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*Prime Minister* (2)  
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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*And* *[Signature]*

7 May 1981

*Dear Michael,*

Counsellor for Science and Technology at Tokyo

Following his return from the Far East, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary mentioned to the Prime Minister the views held by the Counsellor for Science and Technology at our Embassy at Tokyo, Dr Marshall.

We have considered whether Dr Marshall should be asked to come back to London for consultations. However, it transpires that he was already due to return in mid-June to conduct a series of seminars and lectures about Japan, concentrating on electronics and micro-electronics. These seminars, mainly for businessmen and Government officials, will form part of continuing efforts to publicise Japan's technological advances and the challenge they present to British industry. We are keeping in close touch with the Department of Industry over Dr Marshall's programme, and will try to ensure that he is able to disseminate his information widely within Whitehall.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Ian Ellison (Dept of Industry).

*yours ever*  
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