



10 DOWNING STREET

17 May 1985

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Dick

Many thanks for your letter of 24 April. As you know, I follow progress on the Nissan project with great interest. I would be delighted to have the opportunity to see the first cars off the line, if a convenient date can be arranged, and I have asked my office to get in touch with yours.

Yours
Raymond

The Right Honourable Lord Marsh

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My dear Margaret

NISSAN OPENING CEREMONY:
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1986

Nissan intend to mark the beginning of production in the North East with a formal ceremony. They wish to make it as prestigious and newsworthy as possible and if you were willing in principle to see the first cars off the line, I know they would be delighted.

They have not yet arrived at a firm date and there could be some flexibility as, for PR reasons, the company wants to stage the event if possible on the eve of the Motor Show.

I know of the enormous demands upon your time but, given the timing and the nature of this particular event and the fact that you have been associated with it from the beginning, I hope you might be able to consider the possibility, at least in principle.

Yours ever

D.M.