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TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE 20 APR 1977

SUBJECT/REFERENCE

Put. Slovik's grave

SUSPENSE 29 APR

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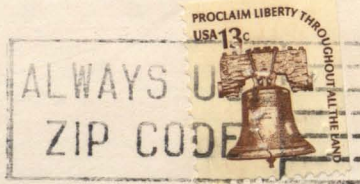
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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

*Carl P. Vermilyea*  
 CARL P. VERMILYEA  
 LTC, AGC  
 Asst Executive Officer, TAGO

65 Linkfield Rd.  
Watertown, Ct. 06795



President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington  
D.C. 20500

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Miss Cathy Minicucci  
245 Cherry Ave  
Watertown, CT 06795  
February 15, 1977

Dear Mr. President Carter,

I am writing this letter concerning a subject that should have been brought to the attention of many previous presidents years ago. It is that of Private Slovik (Eddie D. Slovik) 36896415 of the United States Army, executed the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, 1945. It has been brought to my attention that there were approximately 40,000 deserters in WWII. Out of 2,864 men convicted, 50 were ordered shot. Private Slovik was a man who never reached the front line. He asked for non-combat duty. He did not refuse to serve. Pvt. Slovik was singled out and made an example of. He was executed for desertion after President Eisenhower gave the final word. Is this what America calls justice? Isn't our symbol liberty and justice for all men? This certainly was a poor example of it here. I feel his name was disgraced in the eyes of all Americans. President Eisenhower later admitted he was wrong to sign for his execution. Also Pvt. Slovik's former criminal record had been used against him in determining his fate, when it shouldn't have been.

WH 16876

I realize the fact that he has been dead now for 32 years, but for the sake of his beloved wife (who

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Mrs Cathy Minicucci  
242 Cherry Ave  
Watertown, CT 06795  
February 12, 1971

presently lives on Welfare checks) his name should be pardoned to restore justice since the execution was wrong. President Carter Sir, I feel that if you can pardon the deserters that left for Canada, the least you can do is pardon Private Eddie Slovik for his wife's sake and for our own country. Also, by rights, his wife should receive the \$10,000 G.I. Insurance just like millions of others who lost their husbands during the war. There is another important suggestion and I'm positive that I do not stand alone on this.

That is to have his grave moved from the disgraced Plot E to other sections of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetary where the regular plots are located. Why should he be buried among rapists, mass murderers, etc. Why?

Please consider these few suggestions that have been brought to your attention. This letter will probably never reach you and will be torn up like the rest of them but I thank whomever reads this for spending a few moments to read about a very brave man who was never a coward.

WHL  
Sincerely,  
Cathy Minicucci  
Wtd, CT 06795

MINICUCCI, Cathy

TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE 22 APR 1977

SUBJECT/REFERENCE

Put. Slovik

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

*Carl P. Vermilyea*  
 for CARL P. VERMILYEA, LTC, AGC, Asst XO, TAGO

COVER SHEET

MEMO FOR

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ACTION OFFICER *Meller*

DATE *4/29/77*

TELEPHONE NO *70922* OFC/DIR *RCUO*

SUBJECT *Eddie Slovik*

- INFORMATION
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COMMENTS

*Purpose: To obtain signature and approval of attached letter <sup>TAB 13</sup> response to inquiry at TAB 13.*

*Discussion: Submitted in final form in view of suspense date (DTAG has indicated Slovik letters should be in draft form). Previous similar replies have been approved.*

*Recommendation: Reply at TAB 13 to be signed.*

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DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie

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29 APR 1977

Miss Cathy Minicucci  
245 Cherry Avenue  
Watertown, Connecticut 06795

Dear Miss Minicucci:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter regarding 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 letter was forwarded to the Department of the Army for response.

We appreciate your feelings and your concern for Mrs. Slovik and agree with you that no one should be used as an example to other people at the expense of himself.

To properly respond to your questions it is necessary to bring you up to date on additional matters you may not be aware of. The Secretary of War was authorized by law to return the dead of World War II to their homeland upon request by the next of kin. In the case of Eddie Slovik, there is no record that his next of kin requested the return of his body. Therefore, his remains were interred in Plot E, Oise-Aisne Cemetery, France. The Secretary of War's authority to make further disposition of Eddie Slovik's body ended on 31 December 1951. Eddie Slovik is not eligible for burial in other plots of the cemetery since he was not killed in combat.

With respect to your request for a pardon, this request cannot be honored in that the pardon must be presented to and accepted in person.



DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
Miss Cathy Minicucci

29 APR 1977

Entitlement to proceeds of National Service Life Insurance policies is determined by the Veterans Administration as provided by the laws under which that agency operates. Questions on this matter should be addressed to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. 20420.

Sincerely,

SIGNED  
BG DONALD W. CONNELLY  
DONALD W. CONNELLY  
Brigadier General, USA  
Acting The Adjutant General

Debbie Henshino  
324 French St  
Watertown, Conn  
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Military Asst.

Watertown High School  
324 French Street  
Watertown, Ct. 06795  
Feb 10, 1977

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Carter:

I am a senior at Watertown High school. Our class was discussing the execution of Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik. The majority of the class came upon the decision that Pvt. Eddie Slovik should be treated as the respected soldiers were treated. His body should be placed with the respectable plots instead of the disrespected plot E. We also agree that Pvt. Slovik's wife receive the GI insurance. Thank you for your time and consideration.

WH 16289

Sincerely,  
Webbie Genshino

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REMARKS

Opening paragraph of the reply should state, "On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter of (date) regarding. . . . ."

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ROUTING DATE

19 APR 1977

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WH 16289

Eddie D. Slovic, 36 896 415

- 6 Jul 44 - Ltr fr wife to Pres, appealing rejection of depend. discharge plea  
18 Jul - TAG regrets no change  
8 Jul - Slovic named wife as EA

24 Feb 45 - Telegram to wife - husband died 31 Jan in ETO, confirming the folos

26 Feb 45 - Memo to VA - executed pursuant Gen Court M. Order

27 Feb 45 - Ltr to wife confirm report death --- due to willful misconduct.

1 Mar 45 - Ltr from Father Cummings to wife - recites cir of final hours alive

5 Mar 45 - Report of death

1947  
- apr 45 - Ltr fr Mr Schroeder asks: 1. Insurance (says just married)  
2. Where buried in to family

1947  
25 apr 45 - ans by Col Carle / Commanding / QM has chg burial, ltr sent on there for ans.  
Re ans - Address VA

30 Aug 46 - Ltr fr sister, Pauline asks 2. Who got the insurance - pension

19 Sep 46 ans by acting TAG 1. advised that info had been sent wife, daug. EA  
2. " that ltr fr VA re insur & pension

25 Jul 45 - Summary CM, Kansas City says wife entitled to receive effects.

8 Nov 46 - Wired Mrs Ann Slovic requesting Pauline's correct address

11 Nov 46 - Pauline supplied correct address 11 332 Hawthorne, Det.

23 Jan 45 - gen CM Order # 27

Chg - Desertion (twice). Plea - NG, 3rd Army - G Sentence: 1. 30  
2. Report Pauline also  
3. Shot by Dushkin

27 Nov 44 - Only shot by machinery approved

23 Dec 44 - E - confirmed sentence as app'd.

Execu sitl 31 Jan 45 in 109th Inf area  
Review by Staff JA 26 Nov - basis 27 Nov action by review aulth.

9 Aug 45 - Report of Burial fr QM Graves Registration

SSN 0368 96 415 NAME SLOVIK EDDIE D  
SSN NEGATIVE ALPH IN PROC

T/C ST ROUT 7-PSA-A DATE 810514

Parker, Juanita B.

TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE 14 Jan 77

SUBJECT/REFERENCE

Pardon for Pvt Slovik

SUSPENSE

TAGO CONTROL NUMBER

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

*for Melvin Hayes*  
 CARL P. VERMILYEA  
 LTC, AGC  
 Asst Executive Officer



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**MEMO FOR**

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**ACTION OFFICER**  
E S Wallace

**DATE**  
17 Jan 77

**TELEPHONE NO** 70922  
**OPC/DIR** RCLO

**SUBJECT**  
Presidential Pardon for Eddie Slovik

- INFORMATION
- APPROVAL
- SIGNATURE
- INITIALS

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**COMMENTS**

1. Purpose: To obtain approval of letter at Tab A in response to request at Tab B.
2. Discussion:
  - a. Ms Parker asks that President grant a pardon to Private Eddie Slovik, deceased.
  - b. Private Slovik was executed on 31 January 1945 for desertion.
  - c. TJAG previously (9 April 74) furnished information to use in reply regarding pardon which they obtained from the Pardon Attorney (see Tab C) Department of Justice.
  - d. Records of Private Slovik are on loan to RCLO.
3. Resource Implications: None.
4. Recommendation: That letter at Tab A be signed.

*Standard response to Slovik inquisition*  
*D 18/11*

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18 JAN 1977

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(11 Jan 77)

Ms Juanita B. Parker  
31945 Warren  
Garden City, MI 48135

Dear Ms Parker:

On behalf of President Ford, I am replying to your telegram of 11 January 1977 regarding a presidential pardon for Eddie Slovik.

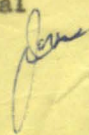
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The feelings which prompted your request for a pardon are appreciated. However, a pardon cannot be granted posthumously since delivery and acceptance are prerequisite to the validity of a pardon.

Sincerely,

~~PAUL T. SMITH~~

PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



# DISPOSITION FORM

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TO JAAJ-CC

FROM DAAG

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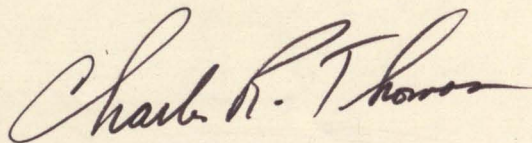
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Mr. Wallace/70922/e

1. Request comment/concurrence on paragraph 3 and 4 of the attached draft reply (Tab A) which is a proposed response to paragraph 3 and 5 of letter at Tab B.

2. Since this is a White House case it would be appreciated if your reply could be expedited.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:



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

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JAAJ-CC (14 Mar 77)

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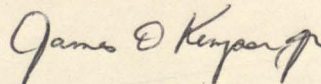
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1. Concur generally.

2. Para 3, lines 1 and 5 - "court-martial" should be hyphenated.

3. Inclosed for your information is a fact sheet on the Slovik case which is sent out by this office.

FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:



JAMES D. KEMPER, JR.  
Clerk of Court

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3. Slovik Fact Sheet

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President of the United States  
The White House  
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January 21, 1977

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JAN 28 1977

The Honorable Jimmy Carter  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Sir:

Today is a grand day in our history. On your first full day as President of the United States, you have erased a horrible blot from our history.

There is one horrible act still to be erased.

I know you are aware that in World War II General Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered the execution of Private Eddie Slovik. Slovik was the only soldier ever to be executed for treason in our nation's history.

If you were to study the real story of the second battle of Kunuri in the Korean War, you would find that the 2nd Division did not perform admirably. Many men acted in the same manner as Slovik.

I am sure that many others committed the same type of action but were not tried.

As one who has served our country in two wars, in an honorable manner, and as a citizen who supported your candidacy, I urge you to consider a pardon for Eddie Slovik and erase this horrible act from the record.

Cordially,

*Louis Eaton*

Louis Eaton  
President

cc: S. I. Hayakawa, United States Senate  
Alan Cranston, United States Senate  
James Corman, U.S. House of Representatives

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The White House

January 21, 1977

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The Honorable Jimmy Carter  
President of the United States  
The White House  
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Cordially,

Louis Easton  
President

cc: S. I. Hayskawa, United States Senate  
Alan Cranston, United States Senate  
James Corman, U.S. House of Representatives

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8 FEB 1977

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(21 Jan 77)

Mr. Louis Eaton  
Brooke House Publishers, Inc.  
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Chatsworth, California 91311

Dear Mr. Eaton:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter of 21 January 1977 regarding a presidential pardon for Eddie Slovik.


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Sincerely,

~~PAUL T. SMITH~~

PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



DAAG-LRA WH Case 1143 Slovik Eddie



TAGO ACTION CONTROL

SUBJECT/REFERENCE

Pardon for Slovik

DATE 31 Jan 77

SUSPENSE 3 Feb 77

TAGO CONTROL NUMBER  
XXLR 311565

OCSA CONTROL NUMBER  
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ADDITIONAL CONTROL NUMBER

ROUTING: A = ACTION I = INFORMATION ✓ = COPY PROVIDED

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ACTION:

- See attached Remarks/Instructions
- See TAG's comments, (on) attached
- See remarks below
- Prepare reply for signature of TAG ~~CC, WELAS~~
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Provide copy to DAAG-ZX
- Coordinate with \_\_\_\_\_
- Call \_\_\_\_\_ for additional guidance, if required
- See attached form \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS

DIRECTORATE ROUTING:

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

*for Melba Haynes*  
CARI P. VERMILYEA  
LTC, AGC  
Asst Executive Officer, TAGO

Inclosure(s)

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american  
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ILLINOIS DIVISION  
2952 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60618



The President  
Jimmy E. Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

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DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(25 Jan 77)

7 FEB 1977

Mr. Thaddeus L. Kowalski, Esquire  
President, Illinois Division  
Polish American Congress  
2952 N. Milwaukee Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60618

Dear Mr. Kowalski:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter of  
25 January 1977 regarding a presidential pardon for Eddie Slovik.

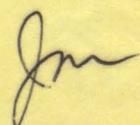
As much as he would like to, the President cannot reply personally to  
every communication he receives. Therefore, he has asked the depart-  
ments and agencies of the Federal Government to reply in his behalf in  
those instances where they have special knowledge or special authority  
under the law.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

Sincerely,

PAUL T. SMITH

PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



Return to DAAG-LRA MH Case 01330 4 Feb 77

# COVER SHEET

**MEMO FOR**

- DTAG
- TAG
- ADCSPER
- DCSPER
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**ACTION OFFICER**  
E. S. WALLACE

**DATE**  
4 February 1977

**TELEPHONE NO** 70922  
**OPC/DIR** RCLO

**SUBJECT**  
Presidential Pardon for Eddie Slovik

- INFORMATION     
  APPROVAL     
  SIGNATURE     
  INITIALS

<b>SUS- PENSE</b>	<b>TAGO</b> 14 Feb 77	<b>DCSPER</b>	<b>DAS</b> 14 Feb 77	<b>OSA</b>	<b>OSD</b> 14 Feb 77
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**COMMENTS**

1. Purpose: To obtain approval of letter at Tab A in response to request at Tab B.
2. Discussion:
  - a. Mr. Kowalski asks that President grant a pardon to Private Eddie Slovik, deceased.
  - b. Private Slovik was executed on 31 January 1945 for desertion.
  - c. TJAG previously (9 April 1974) furnished information to use in reply regarding pardon which they obtained from the Pardon Attorney (see Tab C) Department of Justice.
  - d. Records of Private Slovik are on loan to RCLO.
  - e. This is standard reply to this type of Slovik inquiries.
3. Resource Implications: None.
4. Recommendation: That letter at Tab A be signed.

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INI TIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
None required	DIV CHIEF	<i>BR</i>	4 Feb 77	DTAG				
	DIR	<i>[Signature]</i>		TAG		<i>[Signature]</i>		
	XO	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/2	ADCSPER				
				DCSPER				

**EXEC OFC ACTION**     
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2 Feb 77

KOWALSKI, ADDEUS L (Mr)

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DATE

NAME

FILE NUMBER

SUSPENSE NO.

CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE CASE

SUMMARY

Pardon for Pvt Slovik

SUSPENSE

OCSA CASE

OCSA

COB 14 Feb 77

SMA CASE

OSA

OSD

ROUTING

A-Action

I-Information

DCSOPS	COA	TSG	CMH	CLL
DCS PER	ACSI	TJAG <b>A</b>	TAG	MILPERCEN
DCSLOG	TIG	CNGB	CAR	
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

REMARKS

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

AGENCY ROUTING

BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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<b>TAGO ACTION CONTROL</b>	DATE 2 Feb 77
SUBJECT/REFERENCE  Pardon for Pvt Slovik	SUSPENSE  14 Feb 77
	TAGO CONTROL NUMBER LR XEMX X22518
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	ADDITIONAL CONTROL NUMBER

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**ACTION:**

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**REMARKS**

Inclosure(s)

**DIRECTORATE ROUTING:**

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**FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:**

*Carl P. Vermilyea*  
**CARL P. VERMILYEA**  
 LTC, AGC  
 Asst Executive Officer, TAGO

# COVER SHEET

**MEMO FOR**

- DTAG
- TAG
- ADCSPER
- DCSPER
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ACTION OFFICER E S Wallace	DATE 1 Feb 77	TELEPHONE NO 70922	OFC/DIR RCLO
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**SUBJECT**  
Presidential Pardon for Eddie Slovik

- INFORMATION     
  APPROVAL     
  SIGNATURE     
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<b>SUS-PENSE</b>	TAGO 3 Feb 77	DCSPER	DAS 3 Feb 77	OSA	OSD 3 Feb 77
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**COMMENTS**

1. Purpose: To obtain approval of letter at Tab A in response to request at Tab B.
2. Discussion:
  - a. Mr. Eaton asks that President grant a pardon to Private Eddie Slovik, deceased.
  - b. Private Slovik was executed on 31 January 1945 for desertion.
  - c. TJAG previously (9 April 74) furnished information to use in reply regarding pardon which they obtained from the Pardon Attorney (see Tab C) Department of Justice.
  - d. Records of Private Slovik are on loan to RCLO.
  - e. This is standard response to Slovik inquiries.
3. Resource Implications: None.
4. Recommendation: That letter at Tab A be signed.

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INITIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
None Required.	RCLO DIV CHIEF	RCLO	2/2/76	DTAG				
	DIR			TAG				
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**COVER SHEET**

**MEMO FOR**

- DTAG
- TAG
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ACTION OFFICER  
E S Wallace

DATE  
28 Mar 77

TELEPHONE NO 70922	OPC/DIR RCLO
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SUBJECT  
Correspondence Concerning Eddie Slovik

- INFORMATION     
  APPROVAL     
  SIGNATURE     
  INITIALS

SUS- PENSE	TAGO	DCSPER	DAS	OSA	OSD
	8 Mar 77		8Mar 77		

**COMMENTS**

1. Purpose: To obtain approval of letter at Tab A in response to request at Tab B.
2. Discussion: Reply based on oral guidance of TAG and submitted in draft form to TJAG, who concurs (Tab C).
3. Resource Implications: None.
4. Recommendation: That letter at Tab A be signed.

*For your information, TJAG Fact Sheet is Tabbed at Paper Clip.*

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INITIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
TJAG	DIV CHIEF	ERT	29 Mar 77	DTAG				
	DIR			TAG		8/29/77		
	XO	ATD	29 Mar 77	ADCSPER				
				DCSPER				

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*ATD 29 Mar 77*

Sammy Ouellette  
% Watertown High School  
Watertown, Conn 06795



President Jimmy Carter

The White House

Washington, D.C.

20500

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31 Jan 77

EATON, LOUIS

01143

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DATE NAME FILE NUMBER

SUSPENSE NO. CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE CASE

SUMMARY

Pardon for Slovik

SUSPENSE

OCSA CASE

OCSA

COB 3 Feb 77

SMA CASE

OSA

OSD

ROUTING

A-Action

I-Information

DCSOPS	GDA	TSG	CMH	CLL
DCS PER	ACSI	TJAG <sup>A</sup>	TAG	MILPERCEN
DCSLOG	TIG	CNGB	CAR	
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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Appropriate action

REMARKS

AGENCY ROUTING

- 1.  DAAG  
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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Military Post.

Feb. 10, 1977

Watertown H. S.  
French St., Watertown  
CT 06795

Dear President Carter,

# We are writing to you to make a heartfelt request. We feel Pvt. Eddie D. Blonik (36846415) was executed unjustly. We feel it is a dishonor to his name for him to be buried in Plot "E" at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. We feel he should be moved to another plot with other honored servicemen. In view of your recent pardon, I think this would be the just thing to do. Out of 40,000 draftees, I was shot. <sup>We</sup> think that ~~with~~ <sup>there is</sup> ~~too much~~ war and hatred between countries today and there is room for ~~or~~ some kindness. We ask you to show us an example of this kindness. Please do what you can to move his grave.

With the hope that **WH 16288**  
you honor our request,

A

- (1) Daniel Ouellette
- (2) Daniel Mahoney
- (3) June Quinn

OFFICE OF THE



COVER SHEET

DATE 4/21/77

TELEPHONE NO 70922 OFC/DIR RCO

DAAG-LR  
Drafts have been approved by ATAG.

SIGNATURE

INITIALS

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one of attached <sup>proposed</sup> responses (5 cases)

ATD  
ARTHUR T. DEAN, MAJ, AGC, Asst NO, TAGO  
25 Apr 77

Meeting, 7 April, DTAG  
As he sent to his office in  
The inquiries involve  
re TAG Form 1-8 is being  
are together in each case.

~~Coordinator determine that attached drafts be approved  
and returned to be typed for final typing or that they  
be typed, signed and abbreviated for filing of DTAG.~~

(Gen Connelly, Note date of letter, ~~25~~  
Month of February and we just received. Criticism for timeliness  
Certainly don't rest with the Army) etc

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INITIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
None required	DIV CHIEF	ATD	22 Apr 77	DTAG ATD 25 Apr 77		OK		
	DIR			TAG		25M		
	XO			ADCSPER				
	COFS		25 Apr 77	DCSPER				

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QUELLETTE, Danny

TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE 20 APR 1977

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SUBJECT/REFERENCE

Slovik's grave

SUSPENSE 29 APR

TAGO CONTROL NUMBER LR 204681

OCSA CONTROL NUMBER 16288

ADDITIONAL CONTROL NUMBER

ROUTING: A = ACTION I = INFORMATION R = COPY PROVIDED IN READING FILE

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<input type="checkbox"/> TAG READING FILE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARFCOS

ACTION:

- See attached Remarks/Instructions
- See TAG's comments, (on) attached
- Take action as indicated below
- See Remarks below
- Prepare reply for signature of ATAG
- Prepare forwarding Memo for signature of \_\_\_\_\_
- Prepare draft reply; send to \_\_\_\_\_
- A DISUM or TAGO Form 1-8 may be used for reply
- Direct reply to \_\_\_\_\_
- Direct reply to writer JAW DA Memo 1-14
- Provide copy of reply to MCS-DSW Cite W/Sug No
- Provide copy to DAAG-ZX
- Coordinate with \_\_\_\_\_
- Call \_\_\_\_\_ for additional guidance, if required
- See attached form DAS 97
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REMARKS:

Inclosure(s)

DIRECTORATE ROUTING:

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

for H. Robert Fritcher  
 CARL P. VERMILYEA, LTC, AGC, Asst XO, TAGO

**COVER SHEET**

**MEMO FOR**

- DTAG
- TAG
- ADCSPER
- DCSPER
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ACTION OFFICER  
*Muller*

DATE  
*4/27/77*

TELEPHONE NO  
*70922*

OFC/DIR  
*RCLC*

SUBJECT  
*Eddie Flovik*

- INFORMATION       APPROVAL       **SIGNATURE**       INITIALS

<b>SUS- PENSE</b>	TAGO <i>29 Apr 77</i>	DCSPER	DAS <i>29 APR 77</i>	OSA	OSD
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**COMMENTS**

*Purpose: To obtain signature on letter at TAB A in response to inquiry at TAB B.*

*Discussion: Draft previously sent to DTAG for approval at his request. Approved draft is at TAB C.*

*Resource Implications - None*

*Recommendations: That letter at TAB A be signed.*

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INITIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
<i>None required</i>	DIV CHIEF	<i>ERT</i>	<i>27 Apr 77</i>	DTAG				
	DIR			TAG		<i>[Signature]</i>		
	XO			ADCSPER				
	<i>COFS</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>6 28 Apr 77</i>	DCSPER				

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20 Apr 77

OUELLETTE, DANNY

16288

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DATE NAME

FILE NUMBER WH/SUSPENSE NO. CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE CASE

SUMMARY

Slovik's grave

SUSPENSE

OCSA CASE

OCSA COB 29 Apr 77

SMA CASE

OSA

OSD

ROUTING

A-Action

I-Information

DCSOPS	COA	TSG	CMH	CLL
DCS PER	ACSI	TJAG <b>A</b>	TAG	MILPERCEN
DCSLOG	TIG	CNGB	CAR	
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**

REMARKS

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

AGENCY ROUTING

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BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

D R A F T

Mr. Danny Ouellette  
c/o Watertown High School  
Watertown, Connecticut 06795

Dear Mr. Ouellette:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter regarding 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 letter was forwarded to the Department of the Army for response.

To properly respond to your request for transfer of his body to another plot in Oise-Aisne Cemetery it is necessary to provide you with background information regarding burial policies during World War II.

The Secretary of War was authorized by law to return the dead of World War II to their homeland upon request by the next of kin. In the case of Eddie Slovik, there is no record that his next of kin requested the return of his body. Therefore, his remains were interred in Plot E, Oise-Aisne Cemetery, France. The Secretary of War's authority to make further disposition of Eddie Slovik's body ended on 31 December 1951. Eddie Slovik is not eligible for burial in other plots of the cemetery since he was not killed in combat.

Sincerely,

DONALD W. CONNELLY  
Brigadier General, USA  
Acting The Adjutant General

245181

28 APR 1977

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(Feb 77)

Mr. Danny Ouellette  
c/o Watertown High School  
Watertown, Connecticut 06795

Dear Mr. Ouellette:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter regarding Eddie Slovik.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED  
BG DONALD W. CONNELLY  
DONALD W. CONNELLY  
Brigadier General, USA  
Acting The Adjutant General

return to DAAG-LRA WH 16288 27 Apr 77

This form must be completed and delivered to the Correspondence Control Section, OS Room 3A948,  
not later than **APR 29 1977**

DATE

27Apr77

TO: CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL SECTION, OSD, ROOM 3A948

XX ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED (*Copy attached*).

ACTION HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED BECAUSE

THE EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION IS \_\_\_\_\_

CCS CONTROL NUMBER

WH 16305

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATION

J N Miller, Veterans Affairs, RCLO TAGO

TELEPHONE NUMBER

70922

SD FORM 391  
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REPORT ON SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CORRESPONDENCE

Military  
Dept.

DAN Brenkman  
65 Linkfield rd.  
WATERDOWN . CT.  
06795

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
Washington, D.C 20500

Dear President Carter;  
I AM writing to you today, February, 10, 1977-  
Knowing you may never see this letter, but  
I am concerned with the disgraced plot of  
the late, shot Pvt, EDDIE D. SLOVIK (36896415)  
of U.S. ARMY executed 31, Jan. 1945.  
I have often thought of maybe a possible  
more respectable burial in an honorable plot.  
Instead of being buried with criminals.

yours truly  
Dan Brenkman

WH 16305

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OFFICE OF THE



COVER SHEET

DATE 4/21/77

FILE NUMBER OF COVER 70922 RECD

DAAG-LR

Drafts have been approved by ATAG.

SIGNATURE

INITIALS

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val of attached responses (5 cases)

ATD  
ARTHUR T. DEAN, MAJ, AGC, A&S NO. 2100  
25 Apr 77

Meeting, 7 April, DTAG  
res be sent to his office in  
The inquiries involve  
re T&C Form 1-8 is being  
are together in each case.

~~... that attached drafts be approved  
... that they  
be signed, signed and reported for office of DTAG.~~

(Gen Connelly, Note date of letter, ~~was~~  
Month of February and we just received. Criticism for terminal  
(certainly don't rest with the Army) etc.

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INITIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
None request	DIV CHIEF	ATD	22/4/77	DTAG			OK	
	DIR			TAG			25/4	
	XO			ADCSPER				
	COFS		25/4/77	DCSPER				

25 Apr 77

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COVER SHEET

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SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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TAGS 29 APR 77 DCSPER  OAS  OSA  OJG

COMMENTS

Purpose: To obtain approval of attached <sup>responses</sup> regarding Eddie Slovik. (5 cases)

Discussion: At Directors meeting, 7 April, DTAG asked that Slovik replies be sent to his office in draft form. Since all of the inquiries involve the same subject only one TAG Form 1-8 is being used. Inquiry and draft are together in each case.

Resource Implications: none

~~It is requested that attached drafts be approved and returned to [unclear] before [unclear] that they be typed, signed and forwarded from office of DTAG.~~

(Gen Connelly, Note date of letters, months of February and we just received. Criticism for [unclear] Central. don't rest with the [unclear] etc.)

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
None request	DIV CHIEF	4/20/77	DTAG <sup>HTD</sup> <sub>DEPT</sub>				
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D R A F T

Mr. Dan Brenkman  
65 Linkfield Road  
Watertown, Connecticut 06795

Dear Mr. Brenkman:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter regarding Eddie Slovik.

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DONALD W. CONNELLY  
Brigadier General, USA  
Acting The Adjutant General



28 APR 1977

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie

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return to DAAG LRA 2E 541 27 Apr 77 WH 16305

COVER SHEET

MEMO FOR

- DTAG
- TAG
- ADCSPER
- DCSPER
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ACTION OFFICER

*Meller*

DATE

*28 Apr 77*

TELEPHONE NO

*70922*

OFC/DIR

*RCW*

SUBJECT

*Edwin Hoover*

- INFORMATION
- APPROVAL
- SIGNATURE
- INITIALS

SUS-PENSE

TAGO

*29 Apr 77*

DCSPER

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COMMENTS

*Purpose: To obtain DTAG signature on letter at TABA in response to inquiry at TAB B.*

*Discussion: DTAG previously approved draft, TAB C.*

*Recommendation: That letter at TAB A be signed.*

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INITIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
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READING FILE

20 Apr 77

BRENKMAN, DAN

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DATE

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CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE CASE

SUMMARY

Pvt Slovlik's grave

SUSPENSE

OCSA CASE

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SMA CASE

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ROUTING

A-Action

I-Information

DCSOPS

COA

TSG

CMH

CLL

DCS PER

ACSI

TJAG

TAG

MILPERCEN

DCSLOG

TIG

CNGB

CAR

DCSRDA

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CINFO

CCH

REMARKS

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  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

AGENCY ROUTING

BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

1.

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