DEC 07, 1985 Governor Atiyab

October 15, 1985

His Excellency Dr. Rafic Jouejati Syrian Embassy 2215 Wyoming Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20008

ATTENTION: Irene

Dear Irene:

It seems like you and I have become regular correspondents. This is the last chance I will have to write since we take off for Taiwan in just a few hours.

I have only two items of business for this letter.

I want to be sure you understand that the Governor and myself do <u>not</u> have any tickets or reservations for the flight from Dhahran to Damascus on Saturday, October 26th (Syrian Arab Airlines flight 512). Our travel agent had no way to communicate with this airline, and so we are depending on you and your good services. As we depart we have no confirmation of this flight. At this point, we will look for tickets for this flight upon arrival in Dhahran.

Secondly, I wanted to give you the cost figures for the air travel for the Governor. The round-trip airfare from Portland to Damascus is \$4336.00. However, since the Governor will already be in Taipei, your costs for his transportation will be reduced. The flight from Taipei to Dhahran is \$1236.00 for the Governor's seat. His return flight from Damascus to Portland costs \$2407.00 for a total cost of \$3643.00 for the complete flight. The State of Oregon has already had these tickets issued. As per Ambassador Jouejati's letter of September 25, 1985, it is our understanding that the People's Council will be reimbursing this expense. If you need to get a message to us while we are in Taiwan, please contact Mrs. Gerry Thompson, Governor Atiyeh's Executive Assistant in Salem at (503) 378-3101.

Irene, it has been once again an absolute pleasure working with you. The next time Gov. Atiyeh and myself come to Washington D.C. we certainly owe you a lunch. Thank you again for all your help.

Best Personal Regards,

Denny Miles Administrative Assistant to the Governor for Communications

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cc: Governor Atiyeh Gerry Thompson