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August 9, 1940.

Board of Pardons' Paroles,
Washington, D. C.

In re: Otto P. Higgins.

Gentlemen:

I understand that Mr. Higgins, who is now in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth for income tax evasion, is eligible for parole.

I desire to wholeheartedly recommend to you a parole for him. I have known Mr. Higgins practically all of my adult life. I knew him when he was a newspaper man and saw him often when a war-correspondent for the Kansas City Star in France. He really is a very fine man and I know regrets to the utmost what he did. I also know his family and I know that he wants to come back and start over again as soon as possible. I am thoroughly convinced that, if paroled, he would take his place again in the community and really make a useful citizen. He has a newspaper and printing plant in rural Jackson County which his good wife has kept going in his absence, and he is really needed to help his family and to take up his work which will provide his family a livelihood.

I would sincerely appreciate, and I know that a multitude of his friends here in Kansas City would also appreciate, your favorable consideration of his parole.

Respectfully yours,
Ludwick Graves

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