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Board of Pardon and Paroles,
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Gentlemen:

I am taking the liberty of writing you in behalf of Otto P. Higgins, No. 55996- Leavenworth, Kansas, whom I understand is seeking a parole.

It was my privilege and pleasure to be the personal secretary of Mr. Higgins for over fifteen years and to know him intimately- his habits and his true character. I have never known him to miss an opportunity to befriend some one if the occasion demanded- was active in all civic affairs and was most loyal to all his friends.

I have no desire to condone any wrong which Mr. Higgins may have done. He became entangled in the political regime of this city, and I am well aware that the strongest of us sometimes weaken when temptations are placed in front of us. It is not humanly possible for us to live without failing, but it is possible for us to build back again. This, I know, he is capable of doing, with the aid of a wife and two daughters of the very finest highest type.

Having been in parole work for several years and contacting many parolees and knowing their reaction, I feel that I am making no mistake when I say that Mr. Higgins has been sufficiently punished; that he can and will, with the support of his many friends, rehabilitate himself and be of valuable service to this community.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. H. R. Sharp
State Parole Officer.

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