**Ask Curtis (First Conversation: 8/04/2025 @ 8:30am)**

**Main Talk: 8/05/2025 @ 10am**

**I think it’s a great idea to let him know what you’re doing, especially since:**

He’s clearly very experienced in FAIs and quality control, so his insights could help you avoid pitfalls or improve your app’s accuracy and usability. Since you already have a good phone rapport, it should be a natural conversation. Having a trusted, knowledgeable sounding board is invaluable when building a specialized tool like this.

**About asking for help without compensation promises:**

It’s perfectly okay to ask for informal help or advice without financial commitments upfront. Just be honest and transparent. Something like: *“Hey, I’m working on a new FAI Assistant app to help streamline inspections, and I’d love your thoughts on some things as I develop it. I don’t have a budget yet but your expertise would mean a lot.”*Frame it as seeking his advice and feedback rather than formal “work” or partnership initially. That lowers pressure.If he’s interested and enthusiastic, you can discuss ways to involve him more formally down the road if the project grows.

**A few things to keep in mind:**

**Respect his time** — be clear about what kind of help you want and keep it manageable for him.Consider offering non-monetary “thank yous” — for example, **giving him early access, acknowledging his help in the app credits**, or offering to help him with something he needs in return.If you ever do bring him onto the team formally, it’s good to have clear agreements (even simple written ones) about roles and compensation, but that can wait.

**Summary:**

**Yes, go ahead and share your project with him now, frame it as advice/feedback seeking, be honest about budget limits, and keep the ask reasonable.** That’s often how collaborations start, especially in specialized fields.

If he’s the right fit, he’ll likely be excited to contribute. And if not, no harm done — you’ll have tested the waters early.