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Message/Special Instructions:

Subject: 1996-2000 Model Year Ford Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car Vehicles Serviced between January 1, 2000 and June 13, 2000 with Replacement Service Stock Seat Belt Assemblies (that were manufactured between June 1, 1998 and May 21, 2000)

- References: (1) Ford Recall Number: 00S15 - Ford's June 12, 2000 Part 573 Letter
(2) NHTSA Recall Number: 00V-157 - NHTSA June 13, 2000 Fax Acknowledgement (Attached)

This is to confirm the June 15, 2000 telephone conversation between you and Mr. Robert Wheelock of our office in which a minor change in the recall numbers assigned to this subject recall was noted.

For recall tracking and administrative purposes, Ford has elected to assign two (2) recall numbers to the above subject recall. For program reporting purposes, Recall Number 00S15 will be used. For administrative purposes, Recall Number 00S15 will be used to process the Left Front (Driver's) Seat Belt Assemblies and Recall Number 00S16 will be used to process the Right Front (Passenger's) Seat Belt Assemblies. We understand that your office has assigned corresponding Recall Numbers 00V157.1 and 00V157.2 for this recall program.

Also, please note in your Subject description section of your Fax acknowledgement, the 3,500 1996-2000 model year vehicles involved were those "serviced" from January 1, 2000 through June 13, 2000 with replacement Service Stock Seat Belt Assemblies (manufactured between June 1, 1998 and May 21, 2000) and not vehicles that were "manufactured" during this time period. If you need further information, please contact me.

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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-157 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **June 12, 2000**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. L. W. Camp, Director, Automotive Safety Office**

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SUBJECT: 3,500 Ford 1996-2000 Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car vehicles manufactured from January 1 through June 13, 2000, fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." The equipment involved is Service Stock Seat Belt Assemblies, Model Nos. H 9977, H 9979, T 9063, and T 9217, built by TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc. (TRW) manufactured from June 1, 1998 through May 21, 2000. Some of these seat belt assemblies may have been installed as service replacement equipment on the vehicles involved in the recall. Ford Safety Recall No. 00S15.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide the draft owner notification letter so we can review it before it is mailed to owners.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:

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