Mr. Chairman, my wife and I wanted to go

to Darfur, and the government would not let me in, so I had to go

in the back door, and I went through Chad. And, of course, when

anybody sees what we saw, you just can’t understand how the

world community, through this organization, the United Nations,

cannot come together.

Now, I want to ask you—just in the last couple of days, we find

out that there are Chinese-armed shipments going to Zimbabwe,

and we know the problem there on whether or not an election is

going to be honored in Zimbabwe and all the controversy there.

And, in light of that and the fact that some Chinese AK–47s have

turned up in the Sudan, in the Darfur region, what should we, the

United States Government, and you, the United Nations, be doing

to lean on the Chinese not to make arms shipments into the

Sudan?

Well, I agree.

I agree. There is a U.N. Security Council

ruling that says that there is an arms embargo in Darfur. Member

nations of the United Nations ought to be honoring that U.N.——

Declaration. But, we see that

China is pushing arms into Africa. And I used the example of

Zimbabwe, just in the last couple of days. It’s also been sending

arms sales to the Sudan. So, how do we get people—if we’re ever

going to get to the bottom of this and stop this thing, we’ve got to

stop items that continue to foster the unrest, and arms are certainly

one of them.

Well, Mr. Chairman, when the government

witnesses come up, this question needs to be put to them, the representatives

of the United States Government, about leaning on the

Chinese to stop the arms sales to the Sudan.

Let me ask you, what is the U.N.’s strategy to keep Darfur from

destabilizing the neighboring countries—Chad, where I came in,

and clearly there was, increasingly, a problem of destabilization on

the eastern part of Chad, near the border—and also the Central African

Republic?

And I compliment you, and I compliment

the United Nations. I can’t tell you how admirable—these people

were, representing the United Nations—what’s the organization for

food and refugees?

Well, they were there. And since then,

they’ve had to abandon part of that area that I went—east of

Abeche, Chad, to the border there—they’ve had to abandon that

area because of Chad being destabilized. I can’t say enough good

stuff about those U.N.-provided people and their dedication and

their selflessness.

But, the bottom line is, it’s not working. And that’s what we’re

trying to get at, here.