

Frederick gave Bush his Secretary for Air.

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Before that Donald Rice had headed the Rand Corporation.

His father was a friend of mine, as his younger brother is. The father started what grew into probably the largest tire dealership in Western Maryland in a small, old fashioned gas station. Donald <sup>son</sup> was a traditional Republican and without advanced education also was Frederick's mayor for a while. When I spoke on the JFK assassination to civic groups at luncheon time Donald was often there, usually with our retired police chief, Charlie Main. Both approved what I said. They said. And I believe. Main did not think highly of J. Edgar Hoover. I've been buying my tires from this company for decades and with satisfaction. And with my interest being looked out for.

The sidewalls on all four tires had cracked. I went there yesterday to have them replaced. I asked his secretary if Kenny, the younger brother who runs the business and has already expanded it over what it was when his father died, was in. He wasn't. I returned to my book and awaited the tire mountings. When Kenny returned he went immediately to the customer waiting area and come up to me. We chatted for a while.

I've known him since he was a boy working for his father when he could, doing the dirty work to begin with. Along with another boy of about the same age, Delmar Speaks, who also did the menial work to begin with. Delmar is now director of fleet sales. He returned from his daily trip while Kenny and I were talking. We spoke briefly. He'd heard me on the local radio, which seemed to please him.

I'd heard from others in the shop that the Secretary for Air had continued with the Bush administration from loyalty only. He is not going to return to Rand, Kenny says.

I'd heard that some years ago the Rand Corporation took a look at the JFK assassination. I asked Kenny to ask his brother if it did and if it did how I could get a copy of their study, if not secret. He said he'd ask him.

Kenny had heard that all my work will be at Hood. He said that pleased him and he gave the impression of sincerity. He had taken time from running the business to attend the formal opening of the ~~new~~ new library ceremonies. I was pleased that he had that interest. He runs a really large operation. and it made me feel good to see how <sup>two</sup> boys had grown into two fine and successful men. When Delmar ran the tire-mounting and <sup>always</sup> repair shop he always gave me good advice, seeking to save me money, which he always did, <sup>always</sup> and inspecting the tires being installed. One I recall he had them replace a retread for the truck and ~~once~~ once he did that on my previous car. He did not like the way they looked. Each time I learned only when I asked about the delay in mounting the new tire. Small stuff but pleasant and reassuring to have friends do these things. It may represent one of the reasons the business has been so successful.

I do not know for a fact that Rand did make the JFK assassination study. I'd heard it but recall no confirmation.