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Mr. Donald Friedman  
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DP03-007

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your letter dated September 8, 2003 petitioning the agency to "open a defect investigation into unintended acceleration involving 1996 and 1997 model General Motors J-cars (Chevrolet Cavaliers and Pontiac Sunbirds)." As DP03-007, we have begun a technical review of your petition.

Your letter identifies the basis for your request as "a report we received for GM showing that it had received 380 complaints of unintended or sudden acceleration involving 1996 models and 280 complaints involving 1997 models." To assist with the technical review of your petition, we are requesting a complete copy of the referenced report. If possible, we would prefer to receive it no later than October 29, 2003. When providing the report to us, please state whether it was the sole-foundation for the histogram attached to your letter (and enclosed herein). If not, please provide all other material upon which the histogram is based as well.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Bob Young of my staff at 202-366-4806 should you have any questions about this request

Sincerely,

Richard P. Boyd, Chief  
MHDV Division  
Office of Defects Investigation

Enclosure 1 - Histogram provided with the September 8, 2003 letter.



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