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MEMO FOR

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ACTION OFFICER
E S Wallace

DATE
12 April 1977

TELEPHONE NO 69 70922
OFC/DIR RCLO

SUBJECT
Eddie Slovik

- INFORMATION
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COMMENTS

1. Purpose: To obtain signature and approval on the attached response (Tab A) to letter from Eileen M. Carney (Tab B).
2. Discussion: Information previously coordinated with COL Ryan, American Battle Monuments Commission and TJAG.
3. Resource Implications: None.
4. Recommendation: That reply at Tab A be signed.

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DAAG-LRA

Eddie Slovik

4 MAR 1977

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Mr. Wallace/70922/e

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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

JAAJ-CC (14 Mar 77)

TO DAAG FROM JAAJ-CC DATE 22 Mar 77 CMT 2
 ATTN: C,RCLO Kempfer/ach/756-1888

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FOR THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

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Added 1 Incl
3. Slovik Fact Sheet

JAMES D. KEMPER, JR.
Clerk of Court



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Eddie Slovick

14 MAR 77

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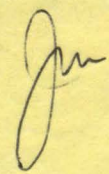
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Special Messenger
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JoAnn Fournier
P.O. Box 3
Oakville, Conn. 06477



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

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7-MIL

JoAnn Fournier
P.O. Box 3
Ockville, Conn. 06779

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

Dear President Carter,

I strongly believe that Private Eddie D. Slovik (36896415) was unjustly executed on January 31, 1945. There were 2,864 convicted of being deserters yet only one, Eddy Slovik, was shot. To be made an example of, such as in this case is unbelievable. And then on top of this to be placed in such a disgraceful plot. I think you would be doing a very good thing to order his body out of that disgraceful plot and placed in a plot with all those soldiers who died in W.W.II. I also believe that his wife is entitled to the \$10,000 G.I. insurance. She deserves assistance. She will never forget what happened to her husband. I ask you to consider this. He deserves it.

Sincerely yours,
JoAnn Fournier

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WH 15580

Fournier, Jo Ann

TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE *15 Apr 77*

SUBJECT/REFERENCE
*Change of burial site for
skunk insurance for widow*

SUSPENSE
26 Apr 77

TAGO CONTROL NUMBER
LR 154635

OCSA CONTROL NUMBER
13580

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ACTION:

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REMARKS:

Inclosure(s)

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:
Carl P. Vermilyea
CARL P. VERMILYEA
LTC, AGC
Asst Executive Officer, TAGO

22 APR 1977

AGUZ-SAD-SI Slovik, Eddie D.
36 896 415

Ms JoAnn Fournier
P.O. Box 3
Oakville, Connecticut 06799

Dear Ms Fournier:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter of 14 February 1977 regarding the military service of Eddie D. Slovik.

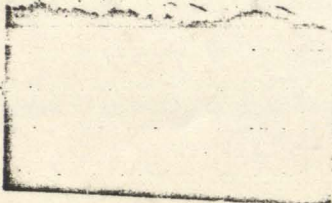
Information necessary to reply to your inquiry is being obtained. As soon as it is available, I will write you again. Should there be an appreciable delay, I shall keep you informed.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. YOUNG
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

CF: DAAG-ZX

OFFICE OF THE



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DATE 4/21/77

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DAAG-LR
Drafts have been approved by ATAG.

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value of attached responses (5 cases)

ATD
ARTHUR T. DEAN, MAJ, AGC, LAR NO. 7100
25 Apr 77

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Miller

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SUBJECT

Eddie Slovak

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COMMENTS

Purpose: To obtain approval of attached ^{proposed} responses 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 TAGC 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 the office for final review and that they be typed, signed and submitted for filing of DTAG.~~

(Gen Connolly, Note date of letters)

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ACTION OFFICER: Miller DATE: 29 April 1977 TELEPHONE NO: 70922 OFC/DIR: RCLO

SUBJECT: Eddie Flovik

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COMMENTS

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

Discussion: Draft at TAB C previously approved by DTAG.

Recommendation: That letter at TAB A be signed.

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DAAG-LR Slovik, Eddie

Miss Debbie Genshino
Watertown High School
324 French Street
Watertown, Connecticut 06795

Dear Miss Genshino:

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 suggestion that his body be moved to another plot in Oise-Aisne Cemetery, it is necessary to provide you background information on the burial policy in effect 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.

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,

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

Dom Varrone
70 Colonial St
Oakville, Conn
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President Jimmy Carter
The White House

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Military Post.

Dom Varrone
70 Colonial St.
Oakville, Conn. 06779

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

Dear Mr. President,

Recently in our high school Contemporary Problems class we have been discussing the execution of Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik (36896415), killed on Jan. 31, 1945.

We have looked into the probable causes of the execution and other background information concerning this outlandish event and have reached the following conclusions.

- 1) The body of Pvt. Slovik should be moved from Plot E to the other plots where respectable plots are located. (Cemetery - Oise Aisne American Cemetery).
- 2) Pardon him to restore his memory
- 3) Give his wife the 10,000 GI insurance. **WH 16287**

I feel that the present conditions surrounding Slovik's execution are disgracing not only the late Pvt. but also his family. Should these three items be carried out, then justice will once again return to this country.

Sincerely, Dom Varrone

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VARRONE, Dom

DATE 20 APR 1977

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TAGO ACTION CONTROL

SUBJECT/REFERENCE

Pot. Slovik - grave, pardon, ins.

SUSPENSE

29 Apr

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LR 204682

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REMARKS:

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

H. Robert Fritscher
 for CARL P. JERMILYKA, LTC, AGC, Asst XO, TAGO

ADCSPER
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ACTION OFFICER Miller DATE 4/21/77 TELEPHONE NO 70922 OFC/DIR RCW

SUBJECT ~~Eddie Slovick~~

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Resource Implications: None

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ACTION OFFICER: Miller

DATE: 4/25/77

TELEPHONE NO: 70922

OFFICER: RCO

SUBJECT: Edwin Slavic

INFORMATION APPROVAL SIGNATURE INITIALS

SUSPENSE: TAGO 29 Apr 77 DCSPER DAS OSA GDD

COMMENTS

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Recommendation: That ATAG sign letter at
TAB A.

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27 APR 1977

DAAG-LRA (Feb 77)

Mr. Dom Varrone
70 Colonial Street
Oakville, Connecticut 06779

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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.

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

DAAG-LRA WH Case 16287 25 Apr 77



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President of the United States
The White House
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February 14, 1977

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TO DOD - FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING
DATE FEB 19 1977

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

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Polish American Congress I am writing to you to present a very important concern of all Americans.

In this day and age when pardons are given to deserters and those that have refused to serve in the Army, the question that I am about to present is very relevant. I am sure that you are acquainted with the matter of Private Slovik who was the only American that was executed for desertion in World War II, although 49 others were sentenced to date, but never convicted.

The important point is that Private Slovik never refused to perform any other duty in the Army but he refused to kill. We do not condone his action of deserting, but we certainly do not approve the treatment that he was given.

Private Slovik's defense counsel, Major Edward Woods who is retired, is bringing up this matter again in order to aid Mrs. Slovik, his widow, so that she could obtain benefits that are rightfully hers.

The important question is, was the order to kill and the final execution a situation that deprived him of a fair trial, or was he executed to make him an example to others.

I believe this situation merits consideration and action on the part of America to grant a rehearing by a special board or a Presidential posthumus pardon.

THE TENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26, 1976
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSILVANIA

WH 06014

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PRESIDENTS OF THE P.A.C. STATE DIVISIONS:

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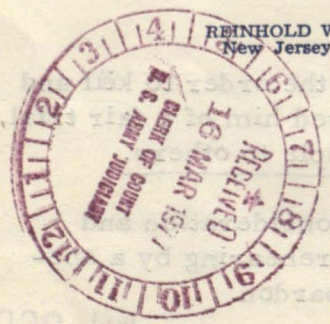


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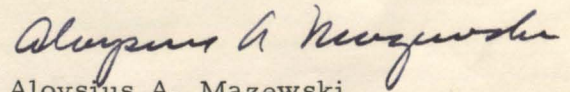
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I would certainly appreciate if you would take this under advisement and have someone investigate the matter thoroughly so that justice can be given.

Very truly yours,



Aloysius A. Mazewski
President

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Alojzina A. Mazewski

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President

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DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie
(14 Feb 77)

Mr. Aloysius A. Mazewski
Polish American Congress, Inc.
1200 North Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60622

Dear Mr. Mazewski:

This is in further reply to your letter to President Carter, 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 the Army.

Private Slovik was tried by a legally constituted general courtmartial on 11 November 1944. He was found guilty of two specifications of desertion with intent to avoid hazardous duty and to shirk important service (action against the enemy) in violation of Article of War 58 which provides for punishment by death or as a courtmartial shall direct. The sentence as approved by the Commanding General who appointed the court was that he be shot to death by musketry.

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie
(14 Feb 77)

A Board of Review with the concurrence of an Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army found the record of trial to be legally sufficient to support the sentence. General Eisenhower, Commanding General, European Theater of Operations confirmed the findings and sentence. The review and subsequent approval of the sentence were made in full recognition that Private Slovik would be the first American soldier to be executed for desertion since the Civil War.

Your interest in the welfare of Mrs. Slovik is appreciated. However, the nature of the offense for which Private Slovik was convicted precludes the granting of benefits or assistance by the Department of the Army. Benefits or assistance, which may be available to her from other agencies of the Federal Government are determined by the specific agency involved.

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
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

23 Feb 77

MAZEWSKI, ALOYSIUS A.

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CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE
CASE

SUMMARY

Pardon for Pvt Slovik

SUSPENSE

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SMA CASE



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ROUTING

A-Action

I-Information

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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

Coordinate with

Appropriate action

REMARKS

AGENCY ROUTING

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 Final
 25 Feb 77

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BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FACT SHEET: COURT-MARTIAL AND EXECUTION OF PRIVATE EDDIE
D. SLOVIK

Private Slovik was convicted by a General Court-Martial for absenting himself without proper leave from his organization to avoid hazardous duty and to shirk important service, that is, action against the enemy. He was sentenced to be shot to death with musketry. Although there were other executions during World War II, Private Slovik was the only individual executed for desertion.

When judgment was passed on Private Slovik, this nation was engaged in an all-out war with a power which was dedicated to enslaving the world. The lives of thousands, both those on the battlefield as well as those in the infamous prisons of the Third Reich, depended upon the rapid prosecution and termination of the fighting. Shortly after Private Slovik's trial, forces in Belgium became engaged in what became known as the Battle of the Bulge. Heavy American casualties were being sustained while the record of trial was under review; indeed the success of the Allied campaign was uncertain at the time. This undoubtedly had an effect on the officials who reviewed the sentence of one who refused to fight in the face of the enemy.

The specific reasons for approval of the sentence for Private Slovik are given in the attached indorsement signed on 6 January 1945 when the Army Assistant Judge Advocate General transmitted the Board of Review's decision in this case to General Eisenhower, who was then the Commanding General of the European Theater of Operations, for his consideration. The review and the subsequent approval of the sentence were made in full recognition that Private Slovik would be the first American soldier to be executed for desertion since the Civil War.

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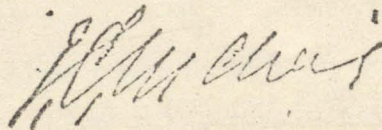
War Department, Branch Office of The Judge Advocate General with the
European Theater of Operations. 6 JAN 1945 TO: Commanding
General, European Theater of Operations, APO 237, U.S. Army.

1. In the case of Private EDDIE D. SLOVAK (36896415), Company G, 109th Infantry, attention is invited to the foregoing holding by the Board of Review that the record of trial is legally sufficient to support the sentence, which holding is hereby approved. Under the provisions of Article of War 50g, you now have authority to order execution of the sentence.

2. This is the first death sentence for desertion which has reached me for examination. It is probably the first of the kind in the American Army for over eighty years, - there were none in World War I. In this case, the extreme penalty of death appears warranted. This soldier had performed no front line duty. He did not intend to. He deserted from his group of fifteen when about to join the infantry company to which he had been assigned. His subsequent conduct shows a deliberate plan to secure trial and incarceration in a safe place. The sentence adjudged was more severe than he had anticipated, but the imposition of a less severe sentence would only have accomplished the accused's purpose of securing his incarceration and consequent freedom from the dangers which so many of our armed forces are required to face daily. His unfavorable civilian record indicates that he is not a worthy subject of clemency.

3. When copies of the published order are forwarded to this office, they should be accompanied by the foregoing holding, this indorsement and the record of trial which is delivered to you herewith. The file number of the record in this office is CM 270 5555. For convenience of reference, please place that number in brackets at the end of the order: (CM 270 5555).

4. Should the sentence as imposed by the court and confirmed by you be carried into execution, it is requested that a full copy of the proceedings be forwarded to this office in order that its files may be complete.



E. C. McNEIL,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Assistant Judge Advocate General.

1 Incl:
Record of Trial

(Sentence ordered executed. GCMD 27, ETO, 23 Jan 1945)

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Richard W. Lewis
6 Lowell Ave.
Waterbury, Ct. 06708



President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington
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Richard W. Lewis
6 Lowell Ave.
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February 14, 1977

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

Dear President Carter,

For a long time now I have wanted to write this letter. Finally there is someone in the White House, I feel, who will read this letter and give it the thoughtful consideration it asks for. The subject has troubled me for years; I am ashamed that I did not do this a long time ago. Maybe it is fitting that I write on this Valentine's Day for the thoughts in this letter, sir, come deeply from the heart.

I write, Mr. President, to ask that justice be done to the name of Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik, U.S. Army (36896415), who was executed by the Army on January 31, 1945, after having been convicted of the crime of desertion. In over one hundred years of our country's history, he is the only American to be shot for this offense by his country. There were some 40,000 deserters -- so I am told -- during World War II. About 3000 were tried by general courts-martial; 49 were sentenced to death, but only Pvt. Slovik was actually shot.

WH 11944

The fantastic thing is that Pvt. Slovik was singled out for execution not as a punitive measure, nor for retribution, but "to maintain discipline." Clearly, this cannot be what we have long believed to be the American sense of fair play and justice. In addition, the Army -- in reviewing his case -- brought his civilian record to bear an influence on its decision not to commute his sentence. Indeed, General Eisenhower, who signed the order of execution, several years later labeled Eddie Slovik as a "guardhouse lawyer" who refused to his dying moment to be contrite. Well, General

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Eisenhower -- who at that time, it is now known, was cheating on his wife -- was dead wrong about Eddie Slovik. Eddie Slovik was a sensitive young man who throughout his stateside service sought a hardship discharge since his wife was home, alone and ill.

Even Eisenhower implied that the execution was a mistake. The whole sorry episode so unnerved the witnesses that the General cancelled two other executions that he had ordered the same day he ordered Pvt. Slovik to be shot.

Pvt. Slovik's military record shows that he tried his best to do what the Army demanded of him, at least until August 1944. He even volunteered to serve in non-combat type units. He was demoralized and possibly confused. One of the GIs on the firing squad which shot him said, "Slovik had nerve. I can't understand why a man who had the guts to face a firing squad like that wouldn't stay in the line with the rest of us."

But the Army was determined to make an example of him. Not, I repeat, as a punitive measure, but to maintain discipline.

And so they shot him. And they buried him in Plot E of the Oise-Aisne Cemetery in France alongside the graves of 95 criminals executed for crimes of violence. Eddie Slovik, shot for what he couldn't do, lies there in disgraced Plot E with rapists and killers -- men executed for what they did do.

One of the last things Eddie Slovik said was to his priest: "Father, I want you to tell the fellows in the regiment that Eddie Slovik wasn't a coward -- at least, not today."

Accordingly, Mr. President, I humbly ask you to take any or all of the following three suggestions to see that justice is done in this case:

- (1) pardon Pvt. Eddie Slovik;
 - (2) order his grave to be moved out of that dishonored Plot E and moved to those sections where other GIs who died in World War II lie buried; and
 - (3) instruct the Veterans Administration to pay his wife, Antoinette, the \$10,000 GI life insurance paid to survivors of those who died in the war.
- [In a perverted sense of logic, one might argue

that Eddie Slovik did his part for the war effort by being sacrificed on the altar of good order and discipline.]

The facts and details of Eddie Slovik's sad story compel me to believe that his execution was a serious mistake. Of course he should have been punished. As a former Marine (I enlisted at age 17 in 1946 and served three years) I know that. But you don't shoot a man in order to make an example of him -- that's the kind of thinking that I believed World War II was fought to eliminate.

On Dec. 9, 1944, Eddie Slovik wrote Gen. Eisenhower asking to be spared the death sentence; he wrote:
How can I tell you how humbly sorry I am for the sins I've committed. I didn't realize at the time what I was doing.... I beg of you deeply and sincerely, for the sake of my dear wife and mother back home, to have mercy on me....

But the Army brass, in endorsing the death sentence, said:
His unfavorable civilian record indicates that he is not a worthy subject of clemency.
And so, Eisenhower ignored his plea....

President Carter, one of my favorite readings in the Holy Bible is the very beautiful Sermon on the Mount; it says in part:

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy....

I passionately feel it is time for the United States to show mercy for this meek man.... To err is human; to forgive, divine.

In deepest respect,

Richard W. Lewis

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DAAG-LRA

6 APR 1977

Mr. Richard W. Lewis
6 Lowell Avenue
Waterbury, Connecticut 06708

Dear Mr. Lewis:

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Since payment of proceeds of National Service Life Insurance policies is determined by the Veterans Administration as provided by the laws under which that agency operates, it is suggested you contact that agency at 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20420.

Sincerely,

PAUL T. SMITH

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Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

DAAG-LRA WTH# 11944

COVER SHEET

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E. Wallace

DATE

6 April 1977

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SUBJECT

Eddie Slovik

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3. Resource Implications: None
4. Recommendation: That reply at Tab A be signed.

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CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE CASE

SUMMARY
Pardon for Slovik; move grave; insurance

SUSPENSE

OCSA CASE

OCSA

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ROUTING

A-Action

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ACTION

- Direct reply to **writer**
per DA Memo I-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

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Eddie Slovik - Article in the News

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COMMENTS

1. Purpose: To provide TAG information regarding Eddie Slovik in the event inquiry received from the White House regarding article in the 6 April 1977 Washington Post and Washington Star (Tab A).

2. Discussion:

- a. Private Slovik was executed for desertion, by firing squad on 31 January 1945.
- b. He was the first American soldier to be executed for desertion since the Civil War.
- c. TAG has answered queries on pardon, notification of nok, burial, return of remains, Army benefits, amnesty, personal effects, info from records and other misc subjects.
- d. Requests for insurance information have been referred to VA, or writer ^(Requestor) informed VA administers the insurance program.
- e. Records of Slovik loaned to ABCMR who has loaned to TJAG (Feb 1977).
- f. Mr. Raymond Williams, ABCMR states that Mrs. Slovik visited that Board today and she was told substantially what White House had told her.
- g. Mr. Williams stated she was informed that jurisdiction had not been resolved.
- h. TAG would be involved only if records changed and this has not been settled. Insurance would be matter for VA.

6 Apr 77

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Eileen M. Carney
35 Peppemdge Tree Rd.
Watertown, Ct. 06795



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

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February 14, 1977
35 Pepperidge Tree Rd.
Watertown, Ct. 06795

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

Dear President Carter,

Through my Contemporary Problems course at Watertown High School, I have become aware of what is, in my opinion an injustice to an American citizen. On January 31, 1945 Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik of the United States Army was executed for desertion. During WWII two thousand eight hundred and sixty-four men were convicted of desertion, fifty of whom were ordered shot. Pvt. Slovik was singled out and made an example of justice. On December 9, 1944 Pvt. Slovik wrote a letter to President Eisenhower and pleaded for mercy. This man did not refuse to serve his country but requested non-combat duty. President Carter, in all fairness to this man and in the true sense of the word "justice", I request that you pardon Pvt. Eddie Slovik. Order his body out of the disgraced Plot E to other sections of the cemetery where the regular plots are located, and to pay his wife the 10,000 dollars G.I. insurance. In 1974, the

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WH 13661

14 APR 1977

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie
(14 Feb 77)

Ms. Eileen M. Carney
35 Pepperidge Tree Road
Watertown, CT 06795

Dear Ms. Carney:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter of 14 February 1977 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 correspondence was forwarded to officials of the Department of the Army.

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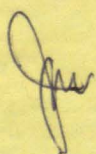
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Major General, USA
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DAAG-LRA WH Case 13661 (LRA 74544)

Carney, Eileen M.

TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE 7 Apr 77

SUBJECT/REFERENCE
Carbon for Skovik; move grave
payment of insurance

SUSPENSE 18 Apr 77
TAGO CONTROL NUMBER LR 74574
OCSA CONTROL NUMBER 13661
ADDITIONAL CONTROL NUMBER

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

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ACTION:

- See attached Remarks/Instructions
- See TAG's comments, (on) attached
- Take action as indicated below
- See Remarks below
- Prepare reply for signature of ~~W/PO/PAC~~ TAG
- 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
- Provide copy of reply to _____
- 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:
for M. L. Stynes
CARL P. WERMILYEA
LTC, AGC
Asst Executive Officer, TAGO

6 Apr 77

CARNEY, EILEEN M.

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DATE

NAME

FILE NUMBER

SUSPENSE NO.

CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE
CASE

SUMMARY

Pardon for Slovik; move grave; payment
of insurance.

SUSPENSE

OCSA CASE

OCSA

COB 18 Apr 77

SMA CASE

OSA

OSD

ROUTING

A-Action

I-Information

DCSOPS	GDA	TSG	CMH	CLL
DCS-PER	ACSI	TJAG	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

1. DAAG
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Final

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