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you a spot," he said, "that you'll never be hijacked." He said. "You follow me in." Went in to where the nice building he had where he kept his farm boys, men--slaves too, you know. And, three big watch dogs. (Slaves?) Oh some of them, yeah. Black fel? lows, slaves, yeah. I didn't know it at the time, but when I got talking to some of them, I found out. The white men told me. you know the way they brought it out? And I know it was darkies that made the little tables. Four long legs. You could sit in your car--four long legs--a little table with a little round bar around it, and a place for the cup. place for the plate, place for the bowl. And none of it would fall. Put it right by the door of your car. Eat it. I thought it was the nicest thing, you know. So, he got out of his car. And I got out. He said to the black fellows--watching the building, you know, with the dogs inside-- cooking or what, I don't know. "Let go of the three watch dogs." Three watch dogs galloped over to him. I thought they were going to jump on me. But I was never scared of dogs. "Here," he said, "Bully, take his scent! Crocodile, take his scent! Jackie, take his scent! All right, go back. Hook them up. You park your car over there," he said. "Leave the windows open"--102 de? grees! "And," he said, "they'll let nobody near it. They've got your scent." I never woke up till 6 that evening. Gave me a good supper--brought it out. And do '00' At Sydport, there's a spot for you. Whether your business is small or large, Sydport has the facilities and services you need to make a real "go" of it. Sydport offers:

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