

"This book provides a detailed analysis and critique of *Proliferation: Threat and Response* and focuses in particular on the DOD response portion of the report. It is an important contribution to the policy process that will help to make future editions of *Proliferation: Threat and Response* stronger and more effective. Many of our nation's top counterproliferation experts have contributed to this volume—I consider it must reading for all who seek to understand the dynamics of present and future proliferation threats to the United States and how we might best respond to our most important security challenge."

—Honorable William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense 1994-1997

The greatest security challenge facing the United States in the post-Cold War era is the proliferation and potential use of weapons of mass destruction. This book evaluates how well Washington is coping with this challenge by focusing on the response section of *Proliferation: Threat and Response*, the Department of Defense's annual report on counterproliferation. The recognized experts included in this text (many of whom have either crafted or implemented the counterproliferation policies they discuss) expand upon the themes in *Proliferation: Threat and Response* by analyzing U.S. policy in the areas of prevention, deterrence, and protection as well as by highlighting the areas requiring greater effort. Collectively, they find proliferation to be an ominous long-term challenge that demands a proactive policy response that is well conceived, well coordinated, and well funded. The overall message of the book is straightforward: much has been done but much more is required. This book can serve to stimulate the public debate needed to improve the ways the United States responds to the changed global security environment and this all too real new threat to national security.

"*Countering the Proliferation and Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction* will be useful to the expert and layman alike. It is refreshingly inclusive in terms of the topics addressed and the spectrum of views presented; a true contribution on the security issue of our time." — Dr. Keith B. Payne, President, National Institute for Public Policy

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"Proliferation of weapons of mass destruction will likely be the greatest security challenge to the United States as the twenty-first century opens. Hays, Jodoin, and Van Tassel's authors provide an insightful examination of many of the problems that will be posed to the United States as proliferation of these weapons with their apocalyptic potential continues. Their general argument that the United States needs a multifaceted approach for countering these weapons that is well coordinated across the entire government cannot be overstated." — Dr. Victor A. Utgoff, Director for Security Policy Studies, Institute for Defense Analyses

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