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The Rev. Edwin King  
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Dear Ed:

Did you attend the "students-in-industry" seminar ~~ix~~ in Detroit, Michigan, during the summer of 1957? I am writing this partly on the assumption that you ~~xxx~~ did. Do you recall visiting a Negro home in Detroit (for Southern fried chicken) with me? As I read a recent article in the Christian Century where your name was mentioned I wondered if you were the same student I met in Detroit. (issue of November 27, 1963), page 1470.

I would be interested in hearing from you, if you have the time and interest. Aside from this, however, I want you to know that you are being remembered in my own prayers. I know that the cross which you bear is a tremendous witness for the power of the gospel in your life. I hope that the injustice of your being refused admission to your conference is made right soon, although you may feel the witness of your presence in Missi~~ss~~ippi will still be needed for some time.

I am a member of the Central Illinois conference, but I am serving as a missionary in Alaska (since graduating from Garrett in 1962). I was married at the same time to a girl from ~~Detroit~~ near Detroit, who I met at seminary.

It is difficult for me to know the pressures which you ~~xx~~ may feel. My only conflict here in Alaska was with one family who quit worshipping with us after my Race ~~xxxx~~ Relations sermon last February (from South Carolina). Here in Alaska we are working some with Eskimoes, Indians, and some Russian-background persons in a fishing village. Yet there is little cultural pressure toward discrimination because of this. Troubles do come as persons bring their attitudes from other states in the union.

Let me know if I can be of any help to you. In addition, let me know of any information you have about other members of the group.

*At Detroit John J. Shaffer*

Sincerely yours, John J. Shaffer

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