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Seth G. Jones: Just briefly, before we let you go, I just wanted to thank all of the panelists for a fantastic panel that, Cynthia, I'm not even sure we needed you to moderate. (Laughter.) They had a lot of ability to just discuss amongst themselves.

Just a couple other things before we go. I do want to take a minute and thank all of the staff that made this happen. So everybody here that's sitting before computers and the cameras back here, to Christine, and Alexander, and Katie, and all of the staff in both the International Security Program and the Europe Program that made this happen. Thank you all. You folks did all the legwork to make this happen. So if you could help me congratulate all of them. (Applause.)

I also wanted to thank Bill and Matt Green and Leonardo for 13 years of partnership on this Global Security Forum. We've transitioned from the days where you guys worked with Deputy Secretary of Defense Kath Hicks. She's moved on. We've moved on here. But I think that relationship stands strong. The irony here is I think you guys timed it perfectly, with the \$1 billion deal on the Columbia-class. The news broke within the last 24 hours, so congratulations on that before our Global Security Forum.

And then just lastly, as we started off this morning on the evolving threat landscape in Europe and also touched on the Indo-Pacific and the Chinese, I think, you know, one of the key themes that I have some away with is, whether it's the U.S.'s allies and partners in Europe or whether it's in the Indo-Pacific, that we're talking about much more than just war fighting and even deterrence. We wanted to end this on the industrial base to also highlight the importance of coordination, integration across the industrial bases. Because, as we're seeing with very complex weapons systems, C2, and a range of other complex commercial and dual use systems, there is really a need for growing partnership across multiple different countries and trusted countries. So we ended on this for that very reason.

But thanks, again, for participating both online and here. And thanks again to this last panel for ending on a high note. Have a great day. (Applause.)