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definitions of empire-territorial, informal, and institutional-that help to explain the nation's past and forecast a future in which the United States will cease to play an imperial role. Arguing that the move toward diminished geopolitical dominance reflects the aspirations of most U.S. citizens, he asserts that imperial retreat does not necessarily mean national decline and may ultimately strengthen the nation's state. At this pivotal juncture in American history, Bulmer-Thomas's uniquely global perspective will be widely read and discussed across a range of fields.

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