 10, 15 years?

Does China not worry about the possibility

of a nuclear-armed Japan?

Well, why would China not think that at

least a rearmed Japan would not be the inevitable consequence of

a nuclear-armed North Korea?

What are the possibilities that a nuclear-armed

North Korea would produce a nuclear-armed South Korea?

Well, I do not disagree with that. It seems

to me that in this case that it is hard for me to see—China is a

very thoughtful and careful-thinking country about its foreign policy

and it would seem to me that the prospect of a rearmed or even

nuclear-armed Japan and a nuclear-armed South Korea—it is hard

for me to see how in any set of circumstances that is in the interest

of China. It also seems to me it is inevitable if North Korea has

nuclear arms.