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11 July 1983

John Coles Esq
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Dear John,

I am sorry that you were troubled by Mr Morikiyo about the possibility of a call on the Prime Minister by Mr Uno. The Department had his request in hand and was preparing advice for Mr Parkinson.

2 The recommendation is that if the Prime Minister would find it difficult to fit in a meeting with the Miti Minister we should not hesitate to say so to the Japanese. The visit has been arranged at very short notice and we are already going to considerable lengths to ensure that Mr Uno is received in the office by the Secretary of State and given a lunch at Lancaster House by Mr Channon.

3 We have of course considered whether there would be any value in the Prime Minister using this occasion to urge further the case for investment here by Nissan, but the company's negotiating team made it very clear last week that their management had resented the pressure that Miti had recently applied over this case. Since our negotiations with Nissan are proceeding swiftly and in the right direction, this would not seem to be the moment for a further initiative from the Prime Minister.

4 I am copying this letter to John Holmes (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Thompson

RUTH THOMPSON
Private Secretary



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*X is not quite what I
said but we must try.*

12th July 1983

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cc. Mr. Gennar D.T.I.
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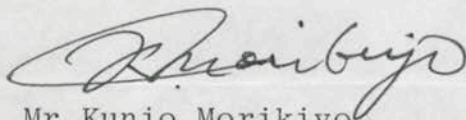
Dear Mr Coles

X I am writing to thank you for the efforts you made to make an appointment for Mr Uno to see Mrs Thatcher. Unfortunately because of Mrs Thatcher's tight schedule and the short notice given an appointment was unable to be made but on his next visit however she would be able to see him.

Mr Uno is very grateful for what was said and is most looking forward to meeting Mrs Thatcher on his next visit.

Many thanks again for your help and co-operation.

Yours sincerely



Mr Kunio Morikiyo
Special Representative
Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 July 1983

Thank you for your letter of 11 July about the possibility of a call on the Prime Minister by Mr. Uno.

I spoke to Mr. Morikiyo yesterday and told him that I regretted that it was not possible to arrange a meeting with Mr. Uno on this occasion. I added that, if his Minister were able to visit the United Kingdom again and if we could be given a little more notice, I very much hoped that it might be possible then to arrange for him to call on the Prime Minister.

I am copying this letter to John Holmes (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

A. J. COLES

Miss Ruth Thompson,
Department of Trade & Industry.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

8 July 1983

MINISTER OF MITI

I understand that the above is calling on your Secretary of State on 14 July.

Mr. Mori Kiyo of Miti rang here today, to ask whether his Minister could pay a courtesy call on the Prime Minister during his visit to London.

Quite apart from the curious nature of this approach, the Prime Minister's diary in the period 14 - 17 July is already very crowded. We should not wish to advise her to receive the Japanese Minister unless there was a substantial United Kingdom interest in doing so.

If you consider that there is no strong case for the call, perhaps you would so inform Mr. Kiyo who I believe has been in touch with Mr. Sunderland in your Department. If, on the other hand, you wish to recommend that the Prime Minister should receive him, I should be grateful for a reply by close of play on Monday, 11 July.

I am copying this letter to John Holmes (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

A. J. COLES

Jonathan Spencer, Esq.,
Department of Industry

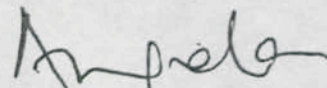
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Mr Mori Kiyo of the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry telephoned for you this morning, to ask if Mr Ouno (sp?), Minister of M I T I, could pay a courtesty call on the Prime Minister during his visit to this country from 14 to 17 July. Mr Ouno is to meet Mr Parkinson on 14 July. Mr Kiyo said that he was aware that this request is "quite extraordinary" ----.

Mr Kiyo has been dealing with Mr Sunderland in DTI.

I said someone would ring him back (486-6761).


8 July 1983