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President Jimmy Carter  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

RE: Private Slovik

Dear President Carter:

A matter has come to our attention that upsets us very much. As a Christian, I am sure you can understand how any person could come to the conclusion that he can not kill his fellow man. In our Bibles one of the Ten Commandments says, "Thou Shalt Not Kill". It is not followed by the words except in the case of war or national emergency.

We ask that a full pardon be granted to Private Slovik. We all know it will not help him, but it will help his widow who has lived in shame many years for a crime she never committed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*David H. Moake & LuAnn Moake*

David H. & LuAnn Moake  
P. O. Box 109  
Pittsburg, IL 62974

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SUBJECT  
Eddie Slovik

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COMMENTS

1. Purpose: To obtain approval of letter at Tab A in response to request at Tab B.
2. Discussion: Reply based on information <sup>previously</sup> furnished by TJAG.
3. Recommendation: That letter at Tab A be signed.

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INI TIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
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11 Jul 77

Moake, David LuAnn

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FILE NUMBER

WH PENSE NO.

CLASSIFICATION

WHITE HOUSE  
CASE

SUMMARY

Pardon for PVT Slovik

OCSA CASE



SMA CASE



SUSPENSE

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ROUTING

A-Action

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REMARKS

ACTION

- Direct reply to writer IAW  
DA memo 1-14  
with 2 copy(ies) to DACS-DSW  
cite sus. 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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21 JUL 1977

DAAG-LRA

Mr. and Mrs. David Moake  
P. O. Box 109  
Pittsburg, Illinois 62974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Moake:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter regarding a 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. As you may know, Mrs. Slovik recently applied to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records for review of her husband's case. The Board's recommendation is presently under consideration by the Secretary of the Army.

Sincerely,

DONALD W. CONNELLY

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

DAAG-LRA WH Case 45077

DAAG-LRA

Mr. and Mrs. David Moake  
P. O. Box 109  
Pittsburg, Illinois 62974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Moake:

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

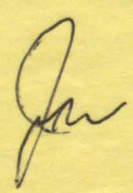
As much as he would like to, the President cannot reply personally to every communication he receives. Therefore, he has asked the departments and agencies of the Federal Government to reply in his behalf in those instances where they have special knowledge or special authority under the law. For this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

*NOT USED!*

PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



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The Judge Advocate General of the United States Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington  
D.C.

AGUZ-SAD-SI Slovik, Eddie D.  
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22 APR 1977

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

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**MEMO FOR**

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**ACTION OFFICER**

*Miller*

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*4/27/77*

**TELEPHONE NO**

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**SUBJECT**

*Eddie Slovik*

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*16 MAY 76*  
*26 Apr 76*

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**COMMENTS**

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

*Discussion: RCLC has been responding to Eddie Slovik inquiries since records are in Washington. Attached inquiry inadvertently went to RCPAC and RCPAC prepared interim when mail room discovered, case was recalled by RCLC.*

*To save time case is submitted in final form, (DTAG asked for drafts on all Slovik cases).*

*Recommendation: Letter at TAB A be signed.*

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15 Apr 77

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DATE	NAME	FILE NUMBER	WH/SUSPENSE NO.	CLASSIFICATION
WHITE HOUSE CASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUMMARY <b>Change of burial site for Slovik; insurance for widow.</b>	SUSPENSE		
OCSA CASE <input type="checkbox"/>		COB 26 Apr 77		
SMA CASE <input type="checkbox"/>		OSA OSD		

ROUTING A-Action I-Information

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REMARKS

**ABCMR is currently processing apply re insurance.**

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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28 APR 1977

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(Feb 77)

Ms. Jo Ann Fournier  
P. O. Box 3  
Oakville, Connecticut 06779

Dear Ms. Fournier:

This is in further reply to your letter regarding the military service of 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 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.

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

cf: DAAG-ZX reading file  
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RETURN TO DAAG-LRA WH Case 15580 27 Apr 77

187 Ball Farm Rd.  
Oakville, Conn. 06779



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

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Joanne Palomba  
187 Ball Farm Rd.  
Oakville, Ct. 06779

Dear President Carter,

In one of my classes at school we have been talking about amnesty. While we were discussing it Pvt. Eddie D. Stouik was brought up. He, also, was an American deserter so they say for the reason of the execution. Out of so many odd men he was singled out to be made "an example" of. He was also the last deserter to be executed and the others were pardoned. Do you, President Carter, call this "justice"? I believe very deeply that this is truly un-American. I feel he should be removed <sup>a respectable plot in</sup> to a Dese-Aisre American cemetery for he did serve for our country. He is human and has feelings and opinions of his own just like the deserters of the Vietnam War. We, as Americans should respect their opinions and reasons even though we may disagree.

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Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely,  
Joanne Palomba

WH 15459

Palomfa, Jeanne

TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE 15 Apr 77

SUBJECT/REFERENCE

Burial plot of Pvt Eddie Slavic

SUSPENSE 26 Apr 77

TAGO CONTROL NUMBER AGUZ 154618

OCSA CONTROL NUMBER 15459

ADDITIONAL CONTROL NUMBER

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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 [Redacted]
- 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:  
*Carl P. Vermilyea*  
CARL P. VERMILYEA  
LTC, AGC  
Asst Executive Officer, TAGO

**COVER SHEET**

FOR  ADCSPER  DCSPER

ACTION OFFICER *Miller* DATE *4/21/77* TELEPHONE NO *70922* O/C/DIR *Rec*

SUBJECT *Eddie Slovick*

INFORMATION  ~~INQUIRY~~  SIGNATURE  INITIALS

TAGC *29 APR 77* DCSPER DAS OSA OGD

COMMENTS

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

Discussion: At Directors meeting, 7 April, DTAG asked that Slovick 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

~~Recommendation: That attached drafts be approved and returned to the AF for final typing. That they be typed, signed and distributed for DTAG.~~

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

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DATE 4/21/77

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Drafts have been  
approved by ATAG.

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

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25 Apr 77

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	<i>26 Apr 77</i>				

COMMENTS

*Draft previously approved by DTAG  
Final is attached for signature.*

*Recommendation: That ATAG sign letter at TAB A*

*Please provide a copy  
for TAG Reading File*

COORDINATION	APPROVAL	INITIALS	DATE	ACTION TAKEN	CONCUR	APPROVE	NOTED	SEE ME
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26 APR 1977

DAAG-LRA (Feb 77)

Miss Joanne Palomba  
187 Ball Farm Road  
Oakville, Connecticut 06779

Dear Miss Palomba:

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 in the military are very much concerned with the human relations program and agree with you that no one should be used as an example to other people at the expense of himself. Since you are aware of the incident pertaining to Eddie Slovik we will not attempt to go over the same details that you have read and have had explained to you by your teacher.

To properly respond to your suggestion that he be removed to another plot in Oise-Aisne Cemetery 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.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

BG DONALD W. CONNELLY

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

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

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Miss Cathy Minicucci  
245 Cherry Ave. F-16  
Watertown, CT.

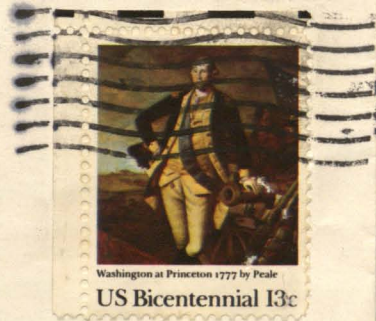
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Leroi T. (Pete) Elias  
5051 41st Ave. So.  
Minneapolis, MN 55417



Mr. Jimmy Carter  
President of the United States  
Nation's Capitol  
Washington, D. C.

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5051 41st. Ave. So.  
Np 15, Minn.  
March 1, 1977

Dear Jimmy Carter:

It was absurd and unforgivable that  
Pvt. Slonik was shot.

The best America could do would be  
to reverse the court-martial verdict  
of Pvt. Slonik

Mrs. Antoinette Slonik should be given  
the 10,000 life insurance policy and  
other compensations for the grief that she  
was put through by a totally thoughtless  
military.

Also, I was disappointed that you want to  
put on a 25¢ gas tax.

This would hit the low and middle income  
people again.

There are some people that need a car for  
their job.

Rather smaller cars (4 x 6 cylinder) and alternate  
sources of energy should be turned to.

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Sincerely,  
Le Roi T. Elias

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ACTION OFFICER  
E. S. Wallace

DATE  
25 March 1977

TELEPHONE NO 70922  
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**COMMENTS**

Purpose: To obtain approval of letter at Tab A in response to request at Tab B.

Discussion:

- a. Mr. Elias does not ask for pardon for Eddie Slovik.
- b. Paragraph 3 of proposed letter addresses his general statement.
- c. Reply based on previous approved paragraphs.

Resource Implications: None

Recommendation: That letter at Tab A be signed.

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DATE	NAME	FILE NUMBER	WH/SUSPENSE NO.	CLASSIFICATION
WHITE HOUSE CASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUMMARY	Pardon for Slovik; payment of life insurance.		
OCSA CASE <input type="checkbox"/>	SUSPENSE			
SMA CASE <input type="checkbox"/>	COB 25 Mar 77			
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ROUTING				A-Action	I-Information	ACTION			
DCSOPS	COA	TSG	CMH	CLL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct reply to <u>writer</u> <u>per DA Memo 1-14</u> with <u>2</u> copy(ies) to <u>DACS-DSW</u> <u>Cite WH Susp No</u>			
DCSPER	ACSI	TJAG	TAG	MILPERCEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare (draft) (final) reply for signature of _____			
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REMARKS \*

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DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(1 Mar 77)

25 MAR 1977

Mr. Leroi T. Elias  
5051 41st Avenue, So.  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Dear Mr. Elias:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter of 1 March 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.

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. Heavy American casualties were being sustained, while the record of trial was under review. 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, he made the following points: Private Slovik had performed no front line duty; his conduct demonstrated a deliberate attempt to avoid hazardous service by obtaining incarceration in a safe place; and although the sentence was more severe than he anticipated, imposition of a less severe punishment would only have accomplished Private Slovik'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 Private Slovik's case.

Your interest in behalf of Mrs. Slovik is appreciated. However, because

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
(1 Mar 77)

of the nature of the offense for which Private Slovik was convicted, Mrs. Slovik is not eligible for any benefits administered by the Department of the Army. Any benefits or assistance, which may be available to her from other agencies of the Federal Government, are determined by the specific agency involved. Accordingly, I would recommend that you refer your question on life insurance to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. 20420

Sincerely,

PAUL T. SMITH

PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

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ACTION OFFICER  
*Miller*

DATE  
*1 Apr 77*

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SUBJECT  
*Eddie Slovick*

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COMMENTS

- Purpose: To obtain approval and signature of letter at TAB A in response to request at TAB B.
- Discussion: Paragraph 3 furnished by Col Ryan American Battle Monuments Commission previously and re-coordinated for this case.  
 Paragraph 4 furnished by TTAG.  
 Paragraph 5 previously used to answer similar inquiries regarding Slovick.
- Resource Implications: None
- Recommendation: That letter at TAB A be signed

*our letter rewritten by Dep TAB*

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The Adjutant General  
Department of the Army  
Washington, D.C. 20314

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## OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

## MEMO

1410  
20 MAY

LTC "V"

LTC Thomas returned the attached & asked that we do not respond. Will discuss it you desire. He feels the individual knows it takes an Act of Congress, as it did for Gen Lee, & he wants the Army to say so.

Bd

OK'd by  
Col Hampton  
23 May 77  
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Edna Nordloh  
6760 Belkenton Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45236



President Jimmy Carter  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

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To The Pres

misc re Cincinnati, Ohio 4-6-77

TO DOD -- FOR DIRECT REPLY  
DATE APR 22 1977

President Jimmy Carter  
Washington, DC

Subject: Pat Eddie Slovik

Enclosed find clipping from Cincinnati Post  
of April 6, 1977.

It seems to me not only was Pat Slovik un-  
fairly treated but also his widow. If you will  
read the book "The execution of Private Slovik"  
written by William Bradford Huie I feel sure  
you will agree with me that Pat Slovik should  
not have been put to death by a firing squad  
as ordered by former Pres. Eisenhower. The least we  
can do now is to see that his widow is taken  
care of and his record cleared. Surely you will  
agree with me that Pres. Eisenhower made a bad  
decision, and will do all you can to rectify it.

Sincerely  
Edna E Nardloh  
6760 Belkenton Av  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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45236

WH 17621

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie

6 MAY 1977

Ms Edna E. Nordloh  
6760 Belkenton Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

Dear Ms. Nordloh:

On behalf of President Carter, I am replying to your letter of 6 April 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 the Department of the Army for response.

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. Heavy American casualties were being sustained, while the record of trial was under review. 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, he made the following points: Private Slovik had performed no front line duty; his conduct demonstrated a deliberate attempt to avoid hazardous service by obtaining incarceration in a safe place; and although the sentence was more severe than he anticipated, imposition of a less severe punishment would only have accomplished Private Slovik'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 Private Slovik's case.

Return to DAAG-LRA 2E 541 PNT WH Case 17621 2 may 77

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DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie  
Ms Edna E. Nordloh

Your interest in behalf of Mrs. Slovik is appreciated. However, payment of proceeds of National Service Life Insurance is precluded by statute (Title 38, Section 711, U. S. Code) in those cases where death is inflicted as a lawful punishment for crime or military or naval offenses.

Sincerely,

PAUL T. SMITH

PAUL T. SMITH  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

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ACTION OFFICER

Miller

DATE

5 May 77

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SUBJECT

Eddie Slovik

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COMMENTS

Purpose - To obtain signature on reply (TAB A) in response to letter at TAB B.

Discussion - Reply based on previous similar actions using info furnished by TTAG.

Information regarding insurance furnished by VA.

Recommendation - That reply at TAB A be signed

*(done 5 May 77)*  
~~Signature~~  
~~5 May 77~~

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TAGO ACTION CONTROL

DATE 27 MApr 77

SUBJECT/REFERENCE  
Requests Slovik's record be cleared

SUSPENSE  
6 May 77  
TAGO CONTROL NUMBER  
~~17621~~ 274770  
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17621  
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ROUTING: A = ACTION I = INFORMATION R = COPY PROVIDED IN READING FILE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Take action as indicated below                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide copy of reply to _____                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Remarks below                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide copy to DAAG-ZX              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for signature of <u>TAG</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate with _____                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare forwarding Memo for signature of _____       | <input type="checkbox"/> Call _____ for additional guidance, if required |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare draft reply; send to _____                   | <input type="checkbox"/> See attached form _____                         |
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REMARKS:

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Inclosure(s)

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FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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



23 Mar 77

ALBANO, LAURIE

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DATE	NAME	FILE NUMBER	WH/SUSPENSE NO.	CLASSIFICATION
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DCSLOG	TIG	CNGB	CAR		<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare (draft) (final) reply for signature of _____				
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REMARKS

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BY DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

① Military Ass't

Laurie Albano  
27 Jenks Street  
Carkville, Ct. 06779

Dear President Carter,

Our Contemporary Problems class, at Watertown High School was talking about Pvt. Edward D. Slovik (36896415). Whom, I thought was treated very poorly. Nobody, no matter to whom ~~he~~ is, should be used for an example to other guys. We have read the book about him, and our teacher has told us a great deal about the situation, and I think it was wrong for what you guys had done. Rotten. This is what I think you should do, to show us that you care just as much on the issue as that our school is. The following is what we would like to see done.

- 1) His body move out of Plot E, and brought to ~~where~~ the other respectable men are buried.
- 2) Cemetery - Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.
- 3) He should be pardon to restore honor to his memory.
- 4) His wife should receive \$10,000 GI Insurance.

We would like to hear from you. MH 11608  
Thank-you,

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Laurie Albano

*our response  
See retype by DTAG*

DAAG-LR

Miss Laurie Albano  
27 Jenks Street  
Oakville, Connecticut 06779

Dear Miss Albano:

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*see rewrite*

The final disposition of the remains of the dead of World War II was carried out under the provisions of law which authorized the Secretary of War upon application by the next of kin, to return such remains to the homeland of the decedent. In the case of Eddie Slovik, there is no record that his next of kin requested return of his body, and in the absence of such request, his remains were interred in Plot E, Oise-Aisne Cemetery, France. A provision of the law specifically ended all authority to make further disposition of the remains on and after December 31, 1951. He is not eligible for burial in other Plots of the cemetery since they are reserved for the combat war dead of World War II.

With respect to your request for a pardon, a pardon cannot be granted posthumously since delivery and acceptance are prerequisite to the validity of such an action.

*(see rewrite)*

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DAAG-IR  
Miss Laurie Albano

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.

Sincerely,

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

DAAG-LR

*Typed in  
Deputy TAG'S ofc  
w/3 errors*

4 APR 1977

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We in the military are very much concerned with the human relations program and agree with you that no one should be used as an example to other people at the expense of himself. Since you are aware of the incident pertaining to Eddie Slovik we will not attempt to go over the same details that you have read and have had explained to you by your teacher.

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-Asne 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.

DAAG-LR

DAAG-LR  
Miss Laurie Albano

4 APR 1977

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.

Entitlements 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, DC 20420.

Sincerely,

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

4 APR 1977

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May 16, 1977

Major General Paul T. Smith  
The Adjutant General  
Department of the Army  
Washington, D.C. 20314

DAAG-LRA Slovik, Eddie

Dear General Smith:

I have your letter in reply to my letter sent to President Carter.

I note that you say in the 3rd paragraph of your letter, that a pardon cannot be granted posthumously, since delivery & acceptance are prerequisite to the validity of a pardon.

May I remind you that there was a posthumous pardon given General Robert E. Lee.

I think it is a disgrace that a blunder made by the late General Eisenhower allowing this man to be put to death, as an example to the military, cannot be rectified.

Cordially,



Louis Eaton

cc: President Carter

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David & LuAnn Moake  
P. O. Box 109  
Pittsburg, Illinois  
62974



President Jimmy Carter  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C.