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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, September 25 has a story by a Department spokesman on car defects.

"The Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has made an initial determination that a safety defect exists in the steering systems of 1959 and 1960 Cadillacs. Sixty-thousand of these vehicles are on the road.

"The part involved is the pitman arm, which is a critical component of the steering system.

"A Safety Administration report on these cars says the pitman arms fail frequently and without warning because of metal fatigue, causing a complete steering loss.

"General Motors has been notified and will be given an opportunity to present its views before a final determination is made by the Safety Administration."

For further information, dial 202/426-9550.

This has been the Transportation News Report.