

24 Mill Street
Amityville NY11701
March 15th, 1974

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United States Army
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To Whom It May Concern

I am very upset on the story of Pvt Eddie Slovik which was shown on television on Wednesday night March 13th at 8.30 PM Ny time. To think that the U S Army would executé a man like Eddie, was the most terrible think that the army could do. Eddie was killed because he was judge on his prison record before he entered the Army. The officer in charge of his company could of put Eddie in some other detail to work in., but no he could'nt show any favors. As far as the officers who judged Eddie not one of them had any combat duty so how in the world can they judge Eddie when Eddie

told them he could not shoot a gun, he gave himself up and they could'nt send him to jail. no they had to make Eddie an example. I hope those officers have it on their mind for the rest of their lives, they murded Eddie as sure as they put him in his grave.

Eddie was judge on his prison record not his army ability. what has the army got to say about this I expect a letter for this one I am sending, also am sending one to the president and one to Congress. This was an outrage think to do to one person. he could gone to jail not kill him. What about the other 49 deserters they didn't die but you kill Eddie Why was Eddie the one I want answers to this letter I am sending one

to all the newspapers also. I want some answers and they better be the right ones and we must ~~not~~ see that this ^{does not} happens again.

Lena Morley

Mrs/ Lena Morley

DAAG-ZA

8 APR 1974

Mrs. Lena Morley
24 Mill Street
Amityville, NY 11701

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I trust that this provides the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Verne L. Bowers

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Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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MISS SLIPSON
14 LAUREL BAY
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Canada



THE AMERICAN ARMY
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.
U. S. A.

~~AIR MAIL~~

March 14, 1974

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Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, March 13, I had viewed a movie which was entitled "The Execution of Private Slovik Slovic". The movie was about Eddie D. Slovic, the only man executed since the Civil War. His execution took place in the year 1945 in a small town in France. The movie made me very upset ~~so~~ and now I would like to know more about him. This is where I feel you could help me. I would like to know more about Private Slovic's life, why he got drafted (as it said in the movie he was not supposed to have been) and most of all why he was the only one of ~~the~~ ~~all~~ the men who deserted the army to be executed. I would appreciate it greatly if you could send

me the information I have requested.

yours sincerely,

Sherrie Lipson

My Address is:

SHERRIE LIPSON
14 LAUREL Bay
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA.
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THANK YOU /

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409 Hamilton Blvd.
S. Plainfield, NJ 07080

*Mail Ass'n
to Pres.*



The President of the United States

The White House

Washington 25, D. C.

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409 Hamilton Boulevard
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080
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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

TO DOD - FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING
DATE MAR 20 1974

Mr. President:

There are so many times I have wanted to write you and complain about taxes, the continual rise in the cost of living, etc., but I know these won't change and there is really nothing you can do about them. Now, I am writing about a much more important matter that has affected the lives of many Americans, and, this is a request that you can grant.

I am writing directly to you, Mr. President, because I know you will take time from your busy schedule and help. Please assign this request to one of your officials and follow up on it personally.

On Wednesday night, March 13, 1974, N.B.C. had a special documentary on the life of Pvt. Edward Slovik. I am attaching an article from our local newspaper which will brief you on the circumstances of his life. Just like many other Americans, I am greatly upset about the injustice given to Pvt. Slovik and Washington's cruelty to Mrs. Slovik.

I am sure you can understand the troubled life Mrs. Slovik has led. No money or condolences can bring Mrs. Slovik the happy life she and Eddie could have had together.

He was executed as a so-called "deserter". It has been proven that he informed his superiors he couldn't do combat work, didn't run like so many do today, and asked to be transferred. At that time the Army assumed they should set an example of him. He was the only one executed, yet there were so many real deserters. What happened to them? Where do we get the nerve not to tell his wife about it until nine years later? We have admitted our guilt. What a terrible mistake, and all those people involved with this incident will have to live with it. I can't understand how any human being could let this happen. I hope this isn't how we run our country.

Pvt. Slovik was no deserter but a real HERO. He belongs in the United States where we can admire him for his courage. I am therefore asking that you have his remains brought back to United States from France. Please give him a plot and a stone in Arlington National Cemetary or a plot someplace of Mrs. Slovik's choice. No doubt, we owe this to him and his family. It's the least we can do for them.

By doing this, I am sure you will give him the honor he definitely deserves. He died as a HERO and gave his life for the United States. You see, Mr. President, by granting this request you might stop a lot of crimes and change the thinking of some of our criminals. Perhaps, they will follow his example. You might even lessen Mrs. Slovik's pain for our wrongdongs and, wouldn't it be wonderful for her to know that we really care, admitted our mistake and are deeply sorry.

Eddie couldn't kill, not even his enemies. He gave his life for us so it's only right that he be brought back here and to the people that love him.

I know you agree and will grant this request.

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Respectfully yours,

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409 Hamilton Boulevard
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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The final disposition of the remains of the Dead of World War II was carried out under the provision of Public Law 383, 79th Congress and Public Law 368, 80th Congress 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 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.

Because of his status he would not be eligible for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Sincerely,

Verne L. Bowers

VERNE L. BOWERS
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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DAAG-ZC Slovik, Eddie R.
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27 MAR 1974

Mrs. Marianne Cesare
409 Hamilton Boulevard
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

Dear Mrs. Cesare:

On behalf of President Nixon, I am replying to your letter of 15 March 1974 regarding Private Eddie Slovik.

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

Sincerely,

Verne L. Bowers

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The Adjutant General

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*WIR Mr. Womack, USA Memorial Affairs Agency is
furnishing you're bringing body back.
Info on what happened to other deserters question
previously submitted TAGO for info on what to
base reply. Must wait before final.*

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March 15, 1974

Dear General,

It was one of the greatest wrongs the U. S. Army ever did during World War 2. Was the execution of Private Eddie Slovik.

From then on during the war you should have executed all deserters, not just one. Instead of shooting him, you should have given him 15-20 years, because he had a good record, sivilian and army.

Giving Slovik the death penalty, because he wrote a desertion slip, is cruel and inhumane. It's mean and unfair to execute a man for desertion, and then never fully, to carry other execution on other deserters.

Would like to hand in your resignation to the President of your company, and he says, "From this resignation you will never be able to return to this company or any other job the in entire country." Then another guy comes along and hands in his resignation for the same reason and the President says, "You will never be able to return to this company, but will be able to go to other jobs in the country." That's not fair and was either was killing Private Slovik, who was with the Probo corp of the Canadian Army. Then he returned to G company.

I would like to see something done about it.

Sincerely yours,
M. Hollingsworth
Mark Hollingsworth

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3 APR 1974

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736 14 Avenue
Coralville, Iowa 52241

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Lincoln Park, Michigan

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Military Assistant
to the President

TO DOD - FOR DIRECT REPLY.
DATE MAR 21 1974

March 18, 1974
810 Montie # 18
Lincoln Park, Mich.

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Dear Mr. President,

I am an American who proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Viet Nam conflict. I am very disturbed about the program that was recently shown on national television, "The Execution of Private Slovik."

There are a few suggestions I would like to make concerning this black mark in the history of America. First, I would recommend that Private Eddie Slovik should be awarded posthumously an Honorable or a General Discharge. Second, there should be some form of financial assistance given to his widow who

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is living in a slum area in Detroit.

No human being has the right to take another's life. Only God has that right. My wife and I feel, as do many other Americans, that a gross mistake has made and the government owes the public and Mrs. Slovick a sincere apology.

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Although I appreciate your concern in this matter, there is no authority for issuance of an honorable discharge in this case in view of the nature of the offense for which Private Slovik was convicted. For the same reason Mrs. Slovik is not eligible for any benefits administered by the Department of the Army.

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Mr. President,

I am writing to you about the Slovick incident. I am 13 years old and very interested. I would like to have some information about the case.

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Sincerely,
Ronald Rall
436 Ringledine
Lima, Ohio
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DAAG-ZC Slovik, Eddie

26 MAR 1974

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MIR info obtained from records of Slovik

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BROOKPARK, OHIO 44142



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MR. LESLIE M. GUZIK
6052 FRY ROAD
BROOK PARK, OHIO 44142

MILITARY
ASST.

TO DOD - FOR DIRECT REPLY
DATE APR 1 1974

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I WATCHED "THE EXECUTION OF PRIVATE SLOVIK" ON TELEVISION LAST WEDNESDAY, 13 MAR 74. TWO DAYS LATER I READ THE BOOK. I AM CONVINCED FIRMLY THAT MRS. EDDIE SLOVIK SHOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR HER LOSS.

I SERVED TWO YEARS IN THE ARMY AND I AM PROUD OF IT BUT I DO NOT RESENT EDDIE SLOVIK FOR WHAT HE DID.

THE LORD MADE ALL OF US DIFFERENT. SOME OF US ARE WEAK AND SOME ARE STRONG. EDDIE SLOVIK WAS WEAK. BUT IT WAS UP TO US STRONG ONES TO MAKE UP FOR HIS ABSENCE IN BATTLE; NOT TO EXECUTE HIM BECAUSE THE LORD MADE HIM DIFFERENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, PLEASE ALLOW AID TO BE GIVEN TO HIS WIFE. ONLY YOU AND GOD CAN HELP NOW.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Leslie M. Guzik

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5 APR 1974

DAAG-TCZ-C Slovik, Eddie

Mr. Leslie M. Cuzik
6052 Fry Road
Brookpark, Ohio 44142

Dear Mr. Cuzik:

On behalf of President Nixon, I am replying to your letter of March 1974 regarding assistance for the widow of Eddie Slovik.

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Sincerely,

Vern L. Bowers

VERNE L. BOWERS
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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cc DACS-XSW(2)
WH Case 4400

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DAAG-TCZ-C Slovik, Eddie

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VERNE L. BOWERS
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

26 MAR 74

Memo For Mr. MILLER

The response is fine for the direct reply letters. However, if you get a letter that asks for a proposed response for WH use, you will have to be more expansive.

Pete Kempf

DAAG-ZC

Eddie Slovik

20 MAR 1974

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Mr. Miller/70922

1. The attached letters received in this office regarding the case of Private Eddie Slovik, 36896415, are forwarded with request for information upon which to base a reply.
2. Since the information you provide will be used to respond to other similar cases that may be received, request your reply be expedited.
3. The military personnel records of Slovik are in the custody of Mr. Miller of this office (OX 7-0922) if they are needed.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

RBB
for

R. B. Bolnas

THOMAS E. MINIX
LTC, AGC
Executive Officer

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1. WH Case 3637
2. Ltr fm Mrs. Mulch

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The President of the United States
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Sir;

Please help Mrs.
Slovak.

Mrs Joyce Orban
4800 Palisade Pl
Madison Wis
44057

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Please help Mr.

Alvarez.

Mrs. Joyce Johnson
4800 Lakeside Dr.
Mountain View
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DAAG-TCZ-C Slovik, Eddie
(21 Mar 74)

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Mrs. Joyce Ochan
4800 Palisades Drive
Madison, Ohio 44057

Dear Mrs. Ochan:

On behalf of President Nixon, I am replying to your letter of 21 March 1974 regarding help for Mrs. 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.

Although I appreciate your concern for Mrs. Slovik, because of the nature of the offense for which he was convicted, she is not eligible for any benefits administered 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.

Sincerely,

Vern L Bowers

VERNE L. BOWERS
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

22 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR Colonel Walter W. Plummer *Jfor*
Deputy Secretary of the General Staff
Office of the Chief of Staff, USA
Room 3E-669

The attached inquiry has been reviewed and, based upon the general tone of the letter, you should simply reply with the standard response which I understand is being prepared to cover "The Execution of PVT Slovik" inquiries. There is no need to address the suggestion regarding life insurance.

Kenneth R. Bailey
Kenneth R. Bailey
LTC, USA
Military Assistant

Attachment

AMERICAN POLISH FEDERATION

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Honorable Howard H. Calloway
Secretary of the Army
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Last week's televising of NBC's film presentation of "The Execution of Pvt. Slovik", based on a book of the same name by William Bradford Huie, revived many unanswered, troublesome questions about this sad historical incident.

The book professes to be a documentary based, to a large extent, on the records of the U. S. Army. When it was published twenty years ago, we wrote to the then Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Robert T. Stevens, for an official report of the incident, but received none.

Since public commentaries on the film and the book underscore the Polish racial background of the subject, Americans of Polish descent have more than a passing interest in the matter.

To answer unwarranted aspersions, we should like to have the Army's official account of the execution of Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik.

We should also be pleased to know:

- 1) The number or percentage of Americans of Polish descent who have served in the U. S. Army during the First and Second World War.
- 2) The number of U. S. Army deserters during that period, and the number who were executed.
- 3) The number or percentage of those Americans of Polish descent who died in action, those who had been wounded in action, and those who had received

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TO DOD - FOR DIRECT REPLY
DATE APR 1 1974

911 Forestburg Dr.
Houston, Texas 77038
March 15, 1974

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

After watching the movie "The Execution of Private Slovik" the other nite on television I have come to the conclusion that he was treated unjustly. I feel that you being the President of The United States of America can rectify this and exonerate him of this matter.

Since Private Slovik has been the only deserter since the Civil War to be shot and there have been hundreds of deserters since that time, I feel he should be cleared. I can not understand why the President of the United States at that time—Mr. Roosevelt—could not have stepped in and prevented this mishap.

I pray that you will give this your deepest consideration and I hope that his widow might be compensated in some way for her sorrow.

Thanking you for your time and concern in this matter. I wish you the best of luck in the future and will continue to pray for you as you lead us.

Sincerely,
Ronald L. Molter
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TO DOD - FOR DIRECT REPLY
DATE APR 1 54

911 Forestburg Dr.
Houston, Texas 77038
March 15, 1974

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DAAG-TCZ-C Slovik, Eddie

5 APR 1974

Mr. Ronald L. Molter
911 Forestburg Drive
Houston, Texas 77038

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Although I appreciate your concern in this matter, there is no authority for issuance of an honorable discharge in this case in view of the nature of the offense for which Private Slovik was convicted. For the same reason Mrs. Slovik is not eligible for any benefits administered by the Department of the Army.

Sincerely,

Verne L. Bowers

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Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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