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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 1, 1976

ACTION
Last Day: October 8

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON *Jim Cannon*
SUBJECT: S. 2322 - Relief of Lee Mee Sun

Attached for your consideration is S. 2322, sponsored by Senators Packwood and Hatfield.

The beneficiary is a 14-year old Korean orphan who is to be adopted by U.S. citizens. As the family has already adopted two other alien orphans, they are ineligible under existing law to adopt a third child. The enrolled bill would waive this limitation in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, NSC and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S. 2322 at Tab B.

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

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Subject: Enrolled Bill S. 2322 - Relief of Lee Mee Sun
Sponsors - Sen. Packwood (R) Oregon and
Sen. Hatfield (R) Oregon

Last Day for Action

October 8, 1976 - Friday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

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

Discussion

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Because immigration law limits the number of immediate relative visa petitions for the adoption of alien children to two per petitioner, the Simantels are ineligible to receive INS approval of a third petition for Lee Mee Sun. S. 2322 would waive this limitation and permit the Simantels to petition for the immediate issuance of an immigrant visa for Lee Mee Sun. In addition, the bill would also make the beneficiary's natural parents and

siblings ineligible for preferential treatment under immigration law by virtue of their relationship to her.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

SEP 28 1976

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Reference is made to Mr. Frey's communication of September 22, 1976, transmitting for comment enrolled bills, S. 2322, "For the relief of Lee Mee Sun", S. 1404, "For the relief of Mrs. Kyong Chu Stout", and S. 1477, "For the relief of Beatrice Serrano-Toledo".

This Department's files contain no information identifiable with the above cited bills, and in the absence of any derogatory information, this Department has no objection to the enactment of these bills.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kempton B. Jenkins".

Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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

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

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

24 SEP 1976

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TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. S. 2322; Office of Management
and Budget request dated September 23, 1976

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Lee Mee Sun

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: October 2

Time: 350pm

FOR ACTION: NSC7S
Max Friedersdorf
Bobbie Kilberg
Dick Parsons

cc (for information): JackMashh
Jim Connor
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: October 1

Time: 530pm

SUBJECT:

S.2322-Relief of Lee Mee Sun

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

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FOR ACTION:

NSC/S
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For Your Recommendations

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approve 10/1/76

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James M. Cannon
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dick Parsons

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Time: 530pm

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S.2322-Relief of Lee Mee Sun

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations
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 For Your Comments Draft Remarks

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Approval - JQ

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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October 1, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES M. CANNON

FROM: Jeanne W. Dav 

SUBJECT: S. 2322

The NSC Staff concurs in the proposed enrolled bill S. 2322-Relief of Lee Mee Sun.

LEE MEE SUN

SEPTEMBER 13, 1976.—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 S. 2322]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2322) for the relief of Lee Mee Sun, 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 the bill is a 13-year-old native and citizen of Korea who presently resides in an orphanage in Seoul. The prospective adoptive parents who have three children in addition to adopted twin orphans plan to adopt the beneficiary after her arrival in the United States. Information is to the effect that they are financially able to care for the beneficiary.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated January 2, 1976 to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary 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., January 2, 1976.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 2322) for the relief of Lee Mee Sun, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act which limits the number of petitions that may be approved for adopted children shall not be applicable in this case. The bill further provides that the natural 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.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Korea, would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitations 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. 2322

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Simantel, the prospective adoptive parents of the beneficiary.

The beneficiary, Lee Mee Sun, a native and citizen of Korea, was born on June 15, 1962. She is living in an orphanage in Seoul, Korea. Mr. and Mrs. Simantel plan to adopt the beneficiary after her arrival in the United States. No information concerning the beneficiary's parents or other members of her family is available, as she was abandoned on April 20, 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Simantel, who are natives and citizens of the United States, were born on November 23, 1938 and January 13, 1939, respectively. They were married April 5, 1958 and have three minor children born of this marriage. They reside in Cornelius, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Simantel previously adopted twin orphans on January 19, 1970. These children are now 7 years of age. They became naturalized United States citizens on March 16, 1972 and are presently residing with Mr. and Mrs. Simantel.

A petition for immediate relative status as an eligible orphan may not be approved in behalf of the beneficiary because the maximum number of such petitions permitted under the Immigration and Nationality Act have already been approved for Mr. and Mrs. Simantel. The beneficiary does not come within the statutory exception designed to prevent the separation of brothers and sisters.

Mr. Simantel is self-employed as a building contractor and carpenter. Mrs. Simantel is a housewife. Their income is approximately \$18,000 a year. The assets of Mr. and Mrs. Simantel consist of savings in the amount of \$3,666, an unencumbered home and 4 acres of land valued at \$75,000, two lots valued at \$6,000 each, household furnishings worth \$9,650, 3 motor vehicles, a travel trailer valued at \$13,000, and insurance policies worth \$46,570.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated April 7, 1976 to the chairman of the Senate 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., April 7, 1976.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In reference to your request for a report concerning the case of Lee Mee Sun, beneficiary of S. 2322, 94th Congress, there is enclosed a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been submitted by the American Embassy at Seoul, Korea where the beneficiary resides.

This bill makes the requirement of section 204(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act limiting the number of petitions which may be approved for children inapplicable to a petition filed by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Simantel, American citizens, to classify the beneficiary as a child within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Act. The bill also provides that the 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.

Since the beneficiary will be over the age of 14 years on June 15, 1976, the Committee may wish to amend the bill to waive the age limitation in the event a petition to accord Lee Mee Sun classification as an immediate relative has not been filed in her behalf.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT J. McCLOSKEY,
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

Enclosure: Memorandum of information.

SUBMITTED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT SEOUL, KOREA

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION CONCERNING S. 2322
FOR THE RELIEF OF LEE MEE SUN

The beneficiary was born in Korea on June 15, 1962. She is an orphan and presently resides at the Yeo-Kwang-Won Orphanage, Yeo-Ju Eup, Kyunggi-do, Korea, where she is a sixth grade student at the Yeo-Ju Elementary school; no information is available concerning her natural parents.

The beneficiary is registered as an intending immigrant chargeable to the nonpreference category of the numerical limitation for Korea, with a registration priority date of March 15, 1976.

A check of the Embassy's visa files failed to reveal a record of derogatory information pertaining to the beneficiary.

The beneficiary underwent a medical examination on October 29, 1975 and was found to be in good health.

Senator Bob Packwood, co-author of the bill with Senator Mark O. Hatfield, has submitted the following information in support of the bill:

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C., September 19, 1975.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Dirksen Office Building

DEAR JIM: On Wednesday, September 10, 1975 I introduced with Senator Hatfield S. 2322, a private bill for the relief of Lee Mee Sun. Lee Mee Sun is a 13 year old Korean female who has lived the majority of her life in an orphanage in Korea.

The Simantels, United States citizens and residents of Oregon, have adopted twin Korean girls. They were in the process of adopting a third, Lee Mee Sun, having been told by Immigration that the adoption of twins counted only as one visa for immigration purposes under Section 204(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

After initiating adoption proceedings for Lee Mee Sun, the Simantels were advised that the information furnished by Immigration was erroneous and that the adoption of the twins counted not as one child but two children for visa purposes precluding them from adopting a third child and obtaining a visa for that child. It therefore appears that the only relief for Lee Mee Sun is through private legislation.

I have attached copies of correspondence from the Simantels' which provides additional background and facts in this matter.

Cordially,

BOB PACKWOOD.

Enclosures.

HOLT ADOPTION PROGRAM, INC.,
Eugene, Oreg., September 4, 1975.

Re Simantel, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Joyce), Route No. 1, Box 81-B, Cornelius, Oreg.

Ch: Lee, Mee Sun, No. K-3495, Birthdate: 6-15-62.

Senator ROBERT PACKWOOD,
Dirksen Senate Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR PACKWOOD: We thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Kenneth Simantel family. To create a special bill for the immigration of Lee, Mee Sun appears to be the only alternative for the Simantels towards this adoption.

Kenneth and Joyce Simantel were erroneously informed by U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Portland, that they had one remaining orphan visa available to them. Further investigation revealed that the Simantels had used their allotted orphan visas when they petitioned for their adopted Korean twin daughters.

Lee, Mee Sun is a 13-year-old Korean female who has lived the majority of her life in an orphanage in Korea. Mee Sun's eligibility for U.S. immigration orphan status will expire in nine months. The Simantels are moved by her plight, and the very grim projected future

for her if she remains in Korea. They also believe that they will be enriching their own lives by adding to their family through the adoption of this child. This family has shown unusual abilities. Each member of this family is looking forward to the arrival of Lee, Mee Sun with anticipation.

Holt International Children's Services approves of the Simantels request for the adoption of this Korean orphan. Legal guardianship is held by Holt International Children's Services. The Simantels show strong family patterns in love, concern, communication, stability, excellent physical and emotional care, as well as spiritual undergirding in coping with daily affairs. They have an adequate, stable financial record. The community expresses the highest regard for the Simantels, and support the Orphan Adoption Program through the school system. The enrichment of life one receives from extending themselves toward these children, is felt by many in this community.

I wish to add my own personal appreciation in your efforts towards this matter.

Sincerely,

ELINOR CAVES, MSW, *Social Worker.*

ADOPTION STUDY—AUGUST 29, 1975

Re Simantel, Kenneth/Joyce, Route No. 1, Box 81-B, Cornelius, Oreg.
97113, Telephone: 331-2957

SITUATIONAL DIFFICULTY

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Simantel adopted twin, female, Korean orphans on November 13, 1969. They, at this time, used both visas available to them for the immigration of their twins. In July of 1975, the Simantels were erroneously informed by Portland Immigration and Naturalization Service that they had one visa still available to them for the adoption of another Korean child. It was stated that since the first children were siblings, that only one visa had been used. It is now substantial that they had used both visas in bringing their adoptive twins to the United States. The child the Simantels are asking to adopt is LEE, Mee Sun, birth date: June 15, 1962, a Korean female still in Korea.

FAMILY CONSTELLATION

Father, Kenneth Homer Simantel, birth date: November 22, 1938; mother, Joyce Winfield Simantel, birth date: January 13, 1939; children; Michael, male, birth date: September 8, 1959; Randall, male, birth date: August 5, 1961, Tracy, Korean female twin, birth date: November 10, 1967; Trina, the other Korean female twin, birth date: November 10, 1967 and Kimberley, female, birth date: June 26, 1970.

CONTACTS WITH FAMILY

Five visits were made with this family. In addition, individual interviews were held with the children. The Simantels also attended a group meeting in reference to placement of older children. Subsequently, we contacted the references given by the Simantels (their

pastor, family physician and personal friends) regarding the family background. All references give the Simantels the very highest of recommendations. Each reference has observed the Simantels' involvement with their Korean children as well as the excellent parenting they have done with their natural children. The Simantels are seen as a family who makes a great contribution to the community.

MOTIVATION

Kenneth and Joyce Simantel renewed their interest in adoption when they were asked to temporarily care for two Vietnamese orphans. It was during this time of caring for the Vietnamese children that the family life was enriched, and they all experienced a self-enlargement. Mr. and Mrs. Simantel inquired of this agency about other children who may have urgent need of placement. The Simantels followed through with their initial inquiry and selected LEE, Mee Sun, birth date: June 15, 1962, a Korean female.

Kenneth Simantel and Joyce Winfield were married in Portland, Oregon on April 5, 1958. This marriage has been verified. The Simantels met through family acquaintances. Their courtship was over a period of several months during which time they began to know each other well and felt sure of their commitment to each other. It appears that they have a stable and happy marriage. They compliment each other for their happy and gratifying experiences. Both Mr. and Mrs. Simantel are understanding of others and are supportive of one other. The Simantels have observed traditional husband and wife roles in their married life. Kenneth is seen as head of the household. His greatest purpose is to see his family happy. Joyce is respected and loved by her children and revered by her husband. She in turn gives him the praise, love and respect that cements a marriage. Decision making is usually a mutual sharing of those decisions. There seems to be a demarcation of responsibilities in terms of Joyce making decision for the internal household affairs whereas Kenneth's decisions are more involved with the external financial affairs of the family.

CULTURAL AND FAMILY BACKGROUND

Adoptive father

Kenneth Simantel was born in Wolsey, South Dakota on November 22, 1938. He is of tall, moderate build, a Caucasian male having blond hair and blue eyes. Kenneth Simantel is a quiet, somewhat reserved, reflective man. He handles himself with confidence and therefore elicits confidence in others. He spent his early childhood on a farm. He views his early life as one marked by great satisfaction in family life. He feels he had a Christian-based upbringing. He is one of four siblings. The family remains in close ties and continues family contacts. His mother died of a brain tumor in 1952. His father has since remarried. He has brought into his adult life a sense of reward for a job well done. He is versatile in his ability to handle work involving farming, machinery and carpentry. He appears to have a sense of business management and leadership.

Adoptive mother

Joyce Winfield Simantel was born January 13, 1939, in Delight, Arkansas. Joyce is attractive, 5'4" tall, of slight build, with brown hair, brown eyes, and is a Caucasian female. She has a background of Indan-French extraction. Mrs. Simantel is the oldest of six siblings. She considered her background one in which there was a feeling of closeness to family members; yet there was not the excitement nor investment in each child's life they attempt now to provide for their own children. Mrs. Simantel is a compassionate, gracious lady who manages the affairs of her household with orderliness and control. She has gained from her own mother a sense of enjoyment of motherhood. Joyce Simantel is a good mother who is very understanding and supportive of her family in all their undertakings.

Children

Michael is an outgoing, 10-year old male. He is involved in sports at school, is a good student, and is in excellent health. Others see him as a leader.

Randall is a 14-year old, sensitive, affectionate, contented child. He is a good student at school and enjoys being part of the total school program. Tracy is a 7-year old twin and adoptive Korean daughter of the Simantels. She also is a very good student at school, is an ardent reader, and enjoys having a few close friends. Trina is the other half of the pair of 7-year twins; she is opposite to her sister in that she is more interested in the extra-curricular activities of school as opposed to scholarship although she is average in her grade attainment. Kimberley, the 5-year-old natural daughter, is a lovely, little blonde girl who is lively, outgoing, and the delight of the whole family. The Simantels have seen their children grow into happy, secure youngsters. They appear to know their limits. They appear to be well adjusted and present little behavior problems.

Church affiliation

The Simantels are members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Cornelius, Oregon. They are seen as outstanding Christian members of that church. Mr. Simantel is on the Board of Elders. They also feel very strongly about their Christian commitment and endeavor to present Christian truths to their children both by example and by teaching.

Social and family life

This is a very active family who enjoys the Oregon coast and mountain areas. They enjoy many camping and fishing opportunities as a family. They feel that this is an activity in which the family can grow even closer together.

Housing and community

The Simantels live on the outskirts of Cornelius, a small farming community. They have built a new home and it is spacious and attractively furnished. They have neighbors within walking distance and their home is one in which the children feel welcome. The Oriental children in this family, as well as others in community, have been

readily accepted. They anticipate no problems concerning the child's adjustment in school. The particular school district has provided, within their school program, the special services that are needed for the adjustment of the Oriental child.

Finances

Kenneth Simantel's adjusted gross income is \$12,000. He is self employed as a contractor/carpenter. They have real estate valued at \$75,000 including their home. They are free of mortgages and encumbrances concerning this property. They have savings in excess of \$5,000, and have other assets valued at \$25,000. Kenneth Simantel has insurance valued in excess of \$35,000. They are fully covered by medical insurance. The Simantels live well within their income. Money management does not appear to be a problem in any area.

Evaluation and recommendation

The Simantels have shown unusual qualities in parenting. They are emotionally stable individuals. They appear to have a sincere desire to involve themselves with others in need. Their marriage is seen by others, as well as themselves, as being a happy and stable one. The community in which they find themselves has extended acceptance to the Oriental children. It is a very child-conscious community where programs are set up to meet the needs of their children. The Simantels enjoy open communication with their children, and at the same time set reasonable limits. They show a very solid financial picture and are well able to care for another child.

This family is looking forward with great anticipation to adopting a Korean 14-year-old girl. They see this adoption as a means of giving love to the child as well as receiving family satisfaction back from her involvement with them. I highly recommend that Kenneth and Joyce Simantel be allowed to adopt the Korean female known as LEE, Mee Sun.

ELINOR CAVES, MSW, *Social Worker.*

CORNELIUS, OREG., *August 1, 1975.*

DEAR SENATOR PACKWOOD: We are writing to you, our Senator, for advice. We are faced with a heartbreaking situation and we do not know where to turn. We have hopes that you may be able to help us.

We live in a farming community eight miles from Hillsboro, Oregon. In 1968 we adopted a pair of twin Korean girls through the Holt Adoption Program. They have been a blessing to our family and we praise God for bringing them to us.

In May of this year we became aware of a critical need in Korea involving eighteen girls ranging in age from 11 to 13 years old. We write to you concerning one of these beautiful children, 13-year-old Lee Mee Sun.

Mee Sun is in the Holt Orphanage in Seoul, Korea. When we saw her picture we fell in love with her and felt that we have the room in our hearts and in our home to become the parents that she has waited so long for.

We were aware that U.S.A. families are allowed only 2 visas for adoption abroad, so before we ever started proceedings we called the

Immigration Department in Portland to check on our status. We were instructed to call Mr. Luken of that Department. He told us that since we had adopted twins, we would be eligible for another visa. Believing that his information was correct we did proceed with the adoption process. Our case has received top priority attention from Holt's as Mee Sun must be out of Korea before her fourteenth birthday or she will never be able to be adopted as that is the cut-off age.

Two days ago, as our case neared completion, we were informed that Mr. Luken was in error. It seems our twins will be counted as two separate visa petitions and we will be unable to file for a petition for Mee Sun.

We know that the Lord has led us into this adoption and that there has to be a way for us to bring our child home.

We talked to Mr. Luken yesterday and he said we might file a non-preference visa but these usually take over a year and by that time Mee Sun will be over-age.

Mr. Packwood, we pray that you can help us. Mee Sun's need, and ours, is urgent as her time is running out. We love her deeply and will appreciate any advice you can give us.

We thank you and pray that the Lord will continue to bless you as you work for your State and your country.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. KEN SIMENTEL.

CORNELIUS, OREG., *August 25, 1975.*

Senator ROBERT PACKWOOD,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR PACKWOOD: We wanted to take this time to thank you for the interest which you have taken in our precious Mee Sun. Although we realize that, except for a miracle, there may still be many months of waiting for us and for her. But we now feel that at last a door has been opened and we thank you for that.

We have now completed all of the adoption procedures with Holts. All of the necessary notarized papers which you requested were also completed and returned to Holt's on August 19 and we trust that you now have them.

We thought that both you and your staff might like to see a picture of our Toni, so we are enclosing the first picture we received of her and also one that arrived last week. We believe these pictures tell her story much better than could ever be expressed in words.

The first picture was taken in November, 1974. She knew this picture was to be sent to America and it transmits the joy and hope that someone might love and want her. The other picture was taken last month and reflects the loneliness and rejection which she must be feeling now as she knows that her time is running out. If she only knew how much we love her and how hard we are praying for her to come to us. But, of course, she cannot be told any of this until we receive our approval from our U.S. Government. We look forward to that day when we can tell her of all the people who helped to bring her home.

Again we thank you, Senator, and our prayers will continue to be with you.

God Bless You,

Mr. and Mrs. KEN SIMANTEL.

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 RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that S. 2322 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.



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AT THE SECOND SESSION

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one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

An Act

For the relief of Lee Mee Sun.

*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, Lee Mee Sun 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 her behalf by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Simantel, 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. Section 204(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be inapplicable in this case.*

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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