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Dear Kevin,

There is something on which you may be able to provide some help.

Jerry McKnight, history prof at Hood College, has been making good use of the records I got from the FBI on the King assassination. Two scholarly articles so far in Duke's South Atlantic quarterly.

He is not getting additional records on his own and is going over the disclosed OPR records.

I don't know how involved you were in the King aspect of HSCA work. One of Jerry's articles was on the sanitation workers strike, the other on the young blacks who called themselves the Invaders.

One of these young blacks was a Memphis policeman who until then had never worn a uniform and didn't until after he was exposed. He acted as "minister of transportation" and it happens he was the very first person to reach the body after the shot. He informed on the Invaders and anything else he could. Name Marrell McCullough.

The FBI avoided interviewing him as long as it could, about 10 days, then it did interview him and you probably won't be surprised to know that he said exactly what the FBI wanted him to say.

He is mentioned in the OPR investigation and in its report. What interested me as soon as I saw the OPR's report on its interview is ~~nowhere~~ where they interviewed him. It says "Safeway Building." and I wondered then whether this really meant CIA and that is why he didn't just drop off at the DJ building.

The only Safeway Building of which I know I know from before you were born and for a while after. It is north of Florida Ave., NE, east of N. Capitol and west of the main railroad tracks. I think 1st. NE. Trolleys used to go north there, until they hit a dead end, when they turned right. The Safeway Building was south of the street onto which the trolleys turned, maybe R, and east of North Capitol, on that corner. Sort of a factory-type building used by the grocery chain for a wide variety of purposes, probably including offices, its bakery and even its mechanic. who was also my mechanic on Safeway's time. I am certain that Safeway had to have much larger space for the functions housed in that building, arranged for it, and thus the building was available for rent or sale. I think it is the kind of building that is well suited to some CIA needs. *and uses.*

I don't know how you could learn but I suppose checking the tax records and the city directory might give some indication. It is not listed in the directory, as pretended to be empty, that would be interesting. It also would be if the building suddenly disappeared from the tax roles.

If you can learn anything it will interest me and maybe Jerry. Thanks.

Good thing I didn't try to hold my breath until you and Mark and his wife came up. Or Mark with Jim to teach me about computers.

Thanks and best wishes,

*Mark*