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Gentlemen:

Although I hold no brief for transgressions that brought Otto P. Higgins at cross-purposes with the law of the land, I would do what I could to help him become re-established in his community where he has many friends.

Therefore I would enter this letter-along with others I suppose—in behalf of a parole for Otto P. Higgins former director of police of Kansas City, Mo., now serving in the Federal Prison at Leavenworth for income tax evasion.

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Being a long while in the newspaper field in Kansas City I knew Mr. Higgins as an alert and progressive newspaperman.

My acquaintance and friendship with him was extended across to the other continent in 1917-18 when he appeared there at the front as war correspondent for the Kansas City Star. Having a wife and children, he could have remained at home. However, his desire to be in the thick of things and his wife's loyalty to his ambitions, enabled him to get to the battlefields,

where he was not only an active and accurate correspondent, but also as a soldier experiencing all the dangers of the troops.

Back in this country he applied himself energetically so that he soon was a member of the bar. To further provide for the necessities and education of his family, Otto Higgins left the fascinating, although

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not well-paying newspaper business.

In the law profession he naturally assumed whatever political honors that came his way and they were mostly without remuneration.

When Mr. Higgins was put forward for Director of Police, he little knew or desired the pitfalls it would open for him. It also is common knowledge that some who saw him falling not only failed to put out a restraining or helping hand, but scampered away to save themselves.

But all that is water over the dam. I am convinced Otto Higgins has the intelligence, stamina and support of people at home, especially a loyal and persevering wife and mother to make a valuable Citizen.

I am sure that any trust placed in Mr. Higgins out in the world will not be misdirected.

Sincerely - Eddie Meisburger-State Editor