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NISSAN.

1. THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE HAS SPOKEN TO US ON MR NAKASONE'S INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM US OF A CONVERSATION WHICH MR NAKASONE HAD YESTERDAY WITH ISHIHARA, OF THE NISSAN MOTOR COMPANY.

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2. MR NAKASONE CALLED ISHIHARA IN FOR A TALK ABOUT THE NISSAN/ UK PROJECT AS A RESULT OF THE CONVERSATION WHICH MR NAKASONE HAD ON THIS SUBJECT WITH MRS THATCHER AT WILLIAMSBURG. MR NAKASONE TOLD ISHIHARA THAT HE HOPED THAT NISSAN WOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO BEGIN MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN BRITAIN. ISHIHARA RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER WHAT MR NAKASONE HAD SAID TO HIM AND STUDY ' ' IN A FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER ' ' THE POSSIBILITY OF NISSAN TAKING A DECISION IN FAVOUR OF MANUFACTURE IN BRITAIN. TO DO THIS , HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CREATE A CONCENSUS WITHIN THE COMPANY IN FAVOUR OF INVESTMENT. THIS WOULD TAKE TIME BUT ISHIHARA WOULD DO HIS BEST TO ACHIEVE THIS.

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3. WE THANKED THE PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR LETTING US KNOW SO PROMPTLY THE RESULTS OF THIS CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE AND ISHIHARA. WE SAID THAT WE THOUGHT MRS THATCHER WOULD BE PLEASED THAT MR NAKASONE HAD TAKEN SUCH EARLY ACTION TO PURSUE THIS POINT AFTER WILLIAMSBURG,

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