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Mr. Chairman, before I get into my prepared remarks, I'd like to correct the record on some points raised by the previous panels.

- It is not correct that the Design Basis Threat was limited for cost reasons. The final recommendations to the Secretary did not discuss costs, only requirements.
- It is not correct that the physical security challenge at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory resulting from residential encroachment makes adequate protection nearly impossible. In fact, the Office of Oversight and Performance Assurance tested the protective force capabilities at LLNL in February 2004 in a series of performance tests and found their capabilities satisfactory. We have no reason to believe that LLNL will not be able to comply with the revised DBT policy; they are currently on a path to meet his FY 2006 implementation schedule.
- It is not correct that the IG found "systematic cheating" on the part of the protective force at Y-12. Although there were allegations, the Inspector General "...could not find documentary evidence to support or refute the testimonial evidence" on this matter. In any event, such protective force improprieties are totally unacceptable and we have taken steps to ensure they do not occur in the future.
- It is not correct that the proposed new HEUMF facility at Y-12 will decrease security. The new design is superior to the early berm design because it provides "defense in depth" through a layered security approach. The original design provided substantially less security. To develop a berm design with comparable security features as the selected design would result in a facility which would be much more expensive.
- It is not correct that only 50 percent of the Category I/II material at TA-18 will be moved to the Device Assembly Facility in Nevada. All the material will be moved.

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the Committee's indulgence, and therefore I would like to ask that the Committee allow me to provide a more detailed response for the record. With that Mr. Chairman, let me get on with my prepared statement.