

REPORT ON CONVICTED PRISONER BY UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

This form is to be completed in triplicate; the yellow and blue copies to be mailed to the Warden or Superintendent of the institution to which committed, the white copy to be retained.

While this report is the only one which will be requested, the Board of Parole will appreciate receiving a report of any later facts which might bear upon the case.

By Direction of the Attorney General.

Name Otto P. Higgins	Age	Offense Evasion of income tax
Alias no		Date of sentence Nov. 3, 1939
Residence Kansas City, Missouri		Term imposed 2 years on count 3 - 5 years on count 4, sentence suspended and placed on probation as to count 4
Citizen of Jackson Missouri		Fine: (Committed or not)
(County) (state)		
(Post-office address)		Trial Judge John Caskie Collet
Marital status married		Court docket no 14653
Defense Attorney Clay Rogers		
Appeal been filed no appeal		Date of filing

1. Did prisoner enter plea of Guilty or Not Guilty? guilty Maximum term possible 20 years
2. Is prisoner WANTED by you or other authorities, or for deportation? By whom? For what?
No
3. Give date and details of offense committed, including any aggravating or mitigating circumstances. (Continue on separate sheet if necessary.) Prisoner failed to report income received by him during the calendar years 1935-6-7-8, the total amount of unreported income of the four years in question amounting to approximately \$55,000. The evidence showed that the prisoner received this income from protected gamblers and from other forms of organized vice for which he provided protection by virtue of his office as Director of the Kansas City Police. There are no mitigating circumstances. The aggravating circumstances are that the income unreported by this prisoner was derived from the lowest and worst elements of the organized underworld of Kansas City.

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4. Co-defendants (if any) and sentences imposed:
no co defendants
5. Was prisoner of assistance to the Government? Explain:

- no
6. Has he ever been tried on probation ? Where ? With what success ?
- no
7. Do you regard prisoner as a menace to society, an habitual criminal, an occasional offender, a victim of temptation, or a mental case ?
- Menace to Society
8. Who are known, or suspected to be associated with him in crime ?
- Charles V. Carolla
9. Against what persons should we be on guard for spurious offers of employment, or misleading statements ?
- Do not know
10. What reputable citizens or agencies have knowledge about the prisoner's family?
- Do not know
11. Additional comment which shows the extent and intensity of public injury, or other information of use to determine parole risk:
- Prisoner not only protected the worst forms of vice which may infest the city but he violated his oath of office and degraded the police department.
12. Your comment relative to Parole:
- I recommend against parole.
13. The Judges comment relative to Parole:
- I do not concur in this recommendation. I see no reason why this defendant should not be treated as anyone else who does not have a previous bad record - If he has earned consideration by his conduct there - he should received it.

J. C. Collet
JUDGE

Date May 13, 1940
Signed Richard K. Phelps
Acting United States Attorney.
City Kansas City, Missouri
District Western of Missouri