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"I'm not interested in doing with less, but in doing more with less. We don't have to become vegetarians and ride bicycles to save the Earth."  
-Amory Lovins. (SIERRA 1990)

Welcome to New England Circle. This evening's discussion on energy resource and policy is led by **AMORY LOVINS**, cofounder of the Rocky Mountain Institute a nonprofit foundation which fosters resource efficiency and global security.

Lovins asserts that the U.S. could run its economy on a third to a fourth as much energy as it does today saving \$300 billion annually while reducing urban smog, acid rain, and global warming. By making cost effective efficiency investments the country could eliminate oil imports and save trillions of dollars by the year 2000 - enough to pay off the national debt.

In his book, *Soft Energy Paths*, Lovins wrote, "According to conventional wisdom the energy problem is how to increase energy supplies to meet projected demands. The solution is familiar: ever more remote and fragile places are to be ransacked, at ever greater risk and cost." Lovins argued a better answer was to wring more work from our energy. "We understand too little the wise use of power." By outlining a scenario in which the nuclear-power genie is rebottled and oil, gas, and coal are replaced by hydropower, biomass, solar, and other sustainable-energy supplies, Lovins forever changed the context of the energy debate.

In the relationship between energy and national security, Lovins concludes our dependence on centralized sources of fossil fuels makes us insecure.

Amory Lovins, it has been said, will go down in history as the man who changed the way the world thinks about energy - and not a moment too soon.

Tonight's moderator is **GREGG EASTERBROOK**, contributing editor of *Newsweek*, whose in-depth coverage on U.S. environmental policy has won him national acclaim. In his award-winning July 1989 *Newsweek* cover story, Easterbrook wrote, "The environment is damned near indestructible... human assaults are pinpricks compared with forces of the magnitude nature is accustomed to resisting. One aspect of the environment is genuinely delicate, though. Namely, the set of conditions favorable to human beings."

Easterbrook serves also as Contributing Editor at both *The Atlantic* and the *Washington Monthly*.

New England Circle invites men and women of different cultures political persuasions and professions to exchange ideas and opinions. The Circle evolved out of a 19th-century Parker House tradition called The Saturday Club, a group of concerned individuals such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and James Russell Lowell who gathered monthly for lively, informal discussions. Tonight's discussion on energy resource and policy could awaken the spirit of those who inaugurated this tradition.

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