



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

3 April 1986

Thank you for your letter of 2 April enclosing a draft message for the Prime Minister to send to the Chairman of Nissan following the death of Mr. Kawamata. The Prime Minister was pleased to agree to send a message in the following terms:

"It was with deep regret that I learned of Mr. Kawamata's death last week. As President of the Nissan Motor Company between 1957 and 1973 and Chairman between 1973 and 1985 he had an outstanding record of service. It is particularly sad that his death should have occurred such a short time before Nissan's new production line in England comes into operation, a project with which I know he was closely associated. Please accept my deepest condolences".

No doubt you are arranging for this to be delivered to Nissan via our Embassy in Tokyo.

**TIM FLESHER**

Robert Coll, Esq.,  
Department of Trade and Industry

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**PRIME MINISTER**

The former Chairman of Nissan, Mr. Katsuji Kawamata, died last Saturday and I enquired whether a message of condolence would go down well. I am told that it would. Our Tokyo Embassy will arrange for the message to be delivered. Are you content for a message to be sent in the following terms:

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(Timothy Flesher)

3 April 1986

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7 April 1986

Tim Flesher Esq  
Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister  
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London SW1

*Dear Tim,*

As requested, I enclose a draft message of Condolence for the Prime Minister to send to the new Chairman of Nissan in response to the telex she received from the Company. A short background note on Mr Kawamata is also attached for your information. The text of the message has been agreed with our Embassy in Tokyo who will arrange for it to be delivered to Nissan.

*Yours Sincerely,*

R COLL  
Private Secretary

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO CHAIRMAN OF NISSAN *substantially  
record to source.*

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#### DEATH OF MR KAWAMATA

Mr Katsuji Kawamata passed away on Saturday 29 March in Tokyo. He was 81 years old and was Chairman of Nissan Motor Co from 1973 to 1985. Although reluctant to support the establishment of the Nissan factory at Washington in North East England, he was reflecting the views of a particular faction. His subsequent conversion made possible the decision to proceed and he greatly valued his meeting with the Prime Minister.

A letter of condolence from the Prime Minister to be delivered by our Tokyo Embassy is supported by our Ambassador.

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MR. NIGEL WICKS  
PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO  
THE PRIME MINISTER  
10-DOWING ST.  
LONDON SW1

PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

THANK YOU.

OBITUARY

MR. KATSUJI KAWAMATA, COUNSELLOR OF NISSAN MOTOR CO. LTD PASSED AWAY  
DUE TO PUNCTURE OF ARTERIOSCLEROSIS AT 9:35A.M. ON

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1986, AT TOKYO-WOMEN'S-MEDICAL-COLLEGE-HOSPITAL. HE  
WAS 81 YEARS OLD.

MR. KAWAMATA JOINED NISSAN FROM

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THE INDUSTRIAL BANK OF JAPAN IN 1947.

HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY FROM 1957 TO 1973 AND CHAIRMAN FROM 1973 TO 1985.

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DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1986, 18:30-20:00

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6-21, MOTOAZABU 1-CHOME, MINATO-KU, TOKYO

TEL: 03-451-7402

PRINCIPAL MOURNER: AKIO KAWAMATA, ELDEST-SON

FUNERAL SERVICE

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1986, 13:00-15:00

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COMPANY FUNERAL

DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1986

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