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1. C.F. Please put a copy of this on the Nissan file

2. Joan Porter

To note that this object belongs to No. 10, not the Prime Minister. Pl. liaise with Joy Robitard in finding out what it is.

PRIME MINISTER

A reply to Mr. Kawamata's letter is attached.

I have to advise you that you should not accept the present from Nissan for yourself. It would obviously be open to misrepresentation if you accepted a present at the end of negotiations in which you have been involved and when there will undoubtedly be further negotiations between the British Government and Nissan. This applies even if the value of the gift is less than £50. The rule about the £50 limit applies only to gifts from Governments or Governmental organisations, not commercial companies.

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6.2.

On the other hand, there is the question of offending Nissan. I therefore suggest that you accept the present for 10 Downing Street. This would have the advantage that, if it is displayable, Mr. Kawamata or Mr. Ishihara would see it here if they visited again. The attached letter is drafted on the premise that you agree to this course.

F.E.R.B.

Agreed It isn't opened so I am not quite sure what it is.  
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3 February 1984

Prime Minister to Mr. Katsuji Kawamata

~~He was~~

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~~ <sup>the</sup> reason was that you have been suffering poor health. In those circumstances, I think that you were quite right to stay in ~~Tokyo~~ <sup>Japan</sup> 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, <sup>and I ~~greatly valued~~ <sup>was very grateful</sup></sup> ~~who delivered your~~ <sup>Mr. Ishihara</sup> ~~letter to me.~~ <sup>letter which ~~they~~ <sup>delivered</sup> brought to</sup> 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  
~~first~~ <sup>step</sup> not only towards further development by Nissan  
in Britain but also towards closer <sup>Frading trading</sup> economic relationships between  
~~my country and yours.~~ <sup>Britain and Japan.</sup> I greatly value the exchanges  
~~Britain and Japan~~

~~Thank you also for~~

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 ~~press~~ <sup>beautiful</sup> 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 ~~event~~ <sup>milestone</sup> ~~in the~~ <sup>starting point</sup> for both  
my country and yours.