
PREFACE

This report focuses on the question of how the United States should deal with the changing security environment in Asia—a vital and dynamic region of the world that may be entering a period of increased instability. It then addresses the implications for the U.S. Air Force in shaping the environment, responding to potential crises, and preparing for the long term.

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