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IBPP readers who have noted that Joseph Estrada recently has been forced from the presidency in the Philippines and that Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has succeeded him might wish to re-read a [July 17] 1998 IBPP article [Volume 5, Issue 3] by Ma. Elizabeth J. Macapagal entitled "From the Movies to Malacanang: The Rise to Power of Philippine President Joseph Estrada," the article offers a prescient look at Mr. Estrada's strengths and weaknesses and an almost eerie sense of what was to transpire and led to his political demise. (See Estrada losing hold in Philippines as allies abandon him. (January 20, 2001). The New York Times, p. A3; From the movies to Malacanang: The rise to power of Philippine president Joseph Estrada. (July 17, 1998). IBPP, 5(3); Landler, M. (January 21, 2001). Taking power, with people's blessing. The New York Times, p. 4Y.) (Keywords: Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Joseph Estrada, Philippines, Presidency.)