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August 7, 1940.

Board of Pardon and Paroles,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Application for Parole,
Otto P. Higgins,
No. 55996-L, Leavenworth, Ks.

Gentlemen:

I beseech favorable action upon the application of parole for Otto P. Higgins. My reason for making this request is primarily because I believe he is entitled to the parole and my conclusion is based upon the following:

I have known him intimately for more than twenty years and I am firmly convinced that the good which flowed from his activities far overbalance any wrong which he committed. I am sure that his moral debauchment was wrought by the evils of a political system which cursed this city with its burden while giving its benefits to some people who now hold exalted positions in our government. It seems to me to be inherently wrong that Otto Higgins should suffer a penalty of two years in the penitentiary for the evasion of a tax of \$10,000.00 when the man who caused his debacle should get off with a lighter sentence for the evasion of a tax almost one hundred times greater.

Otto Higgins was active in the civic affairs of this locality. His life was devoted to doing some good for someone. To my certain knowledge the punishment he has endured for the crime he committed has left him with a penitent spirit and the conscious realization of the duties and obligations of citizenship and I am convinced that his complete and entire reform has been wrought.

I am not unmindful of the fact that your honorable board knows that I represented him as his attorney at the time he entered his plea of guilty but I desire to inform you that it was without reward, financial or otherwise, or without any hope thereof, but because I was then and still am interested in the rehabilitation of a man who may give many years of useful service to this community.

Very respectfully,
Clay C. Rogers

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