

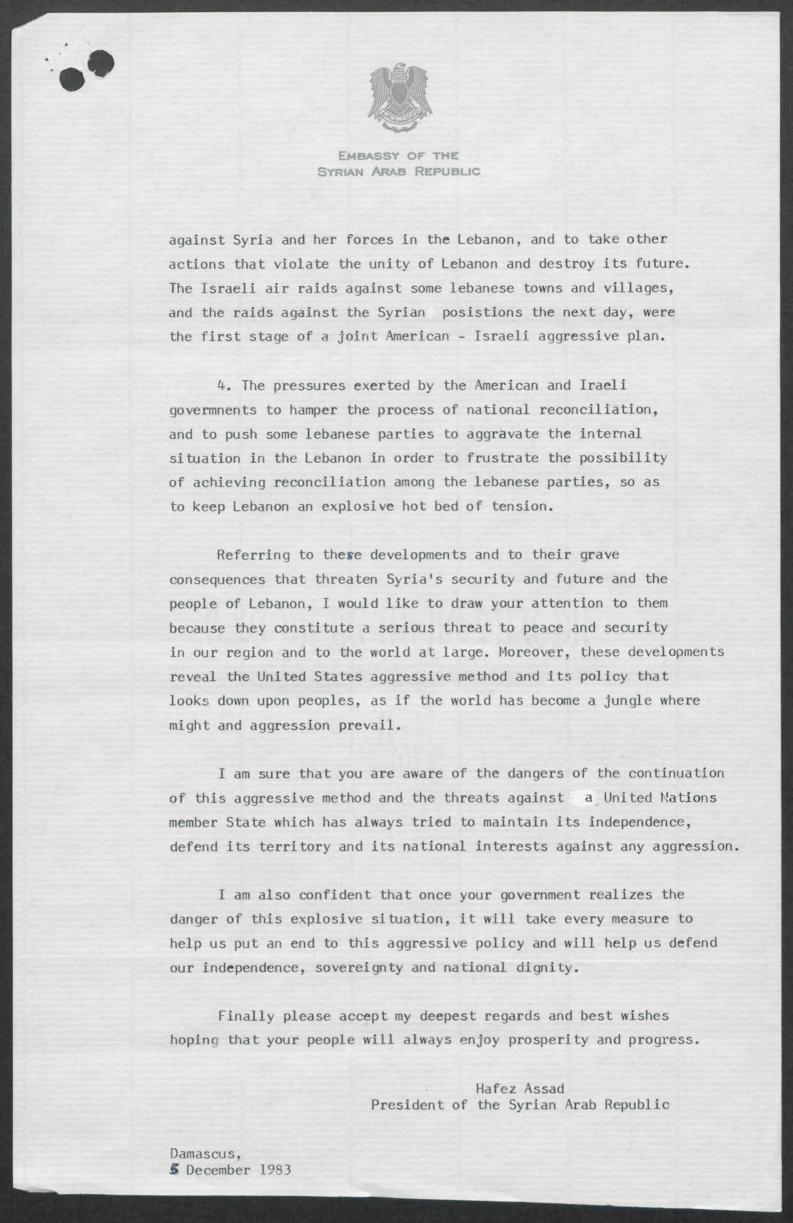
EMBASSY OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

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Dear Prime Minister,

In the present critical circumstanaces which the world in general, and the Middle East in particular, are undergoing, and what they entail in terms of aggression and development and widening of this aggression, I write to you to point out a number of grave developments in our region. Such developments have become a threat to peace and security, not only to this sensitive region, but also to peace and security in the world at large. The gravest of these developments are the following:

- 1. The U.S. military escalation in the Lebanon, and the involvement of the U.S. forces in the internal Lebanese problem, and their participation in the fighting against some parties.
- 2. The development of U.S. military escalation from involvement in the internal fighting to launching aggression against Syrian forces in the Lebanon. The last of such acts of aggression were the air Raids which the U.S. air crafts carried out yesterday against our forces positions in the Lebanon, and the consequent declarations that were chracterized by threats to continue such aggressive acts against our forces.
- The U.S. forces have come to Lebanon under the pretext of helping in establishing peace in this country, but no sooner they turned to forces that threaten peace and security in the Lebanon and the region. What we fear is that the region has come to be on the brink of another Vietnam.
- 3. The strategic agreement concluded between the American President, Ronald Reagan, and the Prime Minister of Israel, Itzhak Shamir, during the latter's visit to Washington. According to this agreement, the interets of the United States, a Super power, have been linked to those of Israel, in a way that the huge potentialities and capabilities of the United States are put in the service of the Israeli expansionist aggressive projects. It has become clear that the two sides have agreed to launch a direct aggressive action





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Dear John,

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Svria

The Syrian Embassy this afternoon delivered to the department the enclosed text of a message to the Prime Minister from President Asad dated 5 December.

We shall let you have a draft reply as soon as possible.

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