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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

7 February 1984

My dear Mr. Kawamata,

I was very sorry that you were not able to visit London for the signing of the Heads of Agreement between the British Government and the Nissan Motor Company, and especially that the reason was that you have been suffering poor health. In those circumstances, I think that you were quite right to stay in Japan and have yourself looked after: I hope that you are quickly restored to full health.

I was very glad to see Mr. Ishihara and Mr. Kawai in London, and I was very grateful for your courteous letter which Mr. Ishihara brought to me. I am delighted that agreement has been reached between the British Government and Nissan. I warmly welcome the Nissan project and I hope that it is a step not only towards further development by Nissan in Britain but also towards closer economic relationships between Britain and Japan. I greatly value the exchanges I have been able to have had with you during these negotiations, and the privacy with which we have been able to conduct them.

The beautiful gift which Mr. Ishihara presented to me is greatly appreciated. It will remain in 10 Downing Street as a commemoration of what I hope will come to be seen as a very important milestone for both my country and yours.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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Mr. Katsuji Kawamata



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President

6th February, 1984

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister, First Lord of the
Treasury and Minister for the Civil
Service
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Dear Mrs Thatcher,

It was indeed a great honour for me to be allowed to call on you the day I signed the Heads of Agreement with your Government. I am particularly grateful to you for the precious time you so kindly spared for me even though your historically important visit to Hungary was planned for the following day.

Having received the encouragement and warm support of your Government throughout the planning stage of this venture, Nissan is determined to make the U.K. Project a basis for mutually beneficial industrial cooperation between your country and Japan.

I would also like to report to you that all the members of our Board are most delighted by the warm welcome you personally expressed for the project as announced. All of us are hopeful that your Government will continue to extend assistance as well as guidance in our endeavour to establish ourselves in the United Kingdom.

In closing, allow me to wish you the very best of health and success in the years to come.

With my deepest appreciation and kindest personal regards,

Respectfully yours,

Takashi Ishihara

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