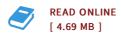# Nonrecurring Costs: Improvements Needed in Dod Cost Recovery Efforts: Nsiad-86-95

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