

## Misperceptions Leb.

US 57 Syria is free; Aug 57 Syria is nearly Communist

Domino theory: Syria → Arab world → Europe → U.S.

Prediction: Syrian aggression is likely.

Theory: all comm. states are aggressive

SU-57 US or Turkey is preparing to attack ~~Turkey~~ <sup>Syria</sup>

US 57 - SU protests suggest SU attack on Turkey.

(add one more warning on each side)

[US 58 VAR form. may have been seen as aggression?]

counterinstance: ~~SU~~ SU will not respond to Lebanon invasion.  
Prediction is correct.

P 17 Gallman - US joining Baghdad pact would signal us firmness to S.U.

July 15 - E's decision was an immediate gut reaction - one blow after another perceived. Reason:

- or (a) Lebanon is about to fall (Lodge in UN) } both?  
 (b) show of resolve needed (E. in memoirs)

Were there specific US interests - oil, business?

challenge?

Sequence of M.E. events gradually become challenging?  
 Iraq - last straw, like '48 currency reform.

Sequence of U.S. moves in ME

Denial?

SU warnings?

US landing?

crisis?

plausible turning point in int. system?

poss. of war - war talk, troops.

Lebanon Qu.

Challenge? who, which move. Denial?

Details in Lebanon omitted: 2-term bid.

P39 why did civil war die down?

Why called revolution?

Is US resolve reputation at stake July 58?  
No evidence on Soviet perceptions.

How are moves classified? (accommodative)  
basic  
coercive

P54 not clear.

~~P58 are these re-estimations of attitudes & yes~~  
Lowering esp. level

P57 - these changes are "cataclysmic" in R's sense.

P62 chicken or PD? cf. 63 too. expanded ch.?

P84 was there clarification of opp's goals as basis of settlement?  
led to change of US values.

US discovered it was not P. 63 PD.  
could be chicken, but nobody played D.

# Threats

US 57 Syria with retaliation for attack on Turkey I, J.  
Vague, limited.

SU 57 to support Syria - Vague.

D-M

D. to intervene - decided on domino grounds - resolve.  
Then checked for possible adverse consequences  
elsewhere.

# Images

22 Eisenhower: Comm. ~~aggressive~~ moves are  
always deliberately planned; little impulsiveness.