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Subject: Closing Resume of the Lexus AWFM Investigation.

Attached is a copy of the closing resume of the Lexus ES350 AWFM investigation. I have read it, and it is written very strangely, like a series of random, disconnected thoughts. I don't really know how to write this up, other than the investigation must be closed, because we now have the closing resume.

NHTSA points out that the mat must be unsecured to interfere with the accelerator pedal. They discuss a scenario that could potentially lead to an extended, runaway vehicle incident where the brakes can overheat. They also mention a fatality, but give very few details - like make or model of the vehicle, or whether or not AWFMs were in the vehicle.

They also do not include their blanket statement closing the investigation, nor to they mention their right to re-open if new evidence presents itself. However, in the last paragraph, they note that this can happen in any vehicle and include a cautionary statement to that effect. Please review, and comments are appreciated. I am wondering what others think about this document, and if anyone believes a follow up needs to be made with NHTSA for clarification.

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