SPEAKING TRUTH TO NONPROLIFERATION

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ABSTRACT:
In 2015, the Nonproliferation Policy Education Center (NPEC) was awarded PASCC funding under the authority of the Naval Postgraduate School and Naval Supply Systems Command for a 24 month term. In May 2016, the Naval Postgraduate School notified NPEC that the Air Force would be taking over the administration of the grant, and as a consequence, the remaining grant balance for the second 12 month term needed to be reapplied for. NPEC is therefore seeking 2017-2018 funding to complete a project to evaluate U.S. intelligence and policy collaboration in countering proliferation in India, Israel, Libya, North Korea, Pakistan, Taiwan, South Korea, and the Argentine nuclear-capable rockets case. This project would bring together outside experts and the retired intelligence and policy officials who were involved in these cases.

The outside experts have written case histories based on the open literature and have identified additional questions to research with select policy and intelligence practitioners. In the next year, they will conduct extensive interviews other former officials to complete a primary history of each case. Each chapter will then be reviewed by a former official, who will be asked to provide specific commentary on the paper. A workshop will review these final drafts, the commentaries and also review the project’s findings paper that identifies lessons from the case histories that might enhance future policy/intelligence collaboration to stem nuclear proliferation.

The papers will be published as an edited volume. NPEC will hold a public event to showcase the research. NPEC would also share the project results and publication with key policy makers, military planners, academics, and NGOs to stimulate further research and discussion.

Research in Progress describes ongoing PASCC research. For more information please contact INSS@usafa.edu.