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The Honorable Board of Pardons and Paroles
Washington, D. C.

IN RE: Application of Otto P. Higgins
for Parole - #55996 L.

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in behalf of Otto P. Higgins, whose application for parole is before your Honorable Board for consideration.

I have known the applicant, Otto P. Higgins, since 1915 when we enrolled together in the Kansas City School of Law. We attended the Kansas City School of Law together until 1917, at the outbreak of the war, when I entered the service of the United States Army and Otto P. Higgins entered the service of the Kansas City Star, by whom he was employed as war correspondent assigned to cover the Missouri and Kansas troops in the various divisions of the United States Army in Europe. While on this assignment as war correspondent, Otto Higgins received not only the commendation from various newspapers of the United States and Europe, but the personal commendation of our great General, John J. Pershing.

After his return from Europe, Otto Higgins entered the Kansas City School of law and finished and was given his degree of LL.B. and after that passed the Missouri State Bar, at which time he entered the general practice of law in Kansas City. Mr. Higgins established his law offices in the Scarritt Building in Kansas City and continued to practice law here until the time of his appointment as director of the Kansas City Police Department.

Otto Higgins has a family consisting of his wife and two married daughters (having lost his

only son through death just prior to his conviction). Prior to his conviction for evasion of the Federal income tax law, he was very active in civic and Legion affairs of our city. I feel confident that if Otto P. Higgins is given a parole by your Honorable Body, that he will return to civilian life and become a valuable citizen in our community. I, therefore, take great pleasure in recommending to your Honorable Board that he be given a parole.

Respectfully yours,
James H. Anderson

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