



## WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

### COMMUNICATION FORM

#### 1. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARED PERSON

- (a) \* **Family name(s):** Lee
- (b) \* **Given names(s):** Deok-yeong
- (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: Farmer
- (f) Father's name: Lee Ui-sang Mother's name: An Jae-mun
- (g) Date of birth: 3 February 1921
- (h) Place and country of birth: 145, Geumgok-ri, Dongtan-myeon, Hwaseong-si, Gyeonggi-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:** 20 June 2012  
**Place and country of issue:** Seoul, Republic of Korea
- (k) Nationality or nationalities: Republic of Korea
- (l) Address of usual residence: 145, Geumgok-ri, Dongtan-myeon, Hwaseong-si, Gyeonggi-do, 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): July, 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): Around 145, Geumgok-ri, Dongtan-myeon, Hwaseong-si, Gyeonggi-do, 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): July, 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): Around 145, Geumgok-ri, Dongtan-myeon, Hwaseong-si, Gyeonggi-do, 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).

He was an active member of a young men's associations (rightist groups) in ROK and trained local young men since the liberation from Japanese colonization. While he was working for such activities, Korean War broke out and the Nation's Armed Forces made a retreat to South.

In order to flee from Communist army, he went to his relatives' in Seoul. On the way to Seoul, at the spot he got out of the village where he was living in, a leftist informed my father to the Internal Affairs Department of the North, then he was taken to the North by the officials. No information about him was given since then.

(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 informer was a leftist living in the same village and his family left the village during the Korean War so we don't know whereabouts of the informer either. The persons responsible for the abduction are from North Korean Army who prepared for the communistic conquest over South Korea.

(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.

The informer was a long-time communist and the chairman of Military Party at that time. I heard over from neighbors that he came over to district of Su-won at around the January 4 Retreat.

(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: N/A

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

He was tall, good-looking man and had two sons and a daughter. His uncle (mother's side) was An Jae-hong, the famous politician, historian, and independence fighter against the Japanese colonialization.

### **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*) :

At that time, there were my grandfather (father of abductee), my brother and I in my family at that time. So, we didn't know what to do to return my father and suffered from financial difficulty.

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: Min-gyu

(c) Relationship with the disappeared person: Son 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

Tel: +82-2-964-0625

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email: [jinhwan2103@hanmail.net](mailto:jinhwan2103@hanmail.net)

#### 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:** 16 February 2014

**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