



WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

COMMUNICATION FORM

1. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARED PERSON

- (a) * **Family name(s):** Lee
- (b) * **Given names(s):** Bong-gyu
- (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: Judge of the High Court
- (f) Father's name: Lee Dong-hee Mother's name: Kim Mi-ryeok
- (g) Date of birth: 18 August 1916
- (h) Place and country of birth: Boseong-gun, Jeollanam-do, ROK
- (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: 13 December 2011
Place and country of issue: Seoul, Republic of Korea
- (k) Nationality or nationalities: Republic of Korea
- (l) Address of usual residence: #7, official residence of Inui-dong Courthouse, Jongro-gu, Seoul, ROK
- (m) Any other place of residence at the moment of the disappearance: N/A
- (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): 28 August 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): #7, official residence of Inui-dong Courthouse, Jongro-gu, Seoul, ROK
- (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): 28 August 1950
- (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): #7, official residence of Inui-dong Courthouse, Jongro-gu, Seoul, ROK

(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):

Some prisoners escaped or released by some assistants, broke into the abductees' official residence and (#7, official residence of Inui-dong Courthouse, Jongro-gu, Seoul, ROK) threatened the abductee with guns to come with them to investigate some things.

(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.):

When the Korean War broke out in the early morning on 25 June 1950, then President Rhee Syng-man announced through the radio that public officials should keep their places while Nation's Forces are fighting bravely. Right after the statement of President Rhee, the Han River Bridge was destroyed so that the North Korean People's Army can't cross over to South. But the destruction also blocked South Korean civilians residing in Northern part of Seoul to flee for refuge to South, so the abductee also stayed in Seoul and finally abducted by rebellious prisoners who helped the North Korean Communist ideology to be infiltrated into civilians.

(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: N/A

(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.

The abductee's younger brother, Lee Mun-gyu, who passed away years ago witnessed the scene of abduction.

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

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*): N/A

(b) **Other steps taken** (*when*, by *whom*, and before *which organ/s*): During the war, surviving was the main issue in my family. So we had no time and energy to focus on making any effort to find the abductee back. At the same time, my family was afraid of the guilty-by-association of ROK government and the abductee to be suspected as a South Korean voluntary defector.

After the special law legislated in 2010, Submitted a petition to the National Committee on Investigating Abductions during the Korean War in order to be officially confirmed as Korean War Abductee and get recovered the honor of the abductee and his surviving families.

(c) If no action was taken, please explain why: N/A

4. PERSON OR ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING THE COMMUNICATION

*** Person submitting the communication**

(a) Family name: Lee

(b) First name: Byeong-nam

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

(d) Contact details (address, telephone, fax, email): Please contact with the organization below

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

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

Korean War Abductees' Family Union (also referred as KWAFU) 2F, Seongil Building, 317 Cheongnyangni-dong, Dongdaemun-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea

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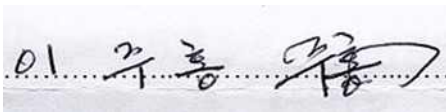
5. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST

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

Yes, keep my identity confidential: _____ No request for confidentiality: √

* **Date:** 18 December 2013 **Place:** Seoul, Republic of Korea

* **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.