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JOE LOUIS SMITH, date of birth, 9(a)(2)&4(3) was interviewed at his home, 9(a)(2)&4(3) 9(a)(2)&4(3) telephone number 9(a)(2)&4(3) After being advised of the interviewing agent's identity and the nature of the interview, SMITH provided the following information:

SMITH is the nephew and family spokesperson for LAMAR SMITH, who was fatally shot during regular business hours in front of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Brookhaven, Mississippi, on August 13, 1955, delivering absentee ballots for a pending county supervisor race. LAMAR SMITH was not armed. Media accounts indicate numerous witnesses denied seeing anything during grand jury testimony.

SMITH advised that an unknown group of white men, believed to be MACK SMITH, NOAH SMITH and CHARLES FALVEY who were involved in the courthouse confrontation, brought whisky to a black male neighbor, Mr. William Pierce, the day before the murder. Pierce was instrumental in persuading LAMAR SMITH to go to the courthouse that particular day. Both Pierce and his wife are deceased. SMITH believes it was a planned ambush because his uncle was very active in voter registration.

SMITH explained that LAMAR SMITH's involvement in voter registration could have changed the course of the election and the benefits of being elected county supervisor may have been worth killing for. During that era, the county built a barn on the newly elected county supervisor's property to store the county equipment. The barn was worth several thousand dollars and became the permanent property of the supervisor when his term was over.

Writer reviewed the investigation with SMITH and the steps that were undertaken in an effort to gather specific facts and detailed information. Unfortunately, no public records are known to exist from any government office to include the attorney general, coroner, sheriff, police department, district attorney or circuit court clerk's offices. All the known witnesses are deceased.

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by SA 9(a)(2)&4(3)

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