EDITOR’s NOTE

Welcome to Volume 2, Number 1 of National Institute’s Journal of Policy & Strategy—a quarterly, online, and peer-reviewed journal. In this publication we present trenchant analysis on important national security issues of the day; insightful interviews with key defense and national security experts; perceptive commentary on recently published books; thoughtful, scholarly perspectives on critical security issues from former leaders and strategists with world-renowned reputations; and proceedings from National Institute’s online symposia series. For example, included in this issue’s “Analysis” section is a seminal article from the late Colin Gray on “Great Powers and World Order.” Also included is an analysis by Mark Mattox, National Defense University’s Director of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Graduate Fellowship Program, of "The Jus Ad Bellum Character of Nuclear Warfare"; an article on “The Long Path to the Current State of Sino-American Relations” by Joseph DeTrani, former Special Envoy for Negotiations with North Korea and Director of the National Counterproliferation Center; and a look at “Missile Defense in a Multipolar World” by James Bosbotinis, Harris Fried, and COL David Shank (USA, ret.). In addition, this issue includes interviews with VADM Robert Monroe (USN, Ret.), former Director of the Defense Nuclear Agency and Lt. Gen. Henry “Trey” Obering III (USAF, Ret.), former Director of the Missile Defense Agency. The proceedings from three online symposia (webinars) are also included in this issue: “Deterring Potential Chinese Aggression Against Taiwan”; “Deterrence Implications of the U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan”; and “U.S. Nuclear Employment Strategy.” Our “Literature Review” section looks at Dmitry Adamsky’s book, Russian Nuclear Orthodoxy: Religion, Politics, and Strategy; Ilan Berman’s new book, Wars of Ideas: Theology, Interpretation and Power in the Muslim World; and Rush Doshi’s book, The Long Game: China’s Grand Strategy to Displace American Order. The “Documentation” section contains testimony by Brad Roberts on “China and the 2021 U.S. Nuclear Posture Review” before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; excerpts from the Commission’s 2021 report; and testimony by General Glen D. VanHerck (USAF), Commander of the United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command. Finally, in the “From the Archive” section, you will find a keynote speech on deterrence and missile defense by former UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher delivered at a National Institute conference in 1998. Much of Baroness Thatcher’s commentary resonates today, nearly a quarter century later. The editors welcome readers to this second issue of our Journal of Policy & Strategy and hope you find the information and perspectives it contains to be interesting, enlightening, informative, and valuable.