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I am writing on behalf of Public Record Media, a non-profit based in St. Paul that makes formal requests under the law for public data and publishes the results on our website, www.publicrecordmedia.org.

I'm a former reporter at the Minneapolis Star Tribune (35 years, retired last October). I'm also a longtime friend of Mark Brunswick, a colleague at the Star Tribune who suggested that I write to you. I'm not sure we ever crossed paths while I was at the Star Tribune - Mark covered the criminal justice system extensively, and I covered local and state government.

As part of what I now do at Public Record Media, we make formal requests for the FBI files of prominent Minnesotans in hopes of learning things that were previously not known. Our organization recently obtained and published the FBI files of Marv Davidov, a well-known peace activist in the Twin Cities who recently died.

Within limits, the public - including Public Record Media -- can access the FBI files of people once they are deceased. For those still alive, that can only be done with the consent of the person.

You obviously were a prominent figure in the Twin Cities, particularly during the 1980s and 1990s. And, to get to the point, we are interested in seeking your permission to obtain your FBI file.

Hopefully, it would give the public a fuller picture of what went on behind the scenes as federal and local law enforcement authorities dealt with your situation.

I realize there's a chance that you have already asked for - and obtained - your FBI file.

In either case, we are interested in talking to see if you are interested in any of this.

Thanks, and looking forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Brunswick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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