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FROM: WILLIAM REES-DAVIES, QC MP

Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
The Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
London, SW1.

29th July, 1982.

My Dear Prime Minister

On your visit to Japan on September 22nd I greatly hope that you will be able to visit National Panasonic. I am fairly sure that if you are able to do so it will have a great effect on their decision to install a plant in Britain along the lines which would be so helpful to our country.

As I explained to you at your delightful drinks party at Number 10 the psychology of these Japanese leaders is such that they prefer to do on their own volition an act which they would be less likely to do under pressure. If you were able to take into your programme a visit to their factory there would be a deep sense of appreciation which I believe will reflect to the benefit of our country.

All arrangements can be made to fly you to the factory in their plane or alternatively by the fast train which you may prefer.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Kenneth Baker with whom I have previously spoken and I hope that once again you will achieve the outstanding successes which you achieved on your last visit to Japan.

Incidentally, sincere congratulations on your success with Victor Matthews with whom I had a chat at your party on the self same subject. It seems that nowadays Prime Ministers have to become traders as well as statesmen and shipbuilders.

*Yours sincerely
Billy Rees Davies*



FROM: WILLIAM REES-DAVIES, QC MP

The Private Secretary to
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
10, Downing Street,
London, SW1.

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9/8

6th August, 1982.

Dear Private Secretary,

Mr. Rees-Davies is away in his constituency today and he asked me to write to you and ask you to thank Mrs. Thatcher for her letter regarding her visit to Japan. He understands that she has a very crowded stay organised for her.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Gray

Secretary

MR 3/8

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3rd August 1982

Thank you so much for your letter
of 29th July, about my forthcoming visit
to Japan.

If I am able to fit in a visit to National
Panasonic during my very crowded stay in
Japan, I will certainly do so.

I hope that you will have a good Recess.

William Rees-Davies Esq QC MP

✓ bcc John Coles Esq