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Act would send strong message to Washington

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power to tell anyone to do anything—to study the issue and if it can come up with any recommendations on ways to direct research to meet human needs.

After inquiring the reader about democratic society and private property, Mr. Garfinkel states that, "The authors believe it is their right to pick and choose what facts of this technology society should know." No, they don't. They belong to society and should decide, and that is what they are trying to do.

As stated in MIT's friend-of-court papers, MIT's problem with the act is that "As drafted, and especially since it is in unclear how the intent of a researcher would be determined, the ban could apply to research and writing in mathematics, physics, engineering, and other sciences, as well as to studies conducted by professors of government, economics, or other social sciences related to nuclear weapons issues." It would be evident from the contracts whether or not the primary purpose of the research is work toward nuclear weapons.

In closing, perhaps we should state programs we have with the act. In the event of a nuclear war, the bomb that destroys Boston would destroy Cambridge. Thus, whether or not Cambridge is a "priority target" will not matter, and there should be no change in the "psychological health" of the people of Cambridge. We support this act because, as the act says, "The city's failure to prohibit work on nuclear weapons would imply an endorsement of policies which encourage widespread death and destruction, and this endorsement is contrary to the values of the people of Cambridge," and because we want to send a strong signal to Washington.

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