Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank you for

holding this hearing. It’s—this is really an incredibly important,

but difficult, problem, and I want to thank both of you for working

on this problem.

And I thank you, Mr. Gast, talking about my comments on John

Granville, who died in the Sudan, and the 91 employees we’ve had.

I mean, I was—I, myself, was not aware that it was 91. It—I mean,

this is a very dangerous place, and people die there almost in anonymity.

And it is, as I said in a speech on the floor in which I say,

time and again, our Federal employees that are doing this kind of

work are just incredible people doing an incredible job, for all the

right reasons.

But, John Granville, when he died, was distributing radios to try

to better improve communications in the area. What are we doing

in terms of communications in the area?

What are we doing in—prepare—you know,

the rainy season’s coming—what are we doing to prepare to have

food there? Because usually that is an area of time when we have

famine. What’s AID doing about that?

Great.

General Gration, Senator Kerry, at the beginning of the hearing,

talked about, we just not have to meet the amount of humanitarian

aid, we have to surpass what we’re doing in humanitarian aid. Is

Khartoum willing to cooperate with us in increasing the amount of

humanitarian aid?

You also mentioned the need to expand the

UNAMID mandate and the need for additional training. What role

is the United States going to play in additional training?

Thank you. And thank you for all that both

of you are doing. I’m looking forward to that briefing; security

briefing.