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To: [-] Katsuhiko Koganei/=

Sent: 1/16/2010 7:05 PM.

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Subject: Re: Email from Koganei on Jan. 16 Re: Draft statement to respond to ABC News story.

Kogi,

I hate to break this to you but WE HAVE A tendency for MECHANICAL failure in accelerator pedals of a certain manufacturer on certain models. We are not protecting our customers by keeping this quiet. The time to hide on this one is over. We need to come clean and I believe that Jim Lentz and Yoshi are on the way to DC for meetings with NHTSA to discuss options.

We better just hope that they can get NHTSA to work with us in coming with a workable solution that does not put us out of business.

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Katsuhiko Koganei/TMS/Toyota

01/16/2010 11:55 AM To Mike Michels/TMS/Toyota

Subject Email from Koganei on Jan. 16 Re: Draft statement to respond to ABC News storyLink

Dear Mike-san,

Thank you for your hard work while under this sunny weather...

Now I talked with you on the phone, we should not mention about the mechanical failures of acc. pedal, because we have not clarified the real cause of the sticking acc pedal formally, and the remedy for the matter has not been confirmed. I talked over this matter with Ryo-san, KC Kirimoto-san, and Doi-san, and all of them are concerned about the comment with mechanical failures might raise another uneasiness of customers.
(See the attached file. Red hilighted parts should be removed , I think.)

Anyway, if you know further new information about this matter, following the conference call done between TMS PQSS, TMA (W.DC) and TMC JCQE, please update the information over this matter.

Especially, before the conference call of tomorrow (7PM at PST), I think we need to have consensus within TMS, (and also within TMA CC and TMC-PR, if possible).

So I would appreciate if you sent the newly drafted statement, and Q&A to the all CC members.

Now I myself is staying in Torrance (for some preparations of the movement to the new house)
I can have some meetings with you over this matter anytime, so do not hesitate to ask me to meet at TMS office.

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I'm forwarding you this since you were not on the distribution.




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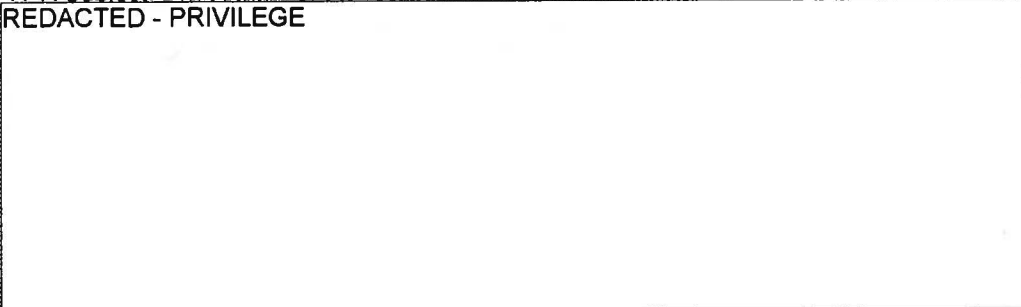
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