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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

Last Day: February 14

February 10, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON *(Signature)*

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bills
H.R. 1399 - Relief of Maria Del
Carmen Alvarado Martinez
H.R. 1758 - Relief of Terrence
Jarome Caguiat
H.R. 4939 - Relief of Manuel Bonotan
H.R. 5750 - Relief of Chu Wol Kim
H.R. 8451 - Relief of Jung Shik Yang
H.R. 8907 - Relief of Yong Won Lee.

Attached for your consideration are the above referenced enrolled bills, all which would authorize preferential treatment under the Immigration and Nationality Act for the admission of alien children into the United States for adoption purposes.

An explanation of each of the enrolled bills is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, NSC, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bills.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the enrolled bills at Tabs B through G.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bills

- (1) H.R. 1399 - Relief of Maria Del Carmen Alvarado Martinez
Sponsor - Rep. Hastings (R) New York
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Sponsor - Rep. McHugh (D) New York
- (6) H.R. 8907 - Relief of Yong Won Lee
Sponsor - Rep. Cleveland (R) New Hampshire

Last Day for Action

February 14, 1976 - Saturday

Purpose

To authorize preferential treatment under the Immigration and Nationality Act for the admission of certain alien children into the United States for adoption purposes.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Immigration and Naturalization Service	Approval
Department of State	No objection

Discussion

Summary of Legislation

These bills facilitate the immigration of children to the U.S.

for adoption purposes. In each case, the beneficiary children are barred from being accorded preferential treatment under various provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act dealing with eligibility for classification as immediate relative children of petitioning adopting parents. If certain conditions of that Act are not waived, these children would be chargeable to the nonpreference foreign State limitation of Eastern Hemisphere countries, and, consequently, their admission into the United States for permanent residence could be delayed for years.

Each of the enrolled bills would authorize the classification of each alien child, respectively, as an immediate relative child and permit the approval of immigration visa petitions filed by the adopted or prospective adopting parents. Upon approval of such petitions, the children would be admitted to the United States for permanent residence. In addition, the natural parents and siblings of the beneficiaries are declared ineligible for similar preferential treatment for immigration to the United States

H.R. 1399 - Maria Del Carmen Alvarado Martinez

The beneficiary is a 1 1/2 year old Mexican girl, who was paroled into the United States in October 1975 and now resides in Elmira, New York with her prospective adopting parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stein, a U.S. citizen and permanent resident alien, respectively. Her natural parents and siblings live in Mexico. Mrs. Stein is the sister of the child's mother, and she and Mr. Stein wish to adopt their niece because they are unable to have any children of their own. Because her parents are living, the beneficiary does not qualify for immediate relative status as a child under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

H.R. 1758 - Terrence Jarome Caguiat

The beneficiary is a 3-year old Filipino boy, who is the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Caguiat of Honolulu, Hawaii, a naturalized U.S. citizen and a permanent resident alien, respectively -- Mr. Caguiat is the boy's natural uncle. Although his natural parents are living, Terrence currently lives with his maternal grandmother in the Philippines, and is supported by the Caguiats, who adopted him in the Philippines on July 11, 1973. The beneficiary does not qualify for immediate relative child status under the Immigration and Nationality Act because his natural parents are living.

H.R. 4939 - Manuel Bonotan

The beneficiary is a 12 year old Filipino boy, who is living in the Philippines with his natural parents and two sisters. He was adopted in the Philippines on June 5, 1970, by Mr. and Mrs. Paulino Bonotan of Vallejo, California, a U.S. citizen and permanent resident alien, respectively. Manuel is the nephew of Mrs. Bonotan. Mr. and Mrs. Bonotan adopted Manuel because they are unable to have children and because the child's natural parents are poor. Because Manuel was not in the legal custody of Mr. and Mrs. Bonotan for two years after the adoption, he is ineligible for preferential treatment as an immediate relative under the Immigration and Nationality Act, notwithstanding the validity of his adopted status.

H.R. 5750 - Chu Wol Kim

The beneficiary is a two year old Korean orphan girl currently living with a foster family in that country. Her natural parents are unknown. She will be adopted upon her admission into the United States by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Solem, both U.S. citizens, residing in Oslo, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Solem already have four children, two of their own and two adopted Canadian-born children. The Immigration and Nationality Act normally limits approval of visa petitions for the prospective adoption of alien children to two per petitioner. Because the Solem's have had two such petitions approved for the Canadian-born orphans, they are ineligible to similarly petition in behalf of Chu Wol Kim.

H.R. 8451 - Jung Shik Yang

The beneficiary is a one year old Korean girl currently living in an orphanage in Seoul. Her natural parents are unknown and she is coming to the United States for adoption by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barth Ray of Binghamton, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Ray already have four young children, two of whom are adopted Korean orphans. The Immigration and Nationality Act normally limits the number of immediate relative immigration visa petitions for the adoption of alien children to two per petitioner. Because the Rays have had two such petitions approved for their adopted Korean children, they are ineligible to similarly petition on behalf of Jung Shik Yang.

H.R. 8907 - Yong Won Lee

The beneficiary is a 4-year old Korean boy living in an orphanage in Seoul. His natural parents abandoned him at birth. Upon admission into the United States, he will be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas, both U.S. citizens, residing in Cabin John, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Haas have no natural children and

have already adopted three alien children, two of whom are siblings. The Immigration and Nationality Act normally limits approval of immediate relative immigration visa petitions for the adoption of alien children to two per petitioner. Inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Haas have already had at least two such petitions approved, they are ineligible to file an immediate relative visa petition in behalf of Yong Won Lee.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference

Enclosures



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

FEB 9 1976

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Immigration and Naturalization Service	Approval
Department of State	No objection

Discussion

Summary of Legislation

These bills facilitate the immigration of children to the U.S.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
Washington 25, D.C.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

5 FEB 1976

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

A21 094 397

TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. H. R. 8907; Office of Management
and Budget request dated February 3, 1976

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Yong Won Lee

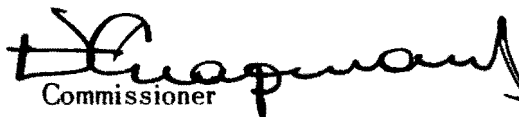
Pursuant to your request for the views of the Department of Justice on the subject bill, a review has been made of the facsimile of the bill, the relating Congressional Committee report or reports, and all pertinent information in the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

On the basis of this review the Immigration and Naturalization Service, on behalf of the Department of Justice:

Recommends approval of the bill.

Interposes no objection to approval of the bill

Sincerely,


Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

4 - FEB 1976

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director, Office of
Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503


Dear Mr. Lynn:

Reference is made to Mr. Frey's communication of February 3, 1976, transmitting for comment enrolled bills H.R. 1758, "For the relief of Terrence Jarome Cagniat", H.R. 8907, "For the relief of Yong Won Lee", and H.R. 8451, "For the relief of Jung Shik Yang".

This Department has no objection to the enactment of these bills.

Sincerely,

Robert J. McCloskey
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

To-
2-9-76

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

FEB 9 1976

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: February 9

Time: 7:45pm

FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons
NSC/S
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: February 11

Time: 2:00pm

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill:

H.R. 1399 - Relief of Maria Del Carmen

Alvarado Martinez

H.R. 1758 - Relief of Terrence Jarome

Caquiat

H.R. 4939 - Relief of Manuel Bonotan

H.R. 5750 - Relief of Chu Wol Kim

ACTION REQUESTED: H.R. 8451 - Relief of Jung Shik Yang

H.R. 8907 - Relief of Yong Won Lee

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: February 9

Time: 745pm

FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons
NSC/S
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: February 11

Time: 200pm

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill:

- H.R. 1399 - Relief of Maria Del Carmen Alvarado Martinez
- H.R. 1758 - Relief of Terrence Jarome Caquiat
- H.R. 4939 - Relief of Manuel Bonotan
- H.R. 5750 - Relief of Chu Wol Kim
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- Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Approval of all. [Signature]

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 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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No objection -- Ken Lazarus 2/10/76

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M. L.*
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bills H. R. 1399, H. R. 1758, H. R. 4939
H. R. 5750, H. R. 8451 and H. R. 8907

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies
that the subject bills be signed.

Attachments



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES CAVANAUGH

FROM: *JW* Jeanne W. Davis *MMH*

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bills: H. R. 1399
H. R. 1758, H. R. 4939, H. R. 5750
H. R. 8451 and H. R. 8907

The NSC Staff concurs in Enrolled Bills, H. R. 1399 - Relief of Maria Del Carmen Alvarado Martinez; H. R. 1758 - Relief of Terrence Jarome Caquiat; H. R. 4939 - Relief of Manuel Bonotan; H. R. 5750 - Relief of Chu Wol Kim; H. R. 8451 - Relief of Jung Shik Yang; and H. R. 8907 - Relief of Yong Won Lee.

YONG WON LEE

JANUARY 30, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 8907]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 8907), for the relief of Yong Won Lee, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to facilitate the entry into the United States as an immediate relative of the child to be adopted by citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a four-year-old native and citizen of Korea who currently resides in Seoul under the care of the Korean Social Services. He was abandoned by his natural parents; no information concerning them is available. The interested parties, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas, are both United States citizens. They have no natural children but have adopted three alien children, two of whom are siblings.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated October 8, 1975, to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Repre-

sentatives from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., October 8, 1975.

A2109434397.

HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 8907) for the relief of Yon Won Lee, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the four-year-old beneficiary, who is to be adopted by United States citizens, may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas. The bill further provides that the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act which limit the number of petitions that may be approved for adopted children shall not be applicable in this case.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Korea, would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

L. F. CHAPMAN, JR.,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 8907

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas, the beneficiary's prospective adoptive parents and the interested parties in this case.

The beneficiary, Yong Won Lee, a native and citizen of Korea, was born March 18, 1971 and resides in Seoul, Korea under the care of the Korean Social Services. He was abandoned by his natural parents at birth and no information is available concerning them. He has never entered this country.

The interested parties, Melvin Haas and Elizabeth Haas nee McFate, natives and citizens of the United States, were born June 23, 1936 and February 3, 1942, respectively. They were married November 20, 1971. Both beneficiaries hold masters degrees. Mr. Haas is employed as a computer specialist and earns approximately \$24,000 per annum. Mrs. Haas is not employed. The beneficiaries' assets are approximately \$6,000 in personal property and \$3,500 savings. They have a \$20,000 equity in a house valued at \$50,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Haas have no natural children and have already adopted three alien children; two of whom are siblings. Accordingly, section 204(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act precludes the approval of petitions for other adoptive alien children.

A letter dated September 25, 1975 to the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary from the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, U.S. Department of State, with reference to the bill reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., September 25, 1975.

HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I refer to your request for a report concerning the case of Yong Won Lee, beneficiary of H.R. 8907, 94th Congress.

The bill would provide for the beneficiary's classification as a child for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas, American citizens. It also provides that the natural parents or brothers and sisters of the beneficiary shall not by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The bill would also waive the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to the number of petitions which may be approved on behalf of orphans.

The American Embassy at Seoul has reported that the beneficiary, Yong Won Lee, was born in Incheon, Korea, on March 18, 1971, of unknown parents. Because he is considered to be an orphan he is in the custody of the Korea Social Services Center, where he currently resides.

The beneficiary is registered as an intending immigrant and charged to the Korean nonpreference numerical limitation with a priority date of April 15, 1975.

A check of the visa files, including a medical examination, has revealed no grounds of ineligibility.

Sincerely,

ROBERT J. McCLOSKEY,
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations.

Congressman James C. Cleveland, the author of the bill, has submitted the following supporting information:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., October 24, 1975.

HON. JOSHUA EILBERG,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, 2137 Rayburn HOB, Washington, D.C.

DEAR JOSH: In accordance with your letter of October 23, the following is my statement in support of my bill H.R. 8907, for the relief of Yong Won Lee.

Yong Won Lee is a Korean orphan who was born on March 18, 1971 in Incheon City, Korea. He is apparently living at the Korean Social Services Center in Seoul, Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas wish to adopt Yong Won Lee. However, they have already adopted three other Korean orphans, two of

whom are natural siblings. Because of these prior adaptations, the Haases may not successfully file a petition for Yong Won Lee to be given relative status unless my bill is approved. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations normally limit the number of petitions for any petitioner to two.

Mr. and Mrs. Haas are fine individuals who have given the adoption of Yong Won Lee much thought. They are well aware of the implications of an adoption, having three adopted children already. Having known Mrs. Haas and her family for a long time, I know that they are and will be good parents and will give Yong Won Lee a good home.

I see no reason why the Haases should not be allowed to adopt Yong Won Lee, based on their character and experience. I would hope that this bill could be quickly passed so that this little boy can join his new family.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. CLEVELAND,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., September 23, 1975.

HON. JOSHUA EILBERG,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law 2429 Rayburn HDB, Washington, D.C.

DEAR JOSH: Thank you for your letter of September 17 regarding the expediting of reports on my bill H.R. 8907 for the relief of Yong Won Lee.

I appreciate your cooperation on this matter and am enclosing for your use a copy of the letter from the adoption agency stating that Mr. and Mrs. Haas have met all local requirements for the adoption of Yong Won Lee.

Thank you again for your assistance. As always, my staff and I stand ready to assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. CLEVELAND,
Member of Congress.

WELCOME HOUSE,
Doylestown, Pa., September 15, 1975.

Re Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas, 6512 79th Place, Cabin John, Md.
Lee, Yong Won (M) B: March 18, 1971.

HON. JAMES C. CLEVELAND,
*2246 Rayburn Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CLEVELAND: Mr. and Mrs. Haas have asked me to correspond with you, to let you know that they have met all the local requirements pertaining to the placement and adoption of a child from overseas. As you probably know, Welcome House has known the Haas family well for several years and has placed other children from Korea with them. Mr. and Mrs. Haas are excellent parents with a

great deal to offer a child, and we would be most appreciative of anything you could do for them and for Lee, Yong Won.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) EVE GUTNAJER,
Assistant Director.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., December 17, 1975.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
*Dirksen Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing on behalf of a bill of mine, H.R. 8907, for the relief of Yong Won Lee. This measure has been referred to your Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

The purpose of this bill is to allow Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas of Cabin John, Maryland to adopt Yong Won Lee, a 4 year old Korean orphan. The legislation is necessary because the Haases have already adopted three other Korean orphans.

Mrs. Haas and her family are long-time friends of mine and I am particularly interested in this case. In fact, on my recent trip to Korea my wife and I went to the orphanage where Yong Won Lee is living to visit the little boy, bring him a present, and examine the conditions. While the conditions seem satisfactory and he is a healthy, normal child, it clearly would be better for him to be in a family atmosphere.

Mr. and Mrs. Haas are serious, conscientious people who will give Yong Won Lee a good home. The legislation proceeded through the House rapidly and with no objections.

I would ask that you and your committee act on this bill as rapidly as possible so that this family can be brought together. My staff and I stand ready to provide any necessary assistance. Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. CLEVELAND,
Member of Congress.

The Committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill, (H.R. 8907) should be enacted.

YONG WON LEE

OCTOBER 28, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. EILBERG, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 8907]

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 8907) for the relief of Yong Won Lee, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the admission into the United States of the prospective adoptive child of citizens of the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of this bill is a 4-year-old native and citizen of Korea who resides in that country in an orphanage. He is coming to the United States for adoption by citizens of this country who have no natural children but are the parents of three adopted children.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter dated October 8, 1975 from the Commission of Immigration and Naturalization to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. That letter and accompanying memorandum read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
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On September 25, 1975 the Department of State submitted a report on this legislation, which reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., September 25, 1975.

HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.,
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I refer to your request for a report concerning the case of Yong Won Lee, beneficiary of H.R. 8907, 94th Congress.

The bill would provide for the beneficiary's classification as a child for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas, American citizens. It also provides that the natural parents or brothers and sisters of the beneficiary shall not by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The bill would also waive the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to the number of petitions which may be approved on behalf of orphans.

The American Embassy at Seoul has reported that the beneficiary, Yong Won Lee, was born in Inchon, Korea, on March 18, 1971, of unknown parents. Because he is considered to be an orphan he is in the custody of the Korea Social Services Center, where he currently resides.

The beneficiary is registered as an intending immigrant and charged to the Korean nonpreference numerical limitation with a priority date of April 15, 1975.

A check of the visa files, including a medical examination, has revealed no grounds of ineligibility.

Sincerely,

ROBERT J. McCLOSKEY,
*Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations.*

Mr. Cleveland, the author of this bill, submitted the following letters in support of this legislation.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., October 24, 1975.

HON. JOSHUA EILBERG,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, 2137 Rayburn HOB, Washington, D.C.

DEAR JOSH: In accordance with your letter of October 23, the following is my statement in support of my bill H.R. 8907, for the relief of Yong Won Lee.

Yong Won Lee is a Korean orphan who was born on March 18, 1971 in Inchon City, Korea. He is apparently living at the Korean Social Services Center in Seoul, Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas wish to adopt Yong Won Lee. However, they have already adopted three other Korean orphans, two of whom are natural siblings. Because of these prior adoptions, the Haases may not successfully file a petition for Yong Won Lee to be given relative status unless my bill is approved. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations normally limit the number of petitions for any petitioner to two.

Mr. and Mrs. Haas are fine individuals who have given the adoption of Yong Won Lee much thought. They are well aware of the implications of an adoption, having three adopted children already. Having known Mrs. Haas and her family for a long time, I know that they are and will be good parents and will give Yong Won Lee a good home.

I see no reason why the Haases should not be allowed to adopt Yong Won Lee, based on their character and experience. I would hope that this bill could be quickly passed so that this little boy can join his new family.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. CLEVELAND,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., September 23, 1975.

HON. JOSHUA EILBERG,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, 2429 Rayburn HDB, Washington, D.C.

DEAR JOSH: Thank you for your letter of September 17 regarding the expediting of reports on my bill H.R. 8907 for the relief of Yong Won Lee.

I appreciate your cooperation on this matter and am enclosing for your use a copy of the letter from the adoption agency stating that Mr. and Mrs. Haas have met all local requirements for the adoption of Yong Won Lee.

Thank you again for your assistance. As always, my staff and I stand ready to assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

JAMES C. CLEVELAND,
Member of Congress.

WELCOME HOUSE,
Doylestown, Pa., September 15, 1975.

Re Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas, 6512 79th Place, Cabin John, Md.
Lee, Yong Won (M) B: March 18, 1971

HON. JAMES C. CLEVELAND,
*2246 Rayburn Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CLEVELAND: Mr. and Mrs. Haas have asked me to correspond with you, to let you know that they have met all the local requirements pertaining to the placement and adoption of a child from overseas. As you probably know, Welcome House has known the Haas family well for several years and has placed other children from Korea with them. Mr. and Mrs. Haas are excellent parents with a great deal to offer a child, and we would be most appreciative of anything you could do for them and for Lee, Yong Won.

Sincerely yours,

(MRS.) EVE GUTNAJER,
Assistant Director.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

This legislation does not provide new budget authority and no estimate or comparison has been received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

The Committee exercises general oversight jurisdiction with respect to all immigration and nationality matters but no specific oversight is contemplated in this instance.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the Committee is of the opinion that H.R. 8907 should be enacted and accordingly recommend that the bill do pass.

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H. R. 8907

Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

An Act

For the relief of Yong Won Lee.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in the administration of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Yong Won Lee may be classified as a child within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Act, upon approval of a petition filed in his behalf by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haas, citizens of the United States, pursuant to section 204 of the Act: *Provided*, That the natural parents or brothers or sisters of the beneficiary shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.*

Sec. 2. Section 204(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, relating to the number of petitions which may be approved, shall be inapplicable in this case.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

February 3, 1976

Dear Mr. Director:

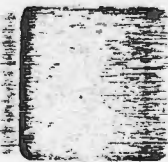
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✓ H.R. 4113	✓ H.R. 8907
✓ H.R. 4939	

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk




The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.

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