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FYI...

Yamamoto-san's assistant Noriko-san found this early this morning.

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As the 20 NHTSA VOQs we perused contained emphatic "No Floor Mat Factors"(at least three cases), the feds may be alerted.

Feds Probe Prius Runaway Acceleration  
Consumer Affairs  
09/10/07

Tone: Serious  
Reports the subject NHTSA investigation and covers multiple accidents. Discusses "NO FLOOR MAT" factor.  
[http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2007/09/prius\\_accelerate.html](http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2007/09/prius_accelerate.html)

Related article that preceded this report  
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Tone: Serious  
Discusses complaints of unintended acceleration episodes suggesting the possibility of a serious flaw in the vehicle's computer system, electronic controls or software program. Toyota service technicians have dismissed the dangerous events as driver error or nothing more than a floor carpet jamming accelerator pedal.  
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