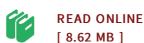# Feasibility Evaluation of Employing a Sea-Based Adjunct to the United States' National Missile Defense Strategy

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