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MARY JO GALBRAITH  
4818 RIDGEWEST DRIVE 437-6913  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77053

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8-13 1977  
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PAY TO THE ORDER OF *7200 Eddy Street* \$10.00  
7200  
100 DOLLARS

Capital National Bank  
1300 North Loop West, Houston, Texas 77002  
MEMO *att: my expenses Mary Jo Galbraith*

DEPOSIT ONLY - NO CASH WITHDRAWALS

NBC

National Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Thirty Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, N.Y. 10020 212-664-4444

August 26, 1977

Ms. Mary Jo Galbraith  
4818 Ridgewest Drive  
Houston, Texas 77053

Dear Ms. Galbraith:

CBS has forwarded to us your letter concerning Mrs. Eddie D. Slovik since NBC had originally presented "The Execution of Private Slovik."

You are very thoughtful of Mrs. Slovik's present situation in forwarding a check to help with her legal expenses. However, we do not know her present address and the only suggestion we can offer is that you write to the Department of the Army, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310 to see if that agency has an address for her. We are returning the check you enclosed for \$10.00 made out to Mrs. Slovik.

We appreciate your interest and regret we are unable to assist you in this instance.

Sincerely,

Bernard Edelson

115 North Jackson St.  
Media, Delaware Co., Pa.  
19063

Muriel F. Mead  
Muriel F. Mead  
Audience Services

Dear Sir  
The enclosed letter is self explanatory.  
I would appreciate very much if  
you would forward my check to  
Mrs Slovic. If this is not with-in  
your policy I would very much  
appreciate the address. Thank you  
Mary Jo Galbraith  
P.S. Enclosed a stamped envelope for  
your use.

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DAAG-LRA

8 September 1977

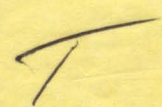
Mr. Bernard Edelson  
Attorney at Law  
115 North Jackson Street  
Media, Delaware County, PA 19063

Dear Mr. Edelson:

At the suggestion of Mr. Francis Plant, Director, Army Military Review Boards Agency, I am forwarding a check received in the Department of the Army from Ms. Mary Jo Galbraith who requests that it be used for Mrs. Slovik's legal expenses.

I have provided Ms. Galbraith a copy of this reply.

Sincerely,



CHARLES R. THOMAS  
LTC, GS  
Chief, Reserve Components  
Liaison Office

**Inclosure**

Ltr, 26 Aug 77 & check 212  
dtd 8/13/77.

cc: Ms. Mary Jo Galbraith

4818 Ridgewest Dr w/stamped envelope returned.  
Houston TX 77053

MFR: Talked with Mr. Plant who suggested this action and provided address of attorney.

SLOVIK

ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL SLIP		ACTION	
1 TO <i>M.H. Wallace</i> <i>OMARC</i>	INITIALS	CIRCULATE	
	DATE	COORDINATION	
2	INITIALS	FILE	
	DATE	INFORMATION	
3 <i>Freedom of Information</i> <i>Inquiry - SLOVAK, EDDIE F.</i>	INITIALS	NOTE AND RETURN	
	DATE	PER CONVERSATION	
4	INITIALS	SEE ME	
	DATE	SIGNATURE	

## REMARKS

*Forwarded for appropriate action per telecon 12 mar 76.*

Do NOT use this form as a RECORD of approvals, concurrences, disapprovals, clearances, and similar actions.

FROM <i>Lucille Campbell</i> <i>ISD HQS</i>	DATE	<i>12 mar 76</i>
	PHONE	<i>7794/7777</i>

OPTIONAL FORM 41

AUGUST 1967

GSA FPMR (41CFR) 100-11.206

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Executive Office, TAGO

ROUTING SLIP

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REMARKS

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off Dir + RCPAC.

*[Signature]*

Completed  
28 DEC 76  
*[Signature]*

ACTION DESIRED

1/2	INFORMATION		SIGNATURE	INITIALS
	NOTE AND RETURN	3	NECESSARY ACTION	
FROM <i>[Signature]</i>			DATE	
G. ROBERT FRITSCHER			27 DEC 1976	

TAGO Form 1-4, Aug 76 (Proponent: DAAG-ZX)

Replaces TAGO Form 1-4, 18 Sep 73, which is obsolete.

**DISPOSITION FORM**TELETYPE MESSAGE FROM LINSON OFFICE-AGO  
WASHINGTON, DC

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

**Spec. Serv.**

TO

FROM

DATE

COMMENT NO. 1

FOR CRIST PREC AND HIST BR

URMSG 67-30 OCT ON EDDIE D SLOVIK 36873415 EM INDUCTED 3 JAN 44 NO RECORD OF  
PRIOR SVC TRFD TO ERC ON DATE OF INDUCTION ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY 24 JAN 44

ROUTINE

JOHNSTON-Spec

2 Nov 53

9:00 a.m.

SIGNATURE:

*L. J. Spall*

THIS MSG RCD IN COMMUNICATIONS

MPRC 2 NOV 1953 TIME.....*11:05*  
TRANSMITTED BY WIRE ON MSG.....*16**FILE  
Johnston-Spec  
Profile  
(Classified Records)*

Edward P. Edwards  
c/o Robert N. DeFinis  
523 Edgemont Avenue  
Lansdale PA 19446

President Gerald R. Ford  
White House  
Washington DC



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CINPO-PT

SUBJECT: Verification of Material Relating to SSaia Slovik

TO: SAC, \*

ATTN: Press & Hist. Sec.

FROM: Mag & Bk Br

FID-CINPO

DATE: COMMENT NO. 2

3 Nov 58

Lt Col Williams/78433/848

1. This office has no objection to releasing to Mr. Hansen the information which he has requested.

2. Forwarded for compliance with Comment No. 1.

FOR THE CHIEF, PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION:

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SISSY WILLIAMS  
Lt. Colonel, Inf.  
Chief, Magazine and Book Br.

# DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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FILE NO. JAGJ CM 290498	SUBJECT Verification of Material Relating to Eddie Slovik		
TO CinCof	FROM DA, JAG Mil Justice Div Opinions Br	DATE	COMMENT NO. Maj Seibert, 71415

1. Transmitted herewith for appropriate action is a letter dated 6 September 1958, from Philip E. Bannan, requesting verification of certain information concerning Eddie D. Slovik.

2. This office has inspected pertinent court-martial records and a mark has been placed after those portions of the letter which we were able to determine were correct. If a statement is incorrect, it has been corrected. In those instances where part of a statement is correct and the correctness of the other part is unknown to this office, such part has been placed in parentheses with a question mark alongside. If your office determines that the information should be released to Mr. Bannan, this file should be sent to the Office of The Adjutant General which should be able to verify and correct those statements which this office could not. It is believed that most, if not all, of this information was published in William Hute's book on the execution of Slovik.

3. In the event you desire to examine the Slovik records, it is suggested that you telephone the action officer, Major Seibert, who can make them available.

4. This office has no information concerning the author or what he intends to write.

FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

Incl  
Ltr fr Philip E  
Bannan dtd 6 Sept 58

RICHARD B. TIMBS, Colonel, JAGC  
Chief, Military Justice Division

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE**  
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE 5 Mar 1945

REPORT OF DEATH ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FULL NAME <b>SLOVIK, EDDIE D.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>36 896 115</b>		GRADE <b>Pvt</b>	
HOME ADDRESS <b>Dearborn, Michigan</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Infantry</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>18 Feb 1920</b>	
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>		CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Execution pursuant to approved sentence of a general court*</b>		DATE OF DEATH *** <b>31 Jan 1945</b>	
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>3 Jan 1944</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Antoinette Slovik, wife, 6320 Terres St., Dearborn, Michigan</b>					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Antoinette Slovik, wife, 6320 Terres St., Dearborn, Michigan Ann Slovik, mother, 10224 Russell, Detroit, Michigan Pauline Slovik, sister 256 Center, Pickman, New York</b>					
INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		VIA DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
					<b>X</b>

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

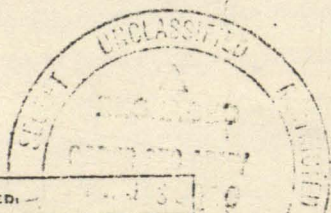
BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

\*martial. (COMO #27 dated 23 Jan 1945)  
 EVIDENCE OF DEATH REC'D IN WD 24 Feb 1945.

\*\* 18 Feb 1920 (Date of Birth)  
 \*\*\* 31 Jan 1945 (Date of Death)

Classification removed  
 per authority TAG.

By *[Signature]* Date 22 July 47



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		1 A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*[Signature]*  
 Chief, Veterans Br. Ofc of Majnt  
 Asst, Reserve Components, TAGO

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SLOVIK

PHILADELPHIA (AP). -- A LAWYER FOR THE WIDOW OF PVT. EDDIE SLOVIK, THE ONLY AMERICAN SOLDIER TO BE EXECUTED FOR DESERTION SINCE THE CIVIL WAR, HAS REQUESTED THAT THE ARMY REOPEN SLOVIK'S CASE AND PAY MILITARY INSURANCE BENEFITS TO THE WIDOW.

THE REQUEST FILED HERE THURSDAY CLAIMS THE ARMY COMMITTED LEGAL AND MORAL ERRORS IN EXECUTING SLOVIK, AN INFANTRYMAN, BY FIRING SQUAD IN FRANCE ON JAN. 31, 1945.

BERNARD EDELSON, LAWYER FOR THE WIDOW, SAID HE HAS ASKED THE ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO MRS. SLOVIK OF \$61,000, THE PROCEEDS PLUS INTEREST ON SLOVIK'S MILITARY LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

MRS. SLOVIK IS LIVING ON WELFARE IN A DETROIT NURSING HOME UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME, EDELSON SAID, BUT WAS FULLY INFORMED WEDNESDAY ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATION.

THE APPLICATION CLAIMS THE ARMY FAILED TO CONDUCT AN ADEQUATE PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION OF SLOVIK BEFORE HE WAS SHOT AND ALSO FAILED TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A RECORD OF HIS ONE-DAY TRIAL, AS MANDATED BY MILITARY LAW, EDELSON SAID.

THE APPLICATION ALSO INCLUDES A RECENT LETTER FROM RETIRED ARMY OFFICER ARNOLD SHAW OF LUFKIN, TEX., SLOVIK'S COMMANDING OFFICER DURING HIS BASIC TRAINING.

THE LETTER, EDELSON SAID, GIVES SHAW'S ACCOUNT OF HOW HE REPEATEDLY PLEADED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO ARMY OFFICIALS NOT TO PUT SLOVIK INTO COMBAT.

BASED ON SHAW'S LETTER, EDELSON SAID, THE APPLICATION CHARGES THE ARMY WITH FAILING TO ASSIGN SLOVIK TO DUTY WITHIN HIS CAPABILITIES.

THE APPLICATION ALSO WAS MADE ON BEHALF OF MAJ. EDWARD WOODS (RET.), WHO WAS SLOVIK'S COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL AT THE COURT MARTIAL. WOODS IS NOT A LAWYER.

WOODS AND ROBERT DE FINNIS, BOTH OF NEARBY LANSDOWNE, SAID THEY HIRED EDELSON IN NOVEMBER AFTER WORKING FOR YEARS WITHOUT SUCCESS TO HAVE SLOVIK'S CASE REVIEWED.

MRS. SLOVIK HAS GIVEN BOTH MEN PERMISSION TO PURSUE THE MATTER ON HER BEHALF, DE FINNIS SAID, AND AT THEIR EXPENSE.

SLOVIK DESERTED FROM THE U. S. ARMY TWICE, ONCE IN AUGUST 1944, AND AGAIN IN OCTOBER 1944. HE VOLUNTARILY RETURNED TO HIS UNIT BOTH TIMES.

AFTER THE SECOND DESERTION, HE SUBMITTED A WRITTEN CONFESSION SAYING, "I'LL RUN AWAY AGAIN IF I HAVE TO GO OUT THERE."

THE ARMY USED THAT CONFESSION AGAINST HIM IN ITS COURT MARTIAL, WHICH BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 1944. HE WAS 24.

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TO DOD - FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING  
NOV 19 1975  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. President:

Earlier this year you granted amnesty to Viet Nam draft evadors. Congress has just granted amnesty to General Robert E. Lee of the Confederate Army. I am asking you, Mr. President, to grant amnesty to Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik #36896415, the only American soldier executed during World War II. I am also asking you to remove Pvt. Slovik's grave from Plot E Row 3 Grave No. 65 at Oise-Aise American Cemetery to either Plot A,B,C or D of this particular cemetery.

America has long forgiven Germany and Japan, Her enemies during the Second World War. America has given Okinawa back to the Japanese people, but why Mr. President can't America find it in Her heart to forgive Pvt. Slovik? This man was no coward, he answered his call to duty, and choose to fulfill his military obligation in other capacities, other than fighting on the front line.

It has been 30 years since the war ended how much longer will Mrs. Slovik have to suffer or live in fear?

In closing, I pray that you will remember Pvt. Slovik and the missing P.O.W.'s from the Viet Nam during America's Birthday Celebration. America cannot truly celebrate when so many of their Sons & Daughters are missing from their Homeland.

Sincerely Yours

Robert John Sabados

WH 30808

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Mr. President:

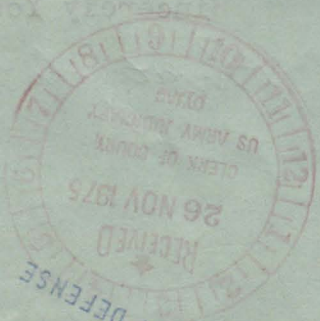
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Sincerely Yours



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RECEIVED

DAAG-TCZ-C Slovik, Eddie D.  
36 896 415 (Nov 75)

25 NOV 1975

Mr. Robert John Sabados  
22124 Donald  
East Detroit, MI 48021

Dear Mr. Sabados:

On behalf of President Ford, I am replying to your letter of November 1975 regarding Private Eddie Slovik.

Information necessary to reply to your inquiry is being obtained. As soon as it is available, I will write you again. Should there be an appreciable delay, I shall keep you informed.

Sincerely,

PAUL T. SMITH

PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



*Case being sent to TJAG for  
info on Amnestiy to include  
in final reply*

*Suspense 16 Dec 75*

WH Case 30808 Return to DAAG-TCZ-C (25 Nov 75)

DAAG-TCZ-C Slovik, Eddie

22 DEC 1975

Mr. Robert J. Sabados  
22124 Donald  
East Detroit, MI 48021

Dear Mr. Sabados:

This is in further reference to your letter to President Ford regarding Private Eddie Slovik.

As much as he would like to, the President cannot reply personally to every communication he receives. Therefore, he has asked the departments and agencies of the Federal Government to reply in his behalf in those instances where they have special knowledge or special authority under the law. For this reason, your correspondence was forwarded to officials of the Department of Defense.

Private Slovik is not eligible to be buried in plots, A, B, C or D, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. These are reserved for honored World War I Dead. Although your feelings in this matter are appreciated, granting of amnesty to Private Slovik is not appropriate in view of the offense for which he was convicted.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

PAUL T. SMITH

PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

*MIR Coordination - Col Ryan - Amer Battle Monuments Comm.  
Cpt Grainer - TJAG*

*Although written info from TJAG did not address Amnesty questions. Capt Grainer indicated by phone no objection to our statement. It is not a legal matter since only Pres can grant amnesty and we assume since case referred here & since no WW action in past that amnesty is not appropriate and no plans to grant. Jm.*

DAAG-TCZ-C



**TAGO TRANSMITTAL/CONTROL**

DATE  
21 Nov 75

SUSPENSE  
*19 Dec* 25 Nov 75

SUBJECT  
Amnesty for Pvt Slovik; change of grave site

XO CON NO  
TCZ-C 2111538

OCSA CON NO  
30808

ROUTING            A = ACTION            I = INFO

Admin Mgt Dir		Rec Dir
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Compt		RAM2
DCG, TAGGEN		Sys Dev Dir
Club Mgt Dir		TIOH
Ed Dir		
NAF Dir		

**ACTION**

- SEE ATTACHED REMARKS/INSTRUCTIONS
- PREPARE REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF ~~KEYXXXXX~~ TAG
- COORDINATE WITH \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**REMARKS**

**DIRECTORATE ROUTING**

**REMARKS**

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

*[Handwritten Signature]*

CARL P. VERMILYEA  
Major, AGC  
Asst Executive Officer TAGO

20 Nov 75

SABADOS, ROBERT (Mr)

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CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE CASE

SUMMARY

Amnesty for Pvt Slovik; change of grave site.

SUSPENSE

OCSA CASE

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COB 25 Nov 75

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DCSRDA	COE	CINFO	CCH			

ACTION

Direct reply to writer  
per DA Memo 1-14  
with 2 copy(ies) to DACS-DSW  
Cite WH Susp No

Prepare (draft) (final) reply for signature of \_\_\_\_\_

Provide assistance as required \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinate with 30808 \_\_\_\_\_

Appropriate action \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

AGENCY ROUTING

BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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25 Nov 75

Final Interim

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DAAG  
18 DEC 75  
FINAL

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*[Signature]*

# DISPOSITION FORM

For use of this form, see AR 340-15; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

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DAAG-TCZ-C Slovik, Eddie

SUBJECT

Amnesty for Private Eddie Slovik

TO JAAJ-CC

FROM DAAG

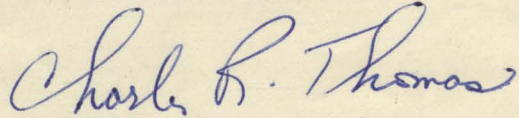
DATE 25 Nov 75

CMT 1

Mr. Wallace/70922/be

The attached letter regarding Private Eddie Slovik, is forwarded for information upon which to base a reply to that portion pertaining to amnesty.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:



CHARLES R. THOMAS

LTC, GS

Chief, Office of Management Assistance,  
Reserve Components, TAGO

1 Incl

Ltr from Robert Sabados

TO: DAAG

FROM: JAAJ-CC

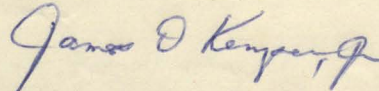
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CPT Grainer/slb/756-1193

Inclosed fact sheet is forwarded in response to your request, subject as above.

FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:



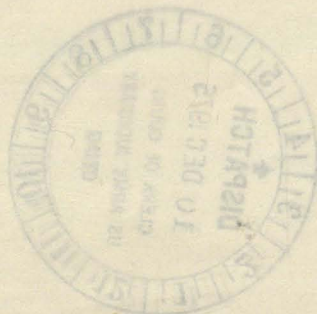
JAMES D. KEMPER, JR.

Clerk of Court

2 Incl

1. Ltr from Robert Sabados

2. Fact Sheet



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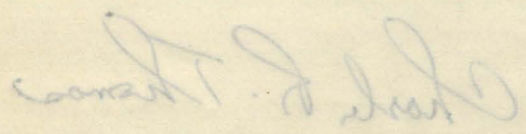
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SUBJECT	Amnesty for Private Eddie Slovik

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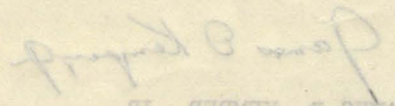
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 LTC, GS  
 Chief, Office of Management Assistance,  
 Reserve Component, TAGO

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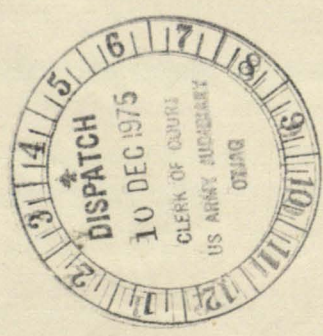
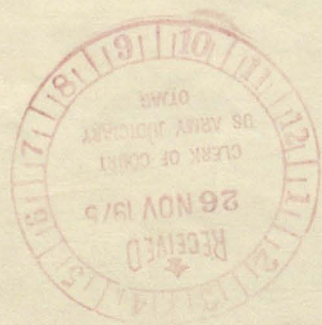
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FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:



JAMES D. KEMPER, JR.  
 Clerk of Court

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Jed

FACT SHEET

Your comments concerning this case are certainly understandable. War is always tragic in its consequences.

One should, however, be wary of the false clarity of hindsight. When judgment was passed on Private Slovik, this nation was engaged in a desperate struggle with a power which had come dangerously close to enslaving mankind. The lives of thousands, both those on the battlefield as well as those in the infamous death camps of the Third Reich, depended upon the rapid prosecution and termination of the fighting. Shortly after Private Slovik's trial, American forces in Belgium were suffering heavy casualties in the enemy onslaught which has come to be known as the Battle of the Bulge.

When the Army Assistant Judge Advocate General transmitted the Board of Review's decision in this case to General Eisenhower, the then Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, for his consideration in determining whether to approve and order the sentence executed, the following points were made. Private Slovik had performed no front line duty and his conduct demonstrated a deliberate intent to avoid such hazardous service by obtaining incarceration in a safe place. The sentence adjudged was more severe than he had anticipated, but the imposition of a less severe punishment would only have accomplished the accused's purpose of obtaining freedom from those dangers which his comrades were required to face daily.

All of the above factors should be remembered when attempting to understand the tragedy of Private Slovik's case.

As evidenced by the cooperation accorded Mr. William Bradford Huie, the author of the book on Private Slovik's case, more than twenty years ago, it would not appear that there has been a suppression of the evidence of the matter.

DAAG-TCZ-C Slovik, Eddie

Amnesty for Private Eddie Slovik

JAAJ-CC

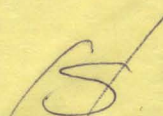
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CHARLES R. THOMAS  
LTC, GS  
Chief, Office of Management Assistance,  
Reserve Components, TAGO

*MIR Interim Reply prepared for TAG Sig*

*[Handwritten initials]*

RETURN TO DAAG-TCZ-C

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Lansdale, Pa. 19446  
February 19, 1976

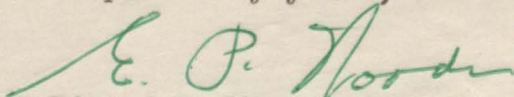
Office of The Adjutant General  
The War Department  
Washington, D. C. 20000

Sir:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please furnish me a copy of the Final Indorsement of The Service Record of Eddie E. Slovik, ASN 36896415, formerly Company G, 109th Inf. Regt., 28th Infantry Division.

If this is still considered privileged information, can it be furnished to me as his Defense Counsel, in the General Court Martial held at Roetgen, Germany, 11 November 1944?

Respectfully yours,



Edward P. Woods, (Formerly  
Major, Infantry, 0415575  
Headquarters Special Troops  
28th Infantry Division)

*Rec 23 Feb 76*



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL CENTER  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

24 FEB 1976

DAAG-AMR-S (FOIA 76-86)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request/WOODS, Edward P. re:  
SLOVIK, Eddie E.

Commander  
US Army Reserve Components Personnel and  
Administration Center  
9700 Page Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63132

1. The attached request, received in this office on 23 February 1976, is forwarded for necessary action and direct reply.
2. Request this office be furnished a copy of action taken.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Incl  
as

*R. W. Hampton*  
R. W. HAMPTON  
for Colonel, GS  
Dir of Admin Mgt

CF:  
Mr. Woods





AGUZ-PSD Slovik, Eddie E.  
ASN 36896415

2 March 1976

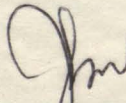
Major Edward P. Woods  
310 Greenwood Road  
Lansdale, PA 19446

Dear Major Woods:

This is in reply to your request for information contained in the military personnel records jacket of Eddie E. Slovik, ASN 36896415.

The records of discharged Army personnel and organizational records are in the custody of the National Personnel Records Center, General Services Administration, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132. Since we are collocated with that agency, I have referred your request to the Director of that activity for consideration and direct reply.

Sincerely,



JAMES S. MILLER  
LTC, GS  
Director, Personnel Services

CF:  
Director  
National Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132

Inclosure  
Record in GSA Vault

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT INQUIRY**

DAAG-TCZ-C  
(24 Feb 76)

16 March 1976

Mr. Edward P. Woods  
310 Greenwood Road  
Lansdale, PA 19446

Dear Mr. Woods:

This is in further reply to your letter of 19 February 1976 regarding Eddie Slovik.

Inclosed is a copy of the document you requested.

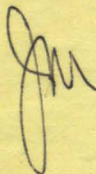
Sincerely,

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CHARLES R. THOMAS  
LTC, GS T  
Chief, Office of Management  
Assistance, Reserve Components

cc furn: DAAG-AMR-S

Memo for Rec: Coordinated with Mr. Anderson, FOIA, Chief, AMD,  
15 Mar 76. No reason to deny, since not invasion of privacy.



DAAG-TCZ-C



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President Gerald Ford  
White House  
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TO DOD - FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING  
NOV 17 1976

Nov 12, 1976

Dear President Ford:

I am a simple traveling man who was moved by the Christian action you took when you pardoned Mr. Richard Nixon. While I listened to the news this morning, I learned that the widow of the only soldier shot for desertion in World War Two lives on welfare out East. She, Mrs. Stovick (sic) is not able to collect welfare. Please consider a Presidential Pardon. The innocent should not suffer with the guilty. An act of Christian compassion will not hurt the Republican party.

Sincerely,  
Dole Becker  
158 Highwood Dr.  
Chaska, Mn.

U.S. DEPT. OF DEFENSE  
18 NOV 1976

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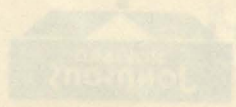


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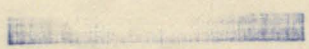
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WILLIAM B. ROBINSON  
Commissioner

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Deputy Commissioner



PENNSYLVANIA BUREAU of CORRECTION  
P. O. BOX 598  
CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA 17011  
(717) 787-7480 3997

November 15, 1976

Bernard Edelson, Esquire  
115 North Jackson Street  
Media, Pa. 19063

Dear Mr. Edelson:

I am writing to you in response to a recent article concerning your efforts to obtain a pardon for Eddie Slovak. I wish to commend you for this effort and offer my support.

I am very familiar with this case, as I am originally from Ionia, Michigan and my father worked at the Reformatory where Slovak was incarcerated. We discussed this case on a number of occasions following the publication of William Bradford Huie's book. It was my impression from these discussions that he should never have been in a combat situation in the first place, as he was not emotionally equipped to do so. Certainly this would be mitigating circumstances to be considered at his court martial.

Please feel free to call on me for whatever I can do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bannan", written in a cursive style.

Philip E. Bannan  
Director of Operations

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November 18, 1976

Gentlemen:

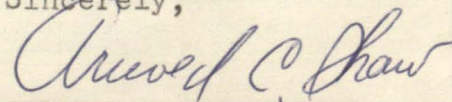
I sincerely hope this letter reaches you because I am deeply interested in the Private Eddie Slovik case. You see, I am the Lt. A. Shaw mentioned in William Bradford Huie's book, "The Execution of Private Slovik".

I was Eddie Slovik's C. O. during his 17 weeks of basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, early in 1944. I didn't know his tragic fate until the book was published in 1954.

We recognized this man's total inability as a combat soldier, through no fault of his own. He was popular with the troops, non-coms and officers, but badly cast as an infantryman. We tried every means to get his discharge; failing this, we tried to get him transferred to a non-combat unit. Here again, we failed. As a last resort, we tried to remove his fear of weapons and simulated combat conditions. Tragically, we failed again.

If I can help in any way, please call on me.

Sincerely,



Arnold C. Shaw



(1117)

23 NOV 1976

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(12 Nov 76)

Mr. Dale Becker  
158 Highwood Drive  
Chaska, MN 55318

Dear Mr. Becker:

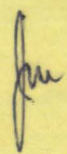
On behalf of President Ford, I am replying to your letter of 12 November 1976 regarding a presidential pardon for Eddie Slovik.

As much as he would like to, the President cannot reply personally to every communication he receives. Therefore, he has asked the departments and agencies of the Federal Government to reply in his behalf in those instances where they have special knowledge or special authority under the law. For this reason, your correspondence was forwarded to officials of the Department of the Army.

The feelings which prompted your request for a pardon are appreciated. However, a pardon cannot be granted posthumously since delivery and acceptance are prerequisite to the validity of a pardon.

Sincerely,

PAUL T. SMITH  
PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



DAAG-LRA MH 20338

MEMO FOR

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## COVER SHEET

ACTION OFFICER  
E. S. WALLACEDATE  
19 NOV 76TELEPHONE NO  
70922OFC/DIR  
DAAG-LRA  
RCLO

SUBJECT

Presidential Pardon for Eddie Slovik

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## COMMENTS

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*see TAB C.*
  - d. Records of Private Slovik are on loan to RCLO.
3. Resource Implications: None.
4. Recommendation: That letter at Tab A be signed.

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CHADWICK, Denise M.

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TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE 24 NOV 1976

SUBJECT/REFERENCE

Pardon for Pvt. Slovik

SUSPENSE 30 NOV 76

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ACTION:

- See attached Remarks/Instructions
- See TAG's comments, (on) attached
- See remarks below
- Prepare reply for signature of \_\_\_\_\_
- Prepare forwarding Memo for signature of \_\_\_\_\_
- Prepare draft reply; send to \_\_\_\_\_
- Take action as indicated below
- Direct reply to \_\_\_\_\_
- Direct reply to writer
- Provide copy of reply to DACS-DSW
- Provide copy to DAAG-ZX
- Coordinate with \_\_\_\_\_
- Call \_\_\_\_\_ for additional guidance, if required
- See attached form \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

Inclosure(s)

DIRECTORATE ROUTING:

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

CARL P. VERMILYEA, LTC, AGC, Asst XO, TAGO



President Jerry Ford  
C/o White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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ACTION

Direct reply to writer  
per DA Memo 1-14  
with 2 copy(ies) to DACS-DSW  
Cite WH Susp No

- Prepare (draft) (final) reply for signature of \_\_\_\_\_
- Provide assistance as required  
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- Coordinate with  
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- Appropriate action

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MILITARY

ASST.

DOD - FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING  
NOV 22 1976

11-14-76

Dear Sir DATE

I am writing this letter in regard to Pvt. Edward D. Slovik. I realize that more than likely you'll never read this letter. I am on hopes though, that somehow it will have meaning.

Major Edward Woods is going to petition the U.S Army to review and pardon Pvt. Slovik. I and I know many other people implore you to look into this matter. Sir, you have shown true compassion during your office, even when so many people have disagreed with you. Please show the same compassion in this situation and pardon Pt. Slovik. If for no other reason, than just to show once again, our country is just, fair and we do believe that all men,

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regardless of race, creed or personal  
ideals are created equal. Let this  
man rest in peace.

I love my country and man kind.  
Thank you and men like you for the  
right to express my feelings and then  
sign my name.

Sincerely  
Demise M. Chadwick  
2506 Canterbury Ct. #M-2  
Albany, Georgia 31707

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mom rest in peace  
I have my country and mom  
Thank you and love for the  
right to express my feelings and then  
begin my mother

Received  
Beverly M. [unclear]  
2202 [unclear] Ct #102  
Atlanta, Georgia 30302

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30 NOV 1976

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(14 Nov 76)

Ms. Denise M. Chadwick  
2506 Canterbury Court #M2  
Albany, Georgia 31707

Dear Ms. Chadwick:

On behalf of President Ford, I am replying to your letter of  
14 November 1976 regarding a presidential pardon for Eddie Slovik.

As much as he would like to, the President cannot reply personally to  
every communication he receives. Therefore, he has asked the depart-  
ments and agencies of the Federal Government to reply in his behalf in  
those instances where they have special knowledge or special authority  
under the law. For this reason, your correspondence was forwarded to  
officials of the Department of the Army.

The feelings which prompted your request for a pardon are appreciated.  
However, a pardon cannot be granted posthumously since delivery and  
acceptance are prerequisite to the validity of a pardon. I am sorry  
that my reply cannot be more favorable.

Sincerely,

J. C. PENNINGTON

J. C. PENNINGTON  
Brigadier General, USA  
Acting The Adjutant General

WH Case 20505 Return to DAAG-LRA

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ACTION OFFICER E. S. Wallace	DATE 30 Nov 76	TELEPHONE NO 70922	OFC/DIR RCLO
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SUBJECT  
Presidential Pardon for Eddie Slovik

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*Reaffirmed on 23 Nov 76.*
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
2300 South 9th Street, #305  
Arlington, Virginia 22204

REFER TO:

Private Eddie Slovik

February 7, 1977

DAAG, LRA  
Department of the Army  
Pentagon, D.C. 20310  
Attention: Mr. Miller

Dear Mr. Miller:

Based on a telephone call with John Romero on February 2, 1977,  
we are requesting proof of death for Private Eddie Slovik.

This evidence is needed in connection with a claim for Social  
Security benefits filed by his widow.

I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope so that the information  
can be returned directly to my desk.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,  
*Lucille G. Fox*  
Lucille G. Fox  
Branch Manager

DAAG-LRA

15 February 1977

Ms Lucille G. Fox  
Social Security Administration  
2300 South 9th Street - #305  
Arlington, VA 22204

Dear Ms. Fox:

Reference your request of 7 February 1977 for proof of death for Eddie Slovik, I am inclosing an authenticated copy of the official Report of Death.

However, because of the poor copy in the records, the date of death and date of birth did not reproduce clearly. I have indicated the correct dates on the form as a footnote. I hope this is sufficient.

If not please call me at 697-0922 and we can discuss other methods.

Sincerely,



J. N. MILLER  
Chief, Veterans Branch  
Reserve Components Liaison Office  
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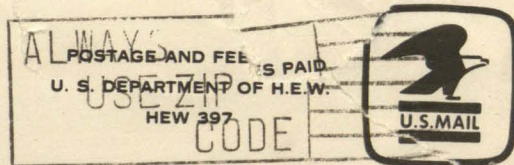
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DAAG-LRA SLOVICK, EDDIE (Soc. Sec. Admin)

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Commissioner



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Deputy Commissioner

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CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA 17011  
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May 23, 1977

Bernard Edelson, Esquire  
115 North Jackson Street  
Media, Pennsylvania 19063

Dear Mr. Edelson:

Pursuant to your telephone conversation, I am submitting this letter for possible use in the forthcoming hearing on the Eddie Slovak case.

As I previously related to you, I have more than casual knowledge and interest in this case. My father was employed at the Michigan Reformatory in a number of capacities, including Deputy Warden, during the time that Slovak served two terms there.

When William Bradford Huie published his book, The Execution of Private Slovak, both of us read it. The book had a significant impact on us. I particularly remember my father telling me that "He should never have been in the army - particularly in a combat situation, in the first place." His reason for this feeling was the fact that he knew Slovak as an emotionally vulnerable, unstable person who would "fall apart" in most stressful situations. He also expressed the feeling that he was executed because they could make an example of him, as he had no one with any sort of influence.

I have also talked with a number of inmates who knew Slovak. Their stories are pretty much the same. He was inadequate and not emotionally equipped to handle things well. I would hasten to add that the inmates I spoke with were not the usual run-of-the-mill but rather particularly bright and articulate men with whom I worked for a number of years when I was employed at the State Prison of Southern Michigan.

It is my most sincere feeling that an injustice occurred in this case. I strongly feel that Mrs. Slovak has suffered far too long and too much and is entitled to at least receive benefits, if not compensation.

I am sorry that previous commitments prevent me from being in Washington on the 15th of June to appear at the scheduled hearing. I hope that my letter will serve as support for Mrs. Slovak.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. E. Bannan".

P. E. Bannan  
Director of Operations

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RABBI DAVID MAX EICHHORN, D.D., D.H.L.

September 1 to April 15

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Satellite Beach  
Florida 32937

April 15 to September 1

85-14 66th Avenue  
Rego Park, N.Y. 11374  
Ph. (212) EL 9-2729 or TW 6-7147

June 16, 1977

Mr. Bernard Edelson  
115 North Jackson Street  
Media, Pa. 19063  
Office phone: 1-215-565-4430

Dear Mr. Edelson:

My name is David Max Eichhorn. I am a retired lieutenant colonel (O-482124) of the Army of the United States. I served on Extended Active Duty from 18 July 1942 until sometime in February 1946. From 27 June 1944 to 30 July 1945 I was on the chaplaincy staff of the XV Army Corps. From sometime in September 1944 until the summer of 1945 XV Corps was part of the Seventh U.S. Army.

The daily log I kept from 1 September 1944 to 14 November 1945 shows that I conducted a Jewish religious service at HQ 7th Army Rear on Sunday 21 January 1945. The reason that I was available to conduct that service will be found in the account that follows. The account is taken from pages 38 and 39 of my autobiography, written in September 1969 at the request of Jacob R. Marcus, director of the American Jewish Archives, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220:

"The winter of 1944-45 was spent in Eastern France in the Vosges Mountains area in an endless round of activities for military personnel and for Jewish civilians who had either been hidden in the area or had returned to their homes from other hiding places. Our HQ was in Luneville until November 30 and then we moved to Saarebourg, 35 miles northeast.

"No American soldier had been executed for desertion in the face of the enemy since the American Civil War. During the Battle of the Bulge, December 16 to 30 (during which I was with a forward unit, the 103rd Infantry Division, that was completely isolated for almost a week), thousands of green American troops, who had been placed in what was thought to be a quiet sector, fled to the rear. To prevent a future re-occurrence of this kind of debacle, General Eisenhower's staff persuaded him that one deserter must be shot to convince would-be deserters what might possibly happen to them. The military prisons were combed to find condemned deserters who had thrown down their arms and fled from the enemy on two or more occasions. Six such were found. By some method, one was selected. He was a Jewish soldier from Philadelphia, the only Jew among the six. Preparations were begun for his execution. I was notified (on 19 or 20 January 1945 by the Chaplains Section of HQ 7th Army Rear) that I was to be his spiritual comforter during his last hours on earth and was also to be present at his execution (and I was instructed to report to HQ 7th Army Rear as soon as

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possible for further instructions.)

(Prior to my being summoned to HQ 7th Army Rear) General Eisenhower ordered that all six should be given an intensive psychiatric examination. A number of the six (I do not know how many), including the Jewish soldier, were declared to be mentally unbalanced. (I was given this information by the Seventh Army Chaplain, Chaplain Donnelly, when I arrived at his office either late on Saturday 20 January or on Sunday morning 21 January 1945.) So the Jewish lad was not executed; but one of those who were given psychiatric "clearance," a Private Slovik, was shot. William Bradford Huie tells much of the story in his brilliant book, The Execution of Private Slovik. What I have just written he does not tell. I do not think he knew. If he had known, I believe he would have told. It should not be difficult to imagine my feeling of relief at not having to be part of this gruesome ordeal. A number of years later, I heard that the condemned Jewish soldier had ultimately been released from military custody, placed in a mental institution and remained there until he died."

Sincerely yours,

David Max Eichhorn

DAVID MAX EICHORN

Mary Jo Galbraith  
4818 Ridgewest Dr.  
Houston, TX 77045



Dept. of the army  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C.

20310

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