

January 7, 1973

Dear Ed,

Harold C. Carlstead, Sr., is a Republican precinct captain in the Bloom Township Republican organization (all of Flossmoor is not in Rich township, a portion being in Bloom township). He has been a captain for several years.

He also is an elected township government official, probably clerk.

I understand that Carlstead owns the office building where his CPA firm is located. There are a number of offices in this building, including that of Tony Scariano.

Carlstead owns a substantial interest in at least two Holiday Inns--one in Lansing and a new one in Harvey (next to Washington Park Racetrack). Newspaper reports have indicated that Franklin Basler and George Martin, both of Flossmoor, also have interests in these motels. They also may have been members of Gottschalk's finance committee.

There is a Holiday Inn in Chicago Heights and a new one at Crete near the racetrack. I do not know whether Carlstead has an interest in either of these motels.

I do not know Harold, Jr., In fact, I had never heard of him until you inquired about him.

Give me a call sometime and let me have your phone number.

Best wishes,