Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And I want to thank you, General, for your service. But, I have

to be—and I had a meeting in the office, so I was partly listening

to some of your answers, what I don’t understand, what I fail to

glean from what I’ve heard, is, you’re the third or fourth special

envoy we’ve had——

To the Sudan. We have real engagement

by citizens here in this country on this issue—my home

State of New Jersey, but, for that fact, across the country. We have

thousands of letters of engagement by people. We have the political

engagement at the highest levels of our government. We have funding

for humanitarian programs. I listen to us and our efforts, working

here multilaterally. So, I have real difficulty understanding

what is missing that we cannot move forward.

If I am sitting in a camp, still facing pretty dismal conditions and

worried about my security and/or my life, the counsels of patience

and delay do not satisfy me. And if it was one of us sitting in those

camps, I don’t think we’d be satisfied by what we hear.

So, I’m trying to grasp what is it—what is the elements that we

are missing here that, despite everything that we hear, and now

the third or fourth special envoy and the commitments of Presidents

and the greatest country on the face of the Earth, leading

with others—what is it that we are missing, here, that we can’t

reach the conclusion—successful conclusions we want, in turning

the tide on the lives of these people?

What’s our timeframe?

Well, I have no doubt you’re giving it what

an advocate on this committee of quite more robust—I included

legislation—in one of our previous legislation, giving the U.N.

resources from the Federal Government, because genocide doesn’t

have an offset, as I was asked on the floor, ‘‘Where’s the offset for

this?’’

The reality is, though—I’m trying to get a sense—what is it that

you don’t have that you need, if anything? Or do you have everything

that you need, now——

To do what the—OK, then what

is it that you don’t have that you need, outside of it sounds like

time?

Let me ask you one other set of questions.

What does this say—you know, we are talking a lot about the intelligent

use of our soft power. But, what does it say about our ability

to succeed with soft power, in terms of trying to get—the goals of

saving these people’s lives and changing their lives?

Mr. Gast, one last question for you.

Women go out to get firewood, and end up getting raped in the

process. There’s a lot of promotion of alternative stoves, solar, gas,

et cetera. Has AID looked at this in the thought of, ‘‘What is the

best alternative?’’ so that we can better secure those who are in the

camps?

And what’s your timeframe for that?

We’d like to know your progress on that.

Thank you very much.