

## FORWARD by John Fialka

A decade after Coalition forces targeted Saddam's missile, nuclear, chemical and biological weapons capabilities, public concern about strategic weapons proliferation has grown. India, Iraq, North Korea, China and Pakistan have all renewed their efforts to acquire weapons capable of mass destruction. Meanwhile, growing surpluses of weapons-useable materials in the US, Russia, Japan and Europe have raised the specter of nuclear theft and, with the Tokyo sarin attacks of 1995, the most horrific forms of terrorism.

What should we make of these threats? Are the planned responses of the US and its allies sufficient? Will history ultimately end in a more prosperous, democratic and peaceful world or will the accelerating availability of strategic technology be our doom? These questions are the focus of *Twenty-First Century Weapons Proliferation*.

In this book leading national security practitioners from the administrations of President Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton share their insights. Among the authors are two former US assistant secretaries of defense, a former US Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner, a former member of the National Security Council, a former national security director from the White House Office of Science and Technology policy and a former deputy for nonproliferation policy from the Pentagon. Their analyses, along with those of other experts and the editors of two leading journals on terrorism and the Middle East not only clarify the weapons proliferation threats the US and its friends will face, but suggest what new policies their governments must consider.