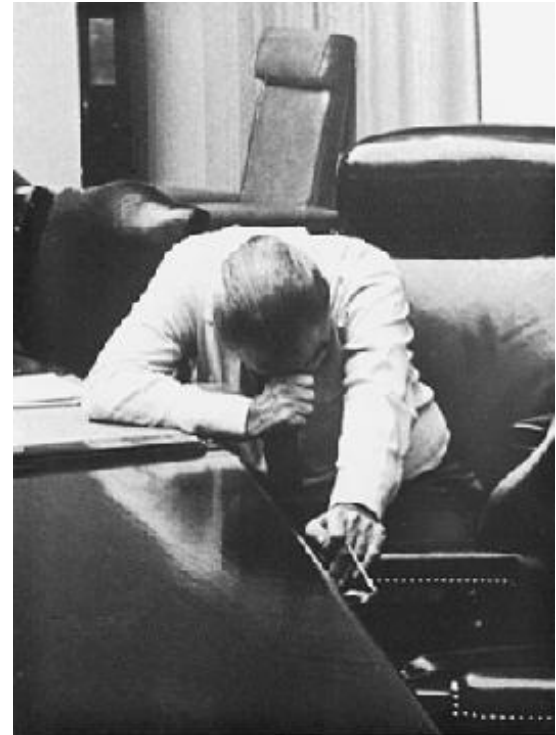


Johnson Becomes Involved



Committed to Containment



- Meeting with Henry Cabot Lodge
- Choices to Make
- “I am not going to be the President who saw Southeast Asia go the way China went.”

Military Rule



- Diem's Successors
 - Big Minh
- Vietcong
- 5,000 more troops sent
- Taking the war to the North

Incident in the Gulf of Tonkin



- The night of August 2, 1964
- Gulf of Tonkin, 30 miles off the coast of North Vietnam
- U.S. Destroyer, the *Maddox*
- “Open aggression on the high seas”

Gulf of Tonkin Resolution



- “Take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and prevent further aggression.”
- Gave Johnson nearly complete control
- “Grandma’s nightshirt”