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Board of Pardons and Paroles
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am advised that Otto P. Higgins now confined in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, has made application to your honorable Board for a parole. I am herewith writing you in his behalf in connection with said parole.

I have known Otto P. Higgins both as man and boy, - since our high school days in Kansas City, Kansas away back in the early 1900's. In the early days of our friendship, while attending high school, Otto Higgins bore a good reputation and was quite popular with his school mates. Since our school days, I saw considerable of Higgins while a reporter for "The Kansas City Star" before going over seas during the World War as their correspondent, and so far as I have ever known, there was nothing against his reputation at that time. After Otto Higgins returned from over seas after the World War and entered practice of law in Kansas City, I had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with Mrs Higgins and the family. I know Mrs Higgins as a very fine woman and her daughters also bear a fine reputation in this community.

While Otto Higgins was Director of Police, I had quite a close contact with him in connection with safety work in Kansas City, particularly during the period when I was President of the Kansas City Safety Council. He appeared intensely interested in the work of the Safety Council and I was certainly much shocked when I learned as to the difficulties in which he had become involved, and which resulted in his being confined at Leavenworth.

From all that I can learn, Otto Higgins has conducted himself properly since going to Leavenworth and desires to re-establish himself in his printing business in this vicinity, which, during his absence, has been conducted by Mrs Higgins.

It is my further understanding that Higgins is entirely repentent for the mistakes that he has made and it is my sincere belief that if you see fit to act favorably on his application, that he will from now on, endeavor to the best of his ability, to become a useful and law abiding member of

the community.

Appreciating your consideration, I am

Sincerely yours

Dan L Fennell

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