Thank you, Senator Lugar.

Mr. Bosworth, thank you for being here.

I would like to ask some questions specifically about the designation

as a state sponsor of terrorism for North Korea and what that

designation might do to leverage some American goals.

As you know, the new administration has now hesitated to point

our mistakes of the last administration, yet when asked about reinstating

the designation of a terrorist nation, the administration has

appealed to the decision that Bush made last year about this time.

As you know, the Bush administration, in an attempt to entice

North Korea back to the negotiating table, took North Korea took

off the list of state sponsors of terrorism, and I think, I’m sure as

you know, that designation allowed us to freeze assets and pressure

them in other ways.

Since then, it’s been very obvious the North Koreans have not

honored that in any way and in fact they have expedited, expanded

their development of nuclear weapons. They’ve tested large nuclear

weapons, tested more missiles and have promised to test a missile

that could reach our shores.

Last week, about eight Senators sent a letter to Secretary Clinton

asking her to put North Korea back on the state sponsors of

terrorism and we’ve yet to receive an answer. One that we heard

in the press was that there is no evidence that there has been new

terrorist activities since they were taken off the list, but the point

is, is they never cease their terrorist activities.

The most recent Congressional Research Service pointed out that

North Korea has and continues to collaborate with Iran, Syria, as

far as weapons distribution and supporting terrorism. Nothing has

changed about North Korea, except that we’ve taken the pressure

off of them.

It does appear that one of our best sources of leverage at this

point is to put that pressure back on them and to do it quickly

because North Korea has not responded to our talk, about goodwill,

in any way, except to expedite their whole mission of being able to

threaten most of the world.

So what is the hesitation to put North Korea back on that terrorist

list?

It does send a message to them and the world

and I think highlights what we know has been going on; continues

to go on. There appears to be little doubt, as I look to the Congressional

Research Service report, that whether it’s supporting activities

of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard or material support to the

Taliban, Hezbollah, Hamas, the Shia militants in Iraq, that this is

a serious provocation, and it seems that we’re holding our punches

by not calling it what it is and my encouragement would just be

for us to take this seriously because when we lighten up on North

Korea by taking them off the list, we did lighten up on them.

We in a sense rewarded bad behavior, hoping we’d create good

behavior, and we got worse behavior than we had before. It makes

absolutely no sense to continue with this and I think it basically

amplifies a growing sense of Americans are a paper tiger, full of

talk, and no action.

It appears that this is maybe one of the few things we could do

at this point that could actually put some pressure on them and

if you say we’re already doing all of the things, such as freezing

their assets and the other economic sanctions that go along with

this, the message it sends to the world is that we’re getting serious,

at least in my mind.

Well, I appreciate you bringing up the law because

that threshold of law was met by North Korea in both the

Bush administration and the Obama administration. It meant that

nothing ever changed, that this was only changed as an enticement

and not because they ceased any of the activities.

The legal threshold for being on the state sponsor of terrorism

was met. They’ve been on that list since 1988 and there has never

been any reason to take them off from a legal perspective. It was

a diplomatic move to take them off. So I hope we don’t use that

as an excuse not to move on this but I will yield to your research

on the issue.

I’m just looking, as I’m sure you are, as a way to appear more

serious than rhetoric, that what they’re doing is a danger to the

whole world right now.

Thank you again for being here with us. I yield back.