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United States Penitentiary
LEAVENWORTH, KANS.
ADMISSION SUMMARY

Committed Name HIGGINS, Otto P. Reg. No. 5 5 9 9 6-L Classified Nov. 29-39

True Name As above	Judicial District WD-Mo-Kans. City
Date of Birth Jan 24, 1890	Offense Att. to evade & avoid Income Tex.
Age 49 Sentence 2yrs.	Comm. Fine Probation 5 yrs.
Race White	Sentence begins Nov. 3, 1939
Country of Birth Ill.	Committed Nov. 3, 1939
Citizenship USA	Eligible for Parole July 2, 1940
Marital Status Married	Conditional Release Date June 11, 1941
Legal Residence Kans. City, Mo.	Expires Full Term NOV. 2, 1941
	Detainers

REPORTS REC'D FROM: F. B. I. Rec'd. U. S. ATTY. Not Rec'd PROSECUTING AGENCY Not Rec'd

1. PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD:

Date	Place	Offense	Disposition	Source
10-27-39	Kans.City,Mo.	Att.to evade & De-Present Case. feat income tax.		FBI.

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2. ASSOCIATE WARDEN'S REPORT:

OUTLINE OF OFFENSE:

No Form 792 or other information is available at this time which indicates the circumstances of this violation (Attempt to Evade and Avoid Income Tax).

STATEMENT BY INMATE:

Subject states that he has not intentionally committed a violation in this instance. States, however, that there were items which he personally did not regard as "income" which were held by the authorities to have been taxable and that he is, therefore, guilty of the charge to which he so pleaded. (Inmate intimates that he feels he is almost entirely the victim of his own political activities over the past several years.)

SUMMARY OF IMPRESSIONS:

Subject is a first offender. He does not present the appearance of a vicious or a dangerous type offender. He has, for the past several years, been closely associated in political "machine" activities in the City of Kansas City, Missouri. The activities of that "machine" have at times been, to say the least, of a questionable nature. Subject has evidently remained "loyal" to his political affiliations and the instant violation may reasonably be attributed to his associations and activities in that connection. Subject's attitude at this time toward the sentence and confinement is entirely satisfactory. He expresses no bitterness toward society, the investigating or prosecuting agencies, or others connected with his present circumstance. Subject is an intelligent type offender who appears to fully comprehend his present circumstance. I believe he will cooperate fully in any program outlined by the Classification Committee and do not anticipate that he will present any institutional problem during confinement.

Inmate may, however, experience some unpleasant personal episodes as a result of his prominence and, particularly, as a result of his former employment as a police director. I believe he has sufficient intelligence and the inherent "good grace" to adequately cope with such situations of this nature as may arise and do not believe he will present any disturbing problem during confinement in this institution or elsewhere.

QUARANTINE REPORT indicates that subject has made an entirely satisfactory adjustment during the Quarantine period.

Recommendations:-

TRANSFER: NONE. Benefit by such in this instance is not indicated. SUPERVISION: MEDIUM. Other than as indicated above, do not anticipate subject will experience any difficulty in making an entirely satisfactory institutional adjustment. He will not of his own volition present a problem here.

Note:-

Subject states he is an experienced "newspaper man and printer". He has, in years past, formerly been associated as a reporter and war-correspondent with a metropolitan newspaper. The records indicate that he is the owner of a printing establishment. Should adjust well in any assignment and probably would make an especially adequate adjustment if assigned to work in keeping with this past experience, inasmuch as he states he intends to resume such printing enterprise on discharge. (CJS wiley)

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A. FAMILY DATA:

Father	James J. Higgins	63	Deceased
Mother	Delis S (Schosser) Higgins	83	3221 E 32nd Street, Kan City, Mo
Wife	Eliz (Loschke) Higgins	49	" " " "
Dau	Mrs Edward P (Eliz) Larkin	27	Pierce City, Mo (VI4)
Dau	Mrs Alpha G. (Eleanor) Carter	26	2728 Wenzel Street, Kan City, Mo (VI4)

PARENTS, English-Amer;- no marital discord, interested in welfare of subject and treated him well, good heal during S's childhood (VI5)

FATHER, born in England, died when subject was 35, a responsible parent, employed as a boiler maker, steady worker, moderate drinker, occasional attendant of the Catholic Church, "Helped support his mother who was a widow" (VI4)

MOTHER, born in Ill, a devoted parent, never worked outside the home, regular attendant of the Catholic Church, (VI4)

SIBLINGS: Subject is an only child (VI2)

MARITAL STATUS : Married 1/24/11 at Kan City, Kan (Va2-VA4-VI5) relationship congenial, subject exp cts to reunite with wife when released (VI2)

WIFE: Maiden name: Eliz Loschke, same age as subject good health, completed 4 years of college. Worked as a stenographer prior to marriage, acquainted with subject 8 years now living alone on subject's property, (VI4)

ISSUE:

Eleanor, 26 (VI4-VI5) Three years of college, amrried; housewife; with her husband

Elizabeth, 27, "

L. James (VI4-VI5)

Subject never previously married (VI4-VI5)

B. PERSONAL DATA: Born 1/24/90 at Streator (VI5)Ill of English-German extraction

EARLY DEVELOPMENT: Good health during childhood, early home life normal (VI5) No participation in organized boys' activities except attending Sunday School. No childhood delinquency (VI5) Became permanently separated from parental home at 21 when he married.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY: Completed 4 years at the Kan City School of law; one year in the Kansas Univ (VI4-VI5)

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY: Principal occupation; attorney and printer (VI4-VI5) last occupation: Police Director, printer and president of the Standard Stage bank of Kansas City, Mo (VI5)

Subject explains that he was employed as Director of Police at Kansas City, Mo for the last five years (VI5) Worked steadily. Denies previous law violations as a means of support (VI4-VI5)

MILITARY SERVICE: None. Served as a war correspondent for the Kansas City Star (VI4)

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES: Enjoys normal recreational activities; member of the Knights of Columbus; honoary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and African and many clubs and associations (VI4)-VI5 Occasional attendant of the Catholic Church, moderate drink-

RESIDENCE LAST FIVE YEARS: Last residence: 3221 E 32nd Street, Kansas City, Mo for the last 25 years. Probable Bona fide residence: Kansas City, Mo. No migratory habits indicated (VI4-VI5)

C. ECONOMIC STATUS:

PARENTAL HOME: Subject comes from Eng-Amer, working-class family living in moderately comfortable economic circumstances of average social and cultural status; subject is the only delinquent in t[h]e family. Father provided adequately on a modest economic level Mother never worked outside the home (VI5) Home situated at Streator, Ill from birth to the age of one; at Centerville, Kan from 1 to 2; at Kan City, Kan from 2 to 24; at

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C. ECONOMIC STATUS: --continued from page 1.--

PARENTAL HOME: -- continued -- Kan City, Mo from 24 to the present. Parents owned 10-room, modern, frame house in fairly good repair situated in a working-class neighborhood of Kan City, Kan. Furnishings owned by parents were satisfactory and the home was carpeted and curtained. Children were sent to Sunday School regularly; home discipline normal. Family relations were congenial. Father is now deceased. Mother is now living with subject's wife in moderately comfortable economic circumstances. (VI5)

PERSONAL HOME: Subject left parental home at 21 to marry; home ties with mother strong. While single subject was stable socially, made a good industrial a djustment, never engaged in law violations as a means of support, lived in moderately comfortable economic circumstances with parents in a working-class section of Kan City, Kan on average standard of living. While married and living with wife subject continued to be fairly stable socially and to make a good industrial adjustment, occasionally engaged in questionable practices as a means of support. Good health during adult years (VI5)

Supported family to the best of his ability. Lived in comfortable economic circumstances on good standard of living. Owned 7-room, modern frame house in good repair situated in a residential neighborhood of Kan City, Mo. Owned satisfactory furniture and the home was carpeted and curtained. At present subject owns property valued at \$50,000.00 Wife living with S's mother on his property. Wife working as a bookkeeper in S's printing plant (VI4)

SOCIAL AGENCIES INTERESTED: None (VA3)

IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS: None at this time (VI4-VI5)

D. REFERENCES AND RESOURCES: Mother and wife may be in a position to assist with readjustment plans; asserts that wife is loyal and that a reunion is planned. Has had experience as a attorney, printer and police director. Reports ownership of property in Kansas City valued at \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00

TENTATIVE PAROLE PLANS:

Possible parole adviser: Mr John H. Lee 1201 W 71st Street Terrace, Kan City, Mo Prospective Employer: Subject expects to operate own printing plant (VI4)

Probable destination: Kan City, Mo

E. ATTITUDES AND CHARACTERISTICS: Subject is the product of English-Amer, working-class family living in moderately comfortable economic circumstances on average social and cultural status; early home life normal; subject is the only delinquent in the family. Subject is fairly stable socially and regular in social habits, extra-legal activities occasional in respect to fraud law violations; moral standards fairly good, associated with persons of questionable and good reputation, residence stable, industrial habits good. Possesses initiative and drive. Resourceful. Comprehends readily. Family ties close with personal and parental family. Manifests r[a]ther fine sensibilities, frank, cooperative, alert, loyal to wife and family, good provider, as a physical disability subject complains of acute indigestion and sciatic rheumatism. Subject is interested in clerical work while here.

F. PLANS: Personal and family background being explored further. Mother and wife being encouraged to cooperate with readjustment plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CUSTODY: Medium; light term; first pen term

TRANSFER: Not recommended; should adjust here; this institution considered a suitable place of confinement

WORK: Paying assignment unnecessary since subject has no dependent in Need

G. SOURCES:

1. Initial Social Interview 2. Clerk of the Court, Wyandotte, Co, Kan City, Kan 3. Soc Service Clearings, Kan City, Mo 4. Questionnaire from wife 5. Questionnaire from mother. 6. Dictated and typed by EJGrady to jm 11/27/39

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4a. Medical: November 24, 1939

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND CORRELATED HISTORY:

General: A white male, 49 years, 5'10" 237 pounds, overweight, erect but general appearance is only fair.
Blood pressure 118/78.
Fractured nose 1906.
Hemorrhoidectomy 1920.
Arthritis of both hips, 1914-15-1937.

Special: Heart enlarged to left, moderately. History of occasional dyspnoea, but no other symptoms of decompensations.
Obesity, pendulous abdomen.
Defective vision; has glasses satisfactory.

Venereal: Gonorrhea (1915) G.U smear is negative.

Syphilis 1915, Blood tests are negative.
History of Neo-Sal, and Mercury injections for lues, 1918-19.

Narcotics: Use denied; no needle scars.

Dental: Calculus; Caries; Gingivitis.
Rated as B.

Recommendations:

Treatment: Oral prophylaxis; fillings.

Work: Moderate duty due to cardiac trouble.

No limitation as to cell location, dining, recreation or disciplinary measures.

Transfer not indicated.

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4b. Neuropsychiatric.

PSYCHOLOGICAL: Intelligence. Verbal TestWells' Revised Alpha, Form 5, 11/15/39. Surpasses 95 per cent of the inmate population. Binet Equivalent M.A. 18:3, I.Q. 122.

Manipulative Skill: Dearborn Form Board #3. Accuracy surpasses 10 per cent of the inmate population - a very poor performance. Speed surpasses 31 per cent of the inmate population - a poor performance.

PSYCHIATRIC: Superior intelligence; good personality. Apparently has a good attitude and wants to make the best of his time here. I saw him the first night and he was extremely discouraged. Since then he has resolved to make the most of himself here. Would like to get into some kind of clerical work or particularly newspaper work if we rehabilitate our prison paper. He has had syphilis, but his blood is now negative. He agrees to a Lumbar Puncture, which will be done to determine the possibility of central nervous system syphilis, although there is no evidence of it from neurological examination. He did not care to talk about his delinquency, passing it off as being due to politics, but promises some time to come and see me and would be glad to talk it over when we have plenty of time. Likely, of course, to do well here and I can not at the time make any prediction to the future.

NEUROLOGICAL: Central nervous system negative. Peripheral neuritis in right shoulder and both sciatic nerves.

DIAGNOSIS: Very superior intelligence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Treatment - routine. Lumbar Puncture.

Plans - education courses in line with interests,

Work - Experienced in newspaper work and would like to work on institution newspaper. This would seem a suitable assignment, Some kind of clerical work no doubt desirable. Dining - regular.

Disciplinary Prognosis - good general adjustment.

Custody - Medium,

Transfer - no.

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5(a) WORK HISTORY.

FIRST EARNED MONEY CARRYING NEWSPAPERS AND PASSING HAND BILLS;
AND AS A BANK JANITOR AT ABOUT AGE FOURTEEN.

In recent years has operated his own printing and publishing establishment. Has
practiced law and was Director of Police at Kansas City, Missouri.
Expects to return to publishing business after release.

RECOMMEND: NEW ERA ON ACCOUNT OF EXPERIENCE.

(b) EDUCATIONAL HISTORY.

ATTENDED PUBLIC AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
COMPLETING THE EIGHTH GRADE, FIVE YEARS HIGH SCHOOL, ONE YEAR COLLEGE AND
LAW SCHOOL, COMPLETING THE LATTER AT AGE TWENTY-NINE.

S. A.T. "V"

Ed. A. 18-11

Eng. A. 19-2 Arith. A. 18-2

Gr. -E.

10p 1. 10p 9. 10p

M. A.

18-3 2. 10p 10. 10p

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4. 10p

Test 10 plus. Took subjects in general agreement with average. Is interested in study.

RECOMMEND: EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OPTIONAL.
EMS.b

(c) RELIGIOUS

CATHOLIC

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

INFERIOR ATTITUDE

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

NEGLIGENT

INDIFFERENT

ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES AND
RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS.

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ADMISSION SUMMARY

Department of Justice

Penal and Correctional Institutions

U.S.P.
(Name of Institution)

LEAVENWORTH KANSAS
(City) (State)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
Institution Name: HIGGINS, Otto P.

Reg. No.: 55996-L

1. Custody and Discipline
2. Transfer
3. Social Service
4. Treatment
 - (a) Medical
 - (b) Neuro-psych.
5. Program
 - (a) Employment
 - (b) Education
 - (c) Religious Training
 - (d) Recreation
6. Is Record Complete for Parole purposes?
 1. MEDIUM: Light sentence; not dangerous offender; first penitentiary sentence; apparently not a custodial risk.
 2. NONE: Should be able to adjust here; this institution considered adequate place of confinement for this type of offender.
 3. SOCIAL SERVICE: Personal and family background being explored further. Mother and wife being encourages to cooperate with readjustment plans.
 4.
 - (a). Oral prophylaxis; fillings.
 - (b). Routine. Lumbar Puncture.
 5.
 - (a). CLASSIFICATION, PAROLE ETC: Educational Department - Multigraph Operator; Previous similar experience; qualified for such work; expected to make good adjustment; need for men on this detail urgent.
 - (b). Educational activities Optional.
 - (c). Chaplain's recommendations approved.
 6. United States Attorney and Prosecuting Agency reports to be secured.