Military funding has high security value

To the Editor:

Re: Letter to the editor by Christopher Fry in The Tech (Feb. 24). I was greatly dismayed by the ignorance of world realities demonstrated by Mr. Fry. He seems to believe that the American military exists in order to "extract as much money from the civilians as possible." It amazes me that anyone could be so naive as to think that "the bonds between militaries are stronger than the bond between a country's military and its civilians." These misconceptions could not be further from the truth.

Fry also states that "Low productivity can be blamed on militarization as well." A belief is worse than useless. The resources that go into making it possible to be so naive to the society. But a strong military acts as an effective deterrent to war, providing security and peace of mind surely those are valuable benefits. If we should break out, a strong military will be needed to protect our nation from foreign aggressors, as it has been for more than one hundred and numerous other conflicts. In doing so, the question we should have been pointed out a high economic value on this security.

I'd also like to make the statement that "MIT, along with the other great institutions, could receive more of society's resources if these resources were not squandered by the Department of Defense." I can only say that if $2 billion a year is enough to keep our society free, it is money well spent.

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