



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

18 May 1979

Dear Mr. Ford.

Thank you for your letter of 7 May and for your kind congratulations and good wishes.

I am very conscious of the importance of the Ford Motor Company to the British economy, and of the very large investment programme which you are undertaking here. I believe that the policies which my Government will be pursuing will benefit your company. It is certainly our intention to do all we can to create an environment in which private industry can prosper.

I understand that you will be visiting Britain in June, and Sir Terence Beckett has asked whether I would meet you and other members of your Board. I would be delighted to do so, and my office has arranged with Sir Terence that we should meet on Monday, 11 June.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Henry Ford, Esq.