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Dr. Hanson previously testified before the Commission at the February 2004 hearing on “China as an Emerging Regional and Technology Power – Implications for U.S. Economic and Security Interests.”