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Dear Gary:

Many thanks for your photos. They brought back many memories.

This will be a brief note as I want to get it in the mail before my wife and I leave Bedford for a few days.

I also built an other orange juice stand directly across the street from the airport. As you know, there is a lot of traffic on that highway and wanted to try to get the people going in each direction.

The second stand was in the shape of a huge orange and many hundreds of people stopped each week to take a photo of the huge orange. I wish they also had stopped to buy some orange juice and oranges. When we moved to San Bernardino in 1940, we moved the original stand. The moving company actually cut the building in half and towed it to San Bernaedino. We sold the large orange stand and it was also moved. In regard to the Wigman building , we did have our father run that one until he passed away. This was also strictly orange juice and oranges which we purchased from packing houses in Glendora. If you ever learn what ever happened to the large orange stand, please let me know. Gary, I am going to sign off but please give my best to "Skeeter". She is really a fantastic person.

Kindest regards,



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Mr. Gary Boen
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Dear Gary:

I was delighted to receive your letter because it brought back so many memories. I will never forget the wonderful scent of the orange blossoms.

Although I receive letters from all over the world because of the success of McDonald's Restaurants, I will never forget Monrovia because that was where my brother and I got started with the Airdrome.

Gary, over the years, any photos I had of the Airdrome and the Giant Orange are gone. I recall the great number of tourists who would stop to take photos of the Giant Orange. I did have a few photos at one time but they disappeared over the years. I would love to have the photos you mentioned.

I am glad Skeeter gave you my address. She is a great gal and we try to keep in contact .

My brother and I built the Airdrome in 1937 and in 1940 moved the building to San Bernardino. The mover cut the building in half and transported it to San Bernardino. We remodelled the building and it became the first McDonald's in the world!

I want to get this in the mail so will sign off

RJM/dm

Richard
Richard J. McDonald

P.S. Gary I had a friend in Monrovia named Fes Wilson. He was a member of the Monrovia Police Dept. I have wondered if he is still alive. I will appreciate any info about him.