



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the second issue of Volume 4 of National Institute's *Journal of Policy & Strategy*—a quarterly online peer-reviewed publication.

The “Analysis” section features five essays. Michaela Dodge examines trends in allied assurance given the rise of revisionist belligerent powers, including the effects of Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine and China's military buildup. Christopher Griffin elaborates on the challenge of deterrence from President Eisenhower's “New Look” to the present. Peppino DeBiaso and Robert Joseph offer recommendations for adapting U.S. homeland missile defense in a transformed security environment. Keith Payne argues that the United States and its allies have so far failed to make the hard choices that would allow them to overcome structural problems that undermine U.S. extended deterrence and assurance. Finally, David Trachtenberg makes the case that the United States should return to a “two-war” planning construct to reinforce extended deterrence and assurance.

The “Interviews” section focuses on the Indo-Pacific region. Rod Lyon, Senior Fellow—International Strategy at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, discusses the value of extended deterrence and assurance for Australia. Donghyun Kim, International Broadcast Journalist working for the *Voice of America*, offers a South Korean perspective on the alliance with the United States in the context of increasing regional threats.

The “Proceedings” section contains participant remarks from two National Institute webinars, one titled “Lessons Learned from the Israel-Hamas Conflict and Implications for Deterrence” from January 2024, and the other, “NATO at 75: Up to the Challenge?” from March 2024. Both are highly relevant to contemporary discussions.

The “Literature Review” offers an examination of four recently published works in the field: *Our Enemies Shall Vanish* by Yaroslav Trofimov (reviewed by Michaela Dodge); the State Department's International Security Advisory Board's *Report on Deterrence in a World of Nuclear Multipolarity* (reviewed by David J. Trachtenberg); *Unraveling the Gray Area Problem: The United States and the INF Treaty* by Luke Griffith (reviewed by Matthew R. Costlow); and *Deterrence Gap: Avoiding War in the Taiwan Strait* by Jared M. McKinney and Peter Harris (reviewed by Jennifer Bradley).

The “Documentation Section” offers select excerpts from U.S. Strategic Command Commander General Anthony Cotton's testimony before the Senate Committee on Armed Services. The second document is select excerpts from United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command Commander General Gregory M. Guillot's testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services. The third document contains excerpts from the United Kingdom's Defense Nuclear Enterprise's report, *Delivering the UK's Nuclear Deterrent as a National Endeavour Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Defence by Command of His Majesty*, which elaborates on the British plans for keeping the British nuclear deterrent viable in the future.

The issue concludes with the “From the Archive” section, which presents the Executive Summary from Keith B. Payne's (Study Director) and John S. Foster Jr.'s (Chairman, Senior Review Group) 2014 study titled *Nuclear Force Adaptability for Deterrence and Assurance: A Prudent Alternative to Minimum Deterrence*.

The editors hope readers will find this collection of works useful and enlightening. Our goal, as always, is that every issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* is valuable and worth the read.

