



## WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

### COMMUNICATION FORM

#### 1. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARED PERSON

- (a) \* **Family name(s):** Lim
- (b) \* **Given names(s):** Won-taek
- (c) Pseudonyms or other forms besides given name, by which he or she may be known: N/A
- (d) Sex: ☒ male / ☐ female
- (e) Occupation/profession: Miner and Civil Engineer
- (f) Father's name: Lim Jong-hwa Mother's name: Jeong Duk-hong
- (g) Date of birth: 20 December 1920
- (h) Place and country of birth: Sancheong-gun, Kyongsangnam-do, Republic of Korea
- (i) Was the person below 18 years-old at the moment of the disappearance? ☐ yes / ☒ no
- (j) Identity document (passport, national identity card, voter's card or any other relevant national identity card)  
**Type:** Notice of Decision as Korean War Abductee  
**Number:** N/A  
**Date of issue:** 20 June, 2012  
**Place and country of issue:** Seoul, Republic of Korea
- (k) Nationality or nationalities: Republic of Korea
- (l) Address of usual residence: 112, Cheongnyangni-dong, Dongdaemun-gu, Seoul Metropolitan City
- (m) Any other place of residence at the moment of the disappearance: Field office of Joheung Togun, Socheon-myon, Bonghwa-gun, Kyungsangbuk-do, Republic of Korea
- (n) Marital status: Married (o) Indigenous: ☒ yes / ☐ no (p) Pregnant: ☐ yes / ☒ no

#### 2. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FACTS

- (a) \* **Date of arrest, abduction or disappearance** (at least month and year): between 25 and 30 of June, 1950
- (b) \* **Place of arrest, abduction or where the disappearance occurred** (be as precise as possible. Indicate street, city, province or any other relevant information):  
At a field office of Young-am railway located in Socheon-myon, Bonghwa-gun, Gyongsangbuk-do, he was taken along with other 40 staff members of the field office and construction workers by North Korean partisans.
- (c) \* **Date when the person was last seen** (at least month and year), if different from date of arrest or abduction (for example: if seen in a prison months after the initial arrest or abduction)

An anonymous worker who had had a narrow escape from the partisans, later reported the incident to the district police station and a headquarter in Seoul.

(d) \* **Place where the person was last seen** (if different from place of arrest or abduction. For example: if seen in a prison months after the initial arrest or abduction. Please, be as precise as possible. Indicate street, city, province or any other relevant information):

Never seen or met since the abduction by partisans who had been active before the Korean war in the whole Taebaek mountain area

(e) **Please, provide a full description of how the disappearance took place** (attach one page if necessary. Please note that, although this is not a required element, providing a description as detailed as possible of the circumstances of the disappearance will enhance the possibilities to find the person)

The abductee, a civil engineering and mining worker, served as a construction site manager of Yong-am railroading on the government base at a field office of Joheung Togun Inc. in Socheon-myon, Bonghwa-gun, Kyungsangbuk-do with other construction workers and staff members. Then, he got a raid from and was arrested by several partisans (armed North Korean guerilla fighters). The partisans were camouflaged by wrapping themselves up with kudzu and were carrying murder weapons with them. The victims were compelled to carry loads and walk into the Mt. Taebaek with threats of pistols. Lim Won-taek, being considered smart as he was serving as a site manager, was forced to take the lead in walking, which all came to be known later by the statement of an escapee.

(f) \* **State or State-supported forces believed to be responsible for the disappearance.** If the perpetrators are believed to be State agents, please specify and indicate who and why they are believed to be responsible. Be as precise as possible (military, police, persons in uniform or civilian clothes, agents of security services, unit to which they belong, rank and functions, identifications presented, etc.)

The perpetrators were North Korean communists following Kim Il-sung puppet regime and plotting a communist revolution. They, partisans (communist guerilla fighters) were subordinate organization abetted by the higher commander of their system, which was testified by a worker who had witnessed all the incident and escaped with a close call while being taken. He was lucky to run away successfully thanks to the bad weather and rain showers at that time.

(g) **If identification as State agents is not possible, please indicate why you believe that Government authorities, or persons linked to them, may be responsible for the incident.**

It is unthinkable that any others were doing such things as camouflaging themselves with kudzu and tying the workers up and taking them with threats than the reds

(h) **If there are witnesses to the incident, please provide their names and relation to the victim. If they wish to remain anonymous, indicate if they are relatives, by-standers, or others. If there is evidence, please specify.**

An escapee made a testimony on the incident above right after the armistice, letting us know what happened at that time. But, it's been long time since the ceasefire and almost all the relevant people have died with no records left on the police station. So, much to the regret, we are not in a position to provide information in detail.

(i) **Additional Information on the case. Please indicate any other relevant information that could be useful to find the person.**

Many photos of the abductee are available for identifying him. The abductee has a son (the writer of this communication form) and a daughter.

### 3. INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIONS TAKEN AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE

**\* Indicate any action taken** (police inquiries, jail, human rights commission, habeas corpus petition etc.) **taken by the relatives or others to locate the person.** You are required to state the following: *when*, by *whom*, and before *which organ* the actions were taken.

**(a) Complaints** (*when*, by *whom*, and before *which organ/s*):

When: Around 1958

By whom: Lim Man-taek, the deceased elder brother of the victim

Organ: reported to the Korean red cross for displaced civilians

**(b) Other steps taken** (*when*, by *whom*, and before *which organ/s*):

N/A

**(c) If no action was not taken, please explain why:** N/A

I am a son of the victim and I was just five at the time of the incident and came to know later about it as an elementary school student after the ceasefire from my mother. Knowing about it, I couldn't but occupy myself with making a living with a hope that our government would do something for this matter as there were so many people who had suffered these kind of incidents and the government have been aware of these.

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### 4. PERSON OR ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING THE COMMUNICATION

**\* Person submitting the communication**

(a) Family name: Lim

(b) First name: Geun

(c) Relationship with the disappeared person: son of the abductee

(d) Contact details (address, telephone, fax, email):

**\* Organization submitting the communication (if applicable)**

(e) Contact details (address, telephone, fax, email):

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### 5. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST

Please state whether you would like your identity to be kept confidential

Yes, keep my identity confidential: \_\_\_\_\_ No request for confidentiality: ✓

\* **Date:** 26 October, 2015

**Place:** Seoul, ROK

\* **Signature of author:**

\*\*\*Reference: Notice of Decision as Korean War Abductee

A special law pertaining to the Korean War abductions finally legislated in March 2010, and the National Committee on Investigating Abductions during the Korean War was established with the Prime Minister as chairman. This new law stipulates government to compile an updated list of abductees based on petitions submitted by surviving family members of the abductees.