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U. S. Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kansas.
February 17, 1941.

United States Board of Parole
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In July 1940, I was given a hearing by the Board of Parole and subsequently denied. For the following reasons, I would appreciate further consideration of my application:

(1) Since my original hearing I have paid all the Federal and State Income Taxes assessed against me, together with the penalties and interest.

(2) To do so necessitated selling all my personal property and mortgaging most of my real estate - the life savings of my wife and myself.

(3) My business— printing and publishing— which my wife is trying to operate in my absence, is gradually eating itself up and needs my attention. Competition has sprung up for the Inter-City News and the Lotawana News. The season for the Lotawana News, a resort publication, opens March 1st. The paper has deteriorated in my absence. I still have 112 days before my conditional release date, and that would put me out when the resort season is too far advanced to do any good.

(4) My mother, now 85 years old, has for some reason unknown to me, left my home since my incarceration, and now is living alone in a barn-like house at 718 Homer Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas which condition is very dangerous to her welfare. Due to her extreme age she is very hard to handle and no one has any influence with her except myself- her only child.

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(5) I have been incarcerated almost sixteen months at this writing and have five years on probation, following my release. I have made restitution, together with penalties, and I feel that I have more than paid the price, both civilly and criminally. In addition to the above, my license to practice law has been rescinded which leaves me with only my fading printing business to make a living and pay my debts.

Respectfully,

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