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Governor Atiyeh is in Washington, D.C. tonight waiting to leave on his trip to Syria. Atiyeh is taking the trip to explore the country of where his father once lived, but he also has plans to meet with President Hafez-Asad.

Atiyeh says that the meeting is virtually guaranteed but he says that he has no illusions about the outcome.

Gov. Atiyeh

Obviously I don't represent the United States government I am a governor of course in my own state but that is all the weight it carries.

I'm not naive enough to think that I am going to solve this overnight. It is a very complex problem but I will talk to him frankly and I think that he will listen to me understanding my background and I suppose it won't hurt maybe it will help.

I don't know.

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The Governor also plans to visit other middle eastern countries on his trip.

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