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USDOT/NHTSA
Office of Defects Investigations
NSA-10.00, 400 7th St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Dear Sirs:

On Friday October 14th 2005 I filed an Internet vehicle defect complaint reference my 1976 Corvette (your # 10139710). I was advised that my steering gear had failed after I experienced a total loss of vehicle control. The mechanic has subsequently told me that the steering gear did not fail, but the castle nut came totally off the exciter rod connecting the steering sector shaft to the steering gear. The resulting effect was the same as a steering gear total failure as the gear was no longer connected to the front wheels. I have no idea how the nut could have come off, as the center portion of the cotter key was still in the rod and had to be drilled out to replace the nut and cotter key.

Since the steering gear did not fail, I would like to rescind my complaint so that your staff and Chevrolet do not expend unnecessary time investigating a non-existent steering gear problem. Thanks for being there for the public. If you need to contact me: [REDACTED] (cell).

Sincerely,

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Apple Valley, Mn. [REDACTED]

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