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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
OFFICE OF THE PROBATION OFFICER
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

May 24, 1939

Mr. Myrl E. Alexander
Acting Parole Executive
Bureau of Prisons
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Re: Thomas J. Pendergast

As you no doubt know, the above individual in United States District Court at Kansas City, Missouri on May 22, 1939 before Judge Merrill E. Otis entered a plea of guilty to both counts of an indictment charging evasion of income taxes. He was on that date on Count 1 sentenced to serve fifteen months in the custody of the Attorney General, to be confined in a penitentiary type institution, and on Count 2 was sentenced to serve three years in a penitentiary type institution, sentence suspended, and placed on probation for a period of five years. In connection with this count he was fined \$10,000.00. The period of probation is to start after defendant is released from confinement imposed in Count 1. There were special conditions of probation, which are as follows, in substance:

1. The fine must be paid.
2. Defendant must obey all laws, state, federal, and municipal.
3. Defendant must pay all taxes assessed and levied concerning the monies received as income set forth in Counts 1 and 2 of the indictment involved in this case. It is understood

that defendant is entitled to make any compromise or concessions he may be able to make in settlement of the claims, and that it will not be a violation of the conditions of probation if he has turned over to the government all of his property, which even then is not sufficient to pay all taxes and penalties imposed.

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4. During the period of probation the defendant will report to Probation Officers of the Court in such manner concerning such matters and at such times, under the supervision of the Court, as the Court shall direct.

Due to the enormity of public interest in this matter, and due to the fact that medical testimony was put on the stand concerning defendant, and due to the fact the District Attorney read from prepared manuscript, in detail, the substance of the information against defendant, which is reported verbatim, I am enclosing herewith the extra edition of the Kansas City Star dated Monday, May 22, 1939. In view of the fact there is severe editorial comment, no doubt due to the unusual interest manifested by the public in this case, I am enclosing herewith the Kansas City Times newspaper dated Tuesday, May 23, 1939.

I am sending this information at this time because it undoubtedly will be of interest to the Parole Board to know the facts, as well as to know the public sentiment involved in this case, when the matter comes before the Parole Board for its consideration.

Very truly yours,

Lewis J. Grout
Chief U.S. Probation Officer

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