

Text of Nissan letter (dated 12/13/01, from Jim Morton, Senior VP for Administration and Finance with Nissan, to Governor Musgrove with copy to Trent Lott)

“I have been informed that there is a potential for another automobile company to locate a manufacturing facility in central Mississippi. While I understand that Mississippi wants to attract other automobile-related manufacturing to the state, I would be greatly concerned if this new site is located within eighty miles of our Canton facility. A location in this region would severely impact the potential workforce for Nissan and its suppliers, and would risk the environmental permitting for the Nissan manufacturing facility. Moreover, a location within 80 miles of Canton would have a significant impact on our future consideration of any potential expansion of Canton. Further expansion of Canton is contingent on being able to obtain the necessary workforce and environmental permits.”