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Q I just wanted to make sure that I didn't misread your answer just now on USTR. USTR would be in this new department but would retain Cabinet status? Wouldn't be reporting to the new secretary of the --

MR. ZIENTS: Be reporting both -- it's similar to the U.N. ambassador, Susan Rice, in terms of reporting in to the Secretary of State and being part of the President's Cabinet. Similar here. Part of the integration and making sure that we're strengthening our trade and export strategies overall is that this be integrated into this new department at the same time the U.S. Trade Representative would maintain his or her Cabinet status.