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### **[Draft] Letter, Yoshihiro Nakayama to Hafez al-Assad**

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#### **Summary:**

A draft of a letter from Special Envoy Nakayama of Japan to President Assad of Syria. The letter discusses Envoy Nakayama's recent visit to Syria and meeting with President Assad.

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中近東アフリカ局長

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首席事務官

August , 1985

Excellency,

I have the honour to express my profound gratitude to Your Excellency for the cordial welcome which you extended to me during my recent visit to the <sup>Syrian Arab Republic</sup> Islamic Republic of Iran. <sup>and for receiving me</sup> It was indeed a privilege for me to be received in audience by Your Excellency at a time when <sup>you were</sup> Your Excellency was so occupied with pressing affairs of state, in spite of the fact that my visit was arranged at such a short notice.

I am particularly thankful <sup>to Your Excellency for permitting me to</sup> that I could have a frank and fruitful exchange of views with <sup>you</sup> Your Excellency on the international issues of our mutual concern, <sup>including international terrorism</sup> Such candid discussions on this sensitive political matter, I am sure, are <sup>that</sup> the evidence of the close ties <sup>have</sup> ~~having~~ developed between <sup>our</sup> the two countries. I heartily hope that my visit ~~would~~ will have contributed to the furtherance of mutual understanding between the two countries.

Upon my return to Tokyo, I made a detailed report to Prime Minister Nakasone on my talks with Your Excellency, and he <sup>then</sup> ~~Mr. Nakasone~~ expressed deep satisfaction with ~~the outcome~~ and I am sure ~~that he has further deepened his understanding of~~ about the Iranian position on international terrorism.

His Excellency <sup>Hafez Al-Assad</sup>  
~~Hojatoleslam Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani~~  
~~Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly~~  
~~of the Islamic Republic of Iran~~

<sup>President of the Syrian Arab Republic</sup>

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