



WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

COMMUNICATION FORM

1. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE disappeared person

(a) * **Family name(s):** Kim

(b) * **Given names(s):** Wu-jong

(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:** President of the Seoul Electronic Corp., member of the ROK Youth Corps

(f) **father's name:** Kim Jintae **mother's name:** Lee Jeonggyu

(g) **Date of birth:** 10 Feb, 1909

(h) **Place and country of birth:** Gangneung, Gangwon-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: June 20, 2012

Place and country of issue: Seoul, Republic of Korea

(k) **Nationality or nationalities :** Republic of Korea

(l) **Address of usual residence:** 1387-5 Hyoja-dong, Seoul, South Korea

(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)

4 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)

Place of Abduction: Office of the Seoul Electric Corp. Chungmuro 2-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul

(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)

Between 4 August 1950 and 1952.

(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)

In Seodaemun (West Gate) prison. The abductee was seen by the abductee's friend who escaped the prison.

(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 was a president of the Seoul Electric Corp., which was located in the 5-story building at Chungmuro 2-ga. On the 4th of August 1950, around lunch time, a few of NK soldiers came and asked for the president, who is the abductee. When he appeared they took him by his arms. At night of that day, about midnight, there was a knock on the door. The abductee's fifth son went to the door and NK soldiers aimed guns at him and there was a Jeep car where the abductee was seated at the back seat. The son cried out, "Daddy" but NK soldiers struck the boy and the abductee also gave up coming out. Since then, the son, who is the testifier of this description, have not seen the abductee.

(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 abductee was involved in the Rep. of anti-communist Korea Young Men's Association (a rightist group) and was a president of Seoul Electrical Company and was active in social activities; among others, he received a letter of Appreciation from the President of ROK, Syngman Rhee. People who abducted the abductee were wearing North Korean soldier uniforms, riding in army jeep.

(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.**

i) Kim Nam-joo (born in 1940), the abductee's fifth son, the testifier of direct witness.

ii) The cousin sister of the abductee's fifth son saw the incident and informed the family of the abductee.

iii) the abductee's wife.

iv) the abductee's sons.

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

Followed are the abductee's career: High school graduate / president of Koran electric business. The abductee had a wife and 9 children. His height was 175cm, and he wore glasses. He had a gentle nature.

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*)

i) After the outbreak of the Korean War(1950-1953), many neighboring houses of the abductee's house turned out to be leftists. The abductee's family implored neighbors' help and found out that the abductee was in Seodaemun Prison. The family went to meet the abductee, but they were not allowed. The family confirmed that abductees, at that time, stayed in Seodaemun (West Gate) Prison.

ii) Also on June 25-Aug 31, 1964, the Chosun tribune newspaper and Korean National Red Cross collaboratively carried out a "One million signature-collecting campaign for Korean War Abductees' Repatriation", and it was submitted to the United Nations, but turned down because the wartime civilian issues were deemed to fall under the jurisdiction of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

iii) Also, abductee's name have been included in the US Central Intelligence Agency(CIA) report 'Persons Arrested in Seoul by the North Koreans', which was about 654 number of abductees in Seoul, written in Oct 15, 1950.

iv) Dec 13, 2011, KWAFU advocates the drafting and passing of House Resolution 376, a U.S. congressional House resolution.

(c) If no action was not taken, please explain why

N/A

4. PERSON OR ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING THE COMMUNICATION

*** Person submitting the communication**

(a) Family name: Kim

(b) First name: Nam-joo

(c) Relationship with the disappeared person: Fifth Son

(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:** 15th Nov. 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.