PREFACE

This is a study of the Tarapur dispute in the broader context of U.S. nonproliferation policy and the international nonproliferation regime. This thesis examines how the dispute helped reshape U.S. nonproliferation policy and why India was subjected to intense political pulls and pressures. The history of the Tarapur dispute is also a history of the major changes in U.S. nonproliferation policy and the evolution of technology-denial policies among the major nuclear exporting countries. Conversely, it is also a history of American, and international, efforts to contain India's independent nuclear programme. The study relies more on primary than on secondary sources, using a number of U.S. government documents that have been declassified in recent years. It reveals far more information than has been published on the subject of Indo-U.S. nuclear relations. Sixteen appendices provide some interesting and useful insights into the subject.

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