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Governor Victor Attiyeh  
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*My very dear Victor,*

On behalf of the Chairman of the People's Council of the Syrian Arab Republic, I have the honor to convey to you an invitation to attend the First Convention of congressmen and members of Parliament, in the Americas, who are of Arab descent.

This convention is to be held in the Syrian capital, Damascus, as from the 25th of October 1985 to the 30th of October, under the auspices of the President of the Syrian Arab Republic, His Excellency Hafez Al-Assad. The general theme of the Convention shall be to discuss ways and means to strengthen the relations between the Arab Nation and the peoples of the American continent.

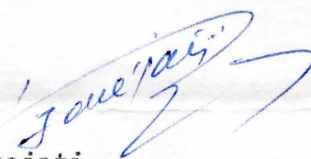
Distinguished personalities beside congressmen and members of Parliament such as governors, heads of Arab-American organizations, lawyers, writers and professors of Arab roots and some of their American friends shall attend as observers.

Among the main items to be examined at the Convention is how to promote the ties that bind the Syrian Parliament to the legislatures in the Americas, and how to strengthen the economic and cultural relations between Syria and the bulk of the countries of the American continents, paying a special attention to the consolidation of the links between the Community of Arab descent and the original motherland, and exploring the possibilities of establishing mixed American-Syrian parliamentary committees of friendship.

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In the hope that you consider favorably your kind acceptance of this invitation, I wish to reiterate to you the expression of my high consideration.

Sincerely yours, *with warmest regards*

  
Rafic Jouejati  
Ambassador

P.S. The People's Council takes into its charge both the transportation and accomodation of the guests of the Convention. In case of acceptance, contact will be resumed to arrange for the tickets. This expenditure comes from a voluntary fund fed by relatives, in the People's Council, of Americans of Arab descent.