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British Forces of Occupation from Syrian territory and their replacement, with the exception of Damascus, Homs, Hama and Aleppo, by French troops, the Syrian-Lebanese League of North America begs to express its gratitude to the Supreme Council for the decision taken towards the definite establishment in Syria of the tranquility it greatly needs. We beg, however, that the tranquility thus conferred on one section of the country be also extended to its other section, by including the above districts, namely, Damascus, Homs, Hama and Aleppo within the zone of French occupation.

As a last appeal in behalf of the territorial integrity of Syria, we implore your august Council to safeguard our fatherland against incessant internal strife in the future, which is certain to follow the continued intrusion, under any form or manner, on Syrian affairs by Sherif Feisal of the Hejaz and his agents. The jealousies and conflicts among Arab chiefs, which are historically characteristic of the Arab race, are certain to continue as heretofore, and to directly or indirectly embroil Syria, Mesopotamia, Palestine and neighboring Moslem countries, if the House of Sultan Hussein of the Hejaz—who is the least popular of the Arab princely houses, even in Arabia itself—be permitted to extend its political interests and ambitious schemes outside of the Hejaz district. The recent armed conflict between Ibn An-Saoud of Nejd and Sultan Hussein of Hejaz, leading to the transference from Damascus, Homs, Hama and Aleppo of Syrian units for the defence of Hejaz territory, is an evidence of the ominous possibilities that would involve the countries mentioned above, Syria in particular. It is superfluous to dwell on how the peace and progress of that part of the world and of the Near East in general would be affected thereby. We, therefore, beg to renew our appeal, submitted twice before to the Supreme Council and also to President Wilson on his arrival in Paris, that an end be put to the intrusion of Sherif Feisal

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the work of the mandatory in the future, and we beg, therefore, that the status of Syria be definitely settled at an early date.

Most respectfully,
(Signed) Doctor Tabet, President,
Michel Jureidini, Vice-President,
Gibran Gibran, Secretary.)

Respectfully submitted, hoping, Mr. Secretary, that the above petition will receive your consideration.

Most respectfully,
M. K. Jureidini Vice-President
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Mr. William Phillips,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.



Honorable Sir:

His Excellency Ambassador Jusserand has done me the honor to ask you on my behalf if you would kindly grant me an audience to lay before you certain facts regarding Syrian affairs before my return to Syria. He has advised me that you have kindly consented to grant me the desired audience.

May I beg to be informed of the exact date which is most convenient for you to receive me with Mr. Michel Jureidini, Vice-President of our League. As I have soon to leave for Syria, I will be greatly thankful if it is possible to make the date for a day next week most convenient for you.

Respectfully,
Dr. E. G. Tabet

President Syrian-Lebanese
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"UNDER WHICH IT DOES NOT WISH TO LIVE"
PRESIDENT WILSON

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past record, but also the hopelessness of Turkey's corrigibility be taken into your consideration when the proper time will have come for a decision on the definite future of long suffering Syria.

We pray that the weight of your Excellency's voice shall so establish this definite future as to be absolutely freed from even a nominal Turkish sovereignty; Syria's martyrdom during the present war cannot be retrieved by anything less, and her future development that will make her a useful member in the society of civilized peoples cannot be absolutely secured except under the separate and direct protectorship of a democratic Christian nation.

We further beg, Mr. President, to express our humble wishes for the final triumph of the noble principles for which this great Republic and her great Allies are pouring their blood and treasure in order to firmly establish and to secure a lasting peace thereby.

Most respectfully,

M. J. Naimy
Secretary

Dr. E. G. Tabet
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