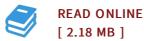# Crs Report for Congress: The Republic of the Philippines and U.S. Interests

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