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Board of Pardon & Paroles,
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Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in regard to Otto P. Higgins, No. 55996, now confined in the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

I was associated with Mr. Higgins in the practice of the law for a period of years extending from 1922 to 1934 and during that time we shared the same suite of offices in the Scarritt Building, this city. While I am not condoning the crime for which he was convicted and sentenced, I believe that he was the clear victim of circumstances and as a result of being a member of a notorious political machine of this city. During the time that I was associated with him, I found him to be a man of intelligence, industrious and participating in various communal and civic activities. He raised a fine family and now has two daughters both of whom are married and for whom he provided a good education. His family life was exemplary and worthy of every respect. I believe that if his application for a parole is granted, that with the help of his wife and his two daughters he will again be able to rehabilitate himself.

As a former veteran of the World War who lost his leg in France, I also would like to call the Board's attention to this man's service for his country when he served as the war correspondent for the Kansas City Star and in which capacity he also saw service in France.

Trusting that you will give this man's application your utmost consideration, I am,

Alexander D. Saper
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