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Mr. Ed DeMar
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Dear Ed:

I have your note concerning Harold C. Carlstead, Sr.

Harold has been a Republican Precinct Captain in Bloom Township for many years, and I first became acquainted with him when I first ran for the Republican nomination for the State Senate in 1960. Carlstead currently is one of the elected Bloom Township officials, either Assessor or Collector or perhaps Clerk.

He apparently has a solid practice as a CPA and I believe owns the 6 or 8 story office building where his CPA firm is located.

Carl belongs to the Flossmoor Country Club and in fact has a locker down the row from my own locker, although neither he nor I use the club to the extent where we run into each other with any frequency. One of his sons was either Junior Golf Champion or runner-up Junior Golf Champion last year.

Harold and his wife, Phyllis, enjoy excellent reputations in the Flossmoor community and both have been active in civic and charitable matters in the community.

While Carlstead has, as I mentioned, been active with the Bloom Township Republicans, his influence has always

Mr. Ed DeMar

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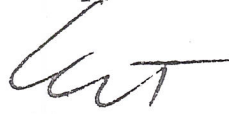
been regarded as a wholesome one within that organization. He has never been considered a "straight party man", especially where he did not agree with the party's actions. For example, (and in all immodesty), I would have to say the "best" elements of the Bloom Township Republican Organization supported my own candidacy in the 1960 GOP Primary and Carlstead was one of those who bucked the regular organization in supporting me at that time.

I have never heard anything detrimental in any way that might reflect upon Carlstead or anyone in his family. While Carlstead is blunt and sometimes direct in his manner, he is still well regarded out our way.

I, too, had noted the Midway air crash story as well as the link by marriage to one of the victims of the crash. Of course, I have no knowledge of anything beyond what I read in the newspapers as well as the facts concerning Carlstead which are outlined above.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Arthur R. Gottschalk

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