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Summary:

This telegram from Ambassador to Syria Kato to the Foreign Minister of Japan summarizes a conversation between Japan-Syria Friendship Association President Nakayama and President Assad in which President Assad commits to continuing to assist in the release of the American hostages held in Lebanon.

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(限定配布)

2 2 日、水上日本・シリア友好使節団団長、中山日本・シリア友好協会会長がアサド 大統領を表けいした際、中山会長より、前回の大統領との会談の模様を帰国後ナカソ ネ総理及び外務大臣に報告したところ、総理、外務大臣はともに、アサド大統領の高 まいな識見と日・シリア両国関係強化に対する熱意に強く印象づけられ、右に深いけ い意を表した旨述べた。

これに対し、アサド大統領は「自分(「ア」大統領)としても、先般話し合つた問題 は自分の重大関心事項であるので、その旨ナカソネ総理に伝達願いたく、また本件に ついては今後とも自分自身の問題として引き続き努力を継続していくつもりである。

」旨述べた。(了)

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On the 22nd, on the occasion of Japan-Syria Friendship Mission Chief Mizukami and Japan-Syria Friendship Association President Nakayama paying a courtesy call on President Assad, President Nakayama said that he had reported his previous meeting with President Assad, following his return to Japan, to Prime Minister Nakasone and the Foreign Minister. Both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister were strongly impressed by, and expressed their deep respect for, President Assad's lofty vision and his enthusiasm for strengthening relations between Japan and Syria.

In response, President Assad said: "For me (President Assad), too, the problem discussed the other day is a matter of great concern. I would like you to convey that to Prime Minister Nakasone, as well as that I intend to continue from this point onward to exert effort on this problem, treating it as one of my own." (End)