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anything to alter each other's position in what has become a moment of reckoning over Iran, and an important foreign policy issue in the U.S. presidential race.

Obama's aim is to dissuade Israel from launching what he considers to be a premature and dangerous attack on Iran.

The leaders spoke to the media at the start of their meeting, not at the end. That left no opportunity for them to reveal how their discussions went, and it reduced the possibility of repeating last year's remarkably blunt scene.

When they last sat in the Oval Office, in May, Netanyahu lectured Obama in front of reporters as differences over Mideast peace unfolded.

This time, their body language as they spoke was not so glaring but still telling: Obama addressed the media around the room; Netanyahu spoke directly to Obama and locked on him.

Netanyahu said later Monday that Obama "understood Israel's position" that it has the right to self-defense.

Both leaders see a nuclear-armed Iran as a nightmare that could threaten Israel's survival and potentially allow terrorists to grab unthinkable deadly power. Their difference is not over whether force may be needed — Obama has been specific on his willingness to use it — but whether the time for such a drastic step is nearing.

Israel fears it may soon lose its window to take out Iran's nuclear facilities; Obama sees a longer period for intervention, based on Iran's current nuclear capability and the toll of growing sanctions. He has put increasing emphasis on the political, economic and potential death toll that could come with opening a new Mideast war.

There are other election-year stakes for Obama. He is under pressure from Republican rivals, and even some Democratic allies, over his backing for Israel. That perception, in turn, can play an important role in swing states such as Florida, where there are many Jewish voters, and in Obama's ability to raise money for his campaign.

Obama often defends his pro-Israel record and sometimes bristles about being questioned about it. He declared his commitment anew with Netanyahu at his side.

"The United States will always have Israel's back when it comes to Israel's security," he said. Netanyahu took it further.

He said Americans know Israel is their only reliable democratic ally in the Mideast, and that Iran sees the two countries as inseparable enemies.

"For them, you're the Great Satan, and we're the Little Satan," Netanyahu said. "For them, we are you and you're us. And, you know something, Mr. President — at least on this last point, I think they're right. We are you, and you are us. Israel and America stand together."

Iran insists its nuclear program is peaceful. It has called for Israel's destruction.

Although Israel says it hasn't decided whether to strike Iran, it has signaled readiness to do so within the next several months. The United States sees a longer timeline to the moment when a military strike might be appropriate partly based on different views of when Iran would pose an imminent threat.

A senior Obama administration official said it would take upward of a year for Iran to build a working weapon once it started work on one. That was an unusually specific estimate and offered a window into the U.S. argument to Israel that the crisis with Iran is not as dire as some in Israel have painted it.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to reveal internal thinking about Iran's capabilities.

Netanyahu's White House visit came as U.S. and Israeli politicians flocked to the annual conference of a prominent pro-Israel lobby, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. Netanyahu was to address the group Monday night; GOP presidential candidates Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich will on Tuesday.

A top House Republican, Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia, took some veiled shots at Obama's Iran approach in addressing the AIPAC audience Monday.

"America's role is not to put its hand on the scale and balance it against Israel," Cantor said.

"America's role is to put its fist on the scale to weigh down the terrorism, fanaticism and anti-Semitism of Iran and its proxies."

Associated Press writers Anne Gearan and Amy Teibel contributed to this story.

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