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**Cable No. 771, Ambassador Kato to the Foreign
Minister, 'Ambassador Nakayama's Visit to Syria'**

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Summary:

In this telegram, Ambassador to Syria Kato informs the Foreign Minister of Japan that President Assad of Syria will not be able to meet with Ambassador Nakayama.

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From: Ambassador Kato

Ambassador Nakayama's Visit to Syria

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Re: Outgoing Telegram No. 769

The Office of the President informed us that the President very much wished to meet us and requested that we therefore stand by, so we did so. In the afternoon of the 17th, we heard that President Assad had become aware of Foreign Minister Shara's meeting with the Ambassador and was satisfied with it. We were informed that the Ambassador's visit was welcomed but that, due to the Syrian-Jordanian Summit in Saudi Arabia and the change in the situation in Lebanon since his arrival, the President would regrettably be unable to meet the Ambassador during his stay.

Also, Ambassador Nakayama will leave for Tunis on the 18th, as scheduled, and join the Middle East Institute of Japan mission there. (End)