



## WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

### COMMUNICATION FORM

#### 1. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARED PERSON

- (a) \* **Family name(s):** Lee
- (b) \* **Given names(s):** Gi-seol
- (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 Gyu-chang      Mother's name: Heo Sul-nyeo
- (g) Date of birth: 16 August 1933
- (h) Place and country of birth: 618, Geumchon-ri, Paju, 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:** 14 January, 2013  
**Place and country of issue:** Seoul, Republic of Korea
- (k) Nationality or nationalities: Republic of Korea
- (l) Address of usual residence: 618, Geumchon 1-ri, Adong-myeon, Paju-gun, Gyeonggi-do, ROK
- (m) Any other place of residence at the moment of the disappearance: N/A
- (n) Marital status: unmarried      (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): 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): 618, Geumchon 1-ri, Adong-myeon, Paju-gun, 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): 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): 618, Geumchon 1-ri, Adong-myeon, Paju-gun, 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).

Two local communists guided another two Internal Affairs Department Officials to the abductees' residence in August 1950. The local communists were notorious as very active leftists in the town and also known to be responsible for abducting another 7 civilians in the town. The two were a kind of brokers, who got detail information about the local residents and at the same time, well aware of the Internal Affairs Department's needs and purposes. They wore no uniforms but normal clothes. I didn't see the scene of abduction and I was too young at that time so I hardly remember about the moment when the abduction took place.

(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.): Internal Affairs Department Officials of North 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: 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: N/A

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

He was good looking and single young man at the time of abduction. He got along well with his cousin sister who was older than him. His nickname was 'Mu-seol', and I don't know what it means.

### **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*):

Many young men in my town were arrested, abducted by North Korean People's Army or by the Political Security Bureau or the Internal Affairs Department to be used for the Communist propaganda. Many of them never returned and few of them who luckily made it to escape told us that many were killed on the way to North and it is almost impossible to escape from them. Therefore, my family lost hope and all the more, we didn't even know what we can do to make him come back in the middle of the war.

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: Gi-ju

(c) Relationship with the disappeared person: Younger brother 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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#### 5. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST

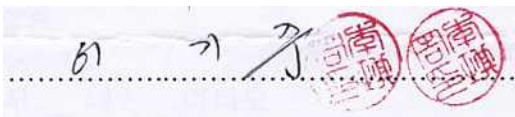
Please state whether you would like your identity to be kept confidential

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

\* **Date:** 4 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 law stipulates government to compile an updated list of abductees based on petitions submitted by surviving family members of the abductees.