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THOMAS MCGEE & SONS  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

August 1st, 1940.

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

Gentlemen:

Re: Otto P. Higgins  
55996-L

It is my understanding that Mr. Otto P. Higgins has applied to your Board for a parole from the sentence imposed on him for the evasion of income taxes.

The purpose of this letter is to ask your Board to give favorable consideration to this request.

The writer has known Otto Higgins as a newspaper reporter for the Kansas City Star, as a lawyer, Director of the Chief of Police, as well as having served on the Board of Directors of the Kansas City Safety Council, and I believe the time which he has served is more than sufficient to keep him from any further transgressions.

Being in the insurance business, we have had an opportunity to see the good results of Mr. Higgins' work as Director of Police, particularly with reference to a very substantial lowering of burglary and automobile theft rates in the Kansas City territory, owing to the reduction in losses due to the particular drive made by the Department under Mr. Higgins' direction.

If a parole should be granted, there is a place for Mr. Higgins to resume his work in the community in connection with the Interstate Press, which operates a small newspaper in the inter-city district between Kansas City and Independence, as well as doing job printing. This will keep him busy and give him a chance to rehabilitate himself in the eyes of his family and his friends,

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and I sincerely hope it will be possible that a parole be granted.

Thanking you for your courtesy in having taken the time to read this letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph McGee

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