

Appendix 8

Results of psychological assessment for the comfort women victims of sexual slavery committed by the Japanese military

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This report includes the results to test the psychological syndrome of the comfort women of sexual slavery committed by the Japanese military and the interpretations of that results in view of the general ability of adjustment, emotional state, ability of interpersonal relationship, and characteristics of form and content of thought.

The results will be helpful to identify the psychological trauma of those women and to offer the objective evidence asking for the compensation and prosecution of the perpetrators of these crimes.

(1) Participants and procedure of psychological assessment

The subjects who performed the psychological assessment were 14 women victims dwelling in Korea. The duration of test was from Feb 12, 1999 to Nov 23, 1999. The list of them were as follows: Bea Chunhee, Shin Hyunsoon, Kim Sundeok, Moon Myunggum, Kim Bunsun, Suh Bongim, Shim Dalyun, Lee Youngsoo, Moon Philgi, Kim Enrae, Shim Mija, Hyang Gumjoo.

(2) Kinds of psychological test and criteria to analysis raw materials

Psychological assessment battery was included Bender-Gestalt Test (BGT), House-Tree-Person Test (HTP), Sentence Completion Test (SCT), Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI), Korean Wechsler Intelligence Scale (KWIS), and Rorschach Inkblot Test.

The results were interpreted based on the criteria of 'Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition (DSM-IV)'.

The contents that each test measured were as follows:

- ① Bender-Gestalt Test (BGT): This test is to measure the functional aspects of subject's brain which affect the daily life rather than the organic aspects of subject's brain.
- ② Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, Korean version (KWIS): KWIS measures an individual's general level of intellectual functioning with 11 subtests. The results of KWIS tends to reveal the level of adjustment, the ability of judgement to solve the problem of daily life, and visual-motor coordination ability. Because the ceiling of age norm of KWIS is to 64 years old,

compensatory method was used to estimate the IQ of women victims who is over 64 years old.

③ Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) : The MMPI consist of 556 different items and has 4 validity scales and 10 clinical scales. The profile type of subscales of the MMPI shows one's emotional tone, characteristics of personality, form and contents of thought, skill of interpersonal relationship, and severity of psychopathology.

④ Rorschach Inkblot Test: The Rorschach is a test of personality function that can be used with children as young as five through aged adults and consists of ten inkblots. The interpretation for the meaning of Rorschach response is able to provide a person's ego strength, reality testing ability, efficiency of cognitive activity, general emotional tone, and whether or not one has the disorder of thought, perception and personality

⑤ House-Tree-Person Test (H-T-P): Symbolically, potent concepts such as house, tree, and person are saturated with the emotional state, one's ego strength, interpersonal skill, affectional need, unconscious qualities of one's personality. The HTP test has relative advantages with subjects of limited education, limited intellectual ability, low socioeconomic and/or culturally deprived backgrounds, as well as those who are painfully shy and withdrawn, or are mute.

The raw materials were integrated referring to the following aspects.

① Level of general adjustment: IQ and the Global Assessment of functioning by Axis V of DSM-IV were used to report comfort women's overall level of functioning. This information is useful in planning treatment and measuring its impact, and in predicting outcome.

② Skill of interpersonal relationship: The rating of the skill of interpersonal relationship of comfort women will show the need and ability to get interpersonal relationship, and the any potential difficulty in relating with other persons.

③ General emotional tone: Severity of depression, anxiety, worrisome, agitation, nervousness, panic attack, inattentiveness, apathy, and ambivalence were rated. These information may also be used for noting the quality of life of comfort women, and the psychological well being.

④ Form and contents of thought: Assessing the characteristics of thinking have focused either on the measurement of single aspects of disordered thinking, such as overinclusion or concreteness, or on a more global assessment of disordered thinking, assuming a continuum of severity of disturbance. The ability of logical verbal expression, fluency of communication, and the reality testing ability may be often affected by process and content of thought.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination: The ability of visual-motor coordination can be thought of as a measure of comfort women's manual expression and the efficiency to solve the problems related with spatial activity.

⑥ The stability of self-identity: The stability of feminine identity of comfort women were

examined to identify the degree of satisfaction to their life and the stability of interpersonal relationship.

⑦ The characteristics of personality: The maladaptive personality leads to distress or impairment in social, occupational, interpersonal, or other important areas of functioning.

⑧ The potential possibility of Organic brain damage: These possibility were examined with Bender-Gestalt Test and the profile analysis of KWIS. If there were sign to suggest the possibility of organic brain damage, it will have to be recommended further neurological examination to check the state of brain damage and considered various methods to keep the activity and the health of comfort women.

(3) Results of the interpretation for the material of psychological test battery

The raw material took by the psychological testing were interpreted by licensed clinical psychologist individually and suggested along the lists of former described items. The results were as follows:

a. Bea, Chunhee

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=118, Verbal IQ=111, Performance IQ=125

Global assessment of functioning: 80~90(superior level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It was suggested that she may be egocentric, ambivalent, so she may show difficulty in intimate relationship.

③ General emotional tone

It seems to be that she may be unstable, labile and impressionistic. She shows very sensitive attitude whether other person recognize her or not. She is so feasible to these situation that she may experience depressive mood.

④ The form and content of thought

It was not suggested that she has marked illogical thought process. But she has narrow interests and the tendency of loosening of association.

The contents of thought of her was revealed somewhat depressive and aggressive theme.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

It may be looked that she has sufficient ability of visual-motor coordination to deal with daily life problems.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

She seems to have slightly unstable feminine identity and low self-esteem.

㉓ Characteristics of personality

It was suggested that she was extrovert, self-assertive, aggressive and few tolerable in the situation to frustrate her needs.

㉔ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was not founded signs to suggest the possibility of organic brain damage.

b. Shin, Hyunsoon

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=119, Verbal IQ=116, Performance IQ=122

Global assessment of functioning: 80~90(superior level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It was suggested that she may be highly defensive showing her inner idea to other people instead of sensitive to detect intention of others, so it seems to be difficult for her to make intimate relationship with peer group.

③ General emotional tone

It seems to be that she may be constricted, pessimistic for the vision of future. She looks like depressive, self-dissatisfied, and prone to worry.

④ The form and content of thought

It was not suggested that she has marked illogical thought process.

The contents of thought was revealed somewhat helpless and inner aggressive theme.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

It could be rated that she belongs to the level of below average in integrating visual-motor tasks to deal with spatial stimuli. It seems to be related with her depressive mood.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

It was suggested that she had unstable self-identity because she may feel herself so helpless, and has low self-confidence in her own ability.

㉓ Characteristics of personality

It was suggested that she may be difficult to form warm and intimate relationship with others in the respects that she was introvert, critical to others opinion.

㉔ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was not suggested that she has the signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage.

c. Kim, Sunduk

The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=103, Verbal IQ=104, Performance IQ=102

Global assessment of functioning: 70~80(average level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

She seems to have inability to exchange her emotion with other members. Thus, it was showed that she used to dominant, directive attitude to other people instead of forming equivalent relationship.

③ General emotional tone

It seems to be that she may be immature, and sensitive to satisfy her affectional need from colleagues. In the case of frustrated her wants, she may be easily fall in labile, nervous emotional state.

④ The form and content of thought

It was not suggested that she has marked illogical thought process. But she seems to show the tendency of impressionistic cognitive style and loosening of association.

The contents of thought of her seems to be worrisome, aggressive.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

It could be rated that she belongs to the level of superior in integrating visual-motor tasks to deal with spatial stimuli. But It was suggested that she has relative weakness in revealing his inner dynamic to perform a spatial task.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

It was suggested that she had unstable self-identity, since she may be worrisome for her image, and sensitive to the response from others.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

It was suggested that she may be innocent, perfectionistic tendency, but in contrast, stubborn, obsessive, and manipulative. She may be easily given up her effort under the frustrating situation.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was not suggested that she has the signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage.

d. Moon, Myunggum

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=88, Verbal IQ=88, Performance IQ=88

Global assessment of functioning: 60~75(below average level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

She seems to be lack of confidence, constricted, indifferent, and silent, since she may be passive, submissive in the interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

It seems to be that she may be depressive, timid, and withdrawn. She tend to avoid in meeting with others and to maintain a distance in her relationship with others.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that she has slightly vague and rigid thought process. The theme of thought revealed dependent, moody, and evasive.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

It could be rated that she belongs to the lower level in integrating visual-motor tasks to deal with spatial stimuli.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be very insecure, and negativistic.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

It was suggested that she may be introvert, lacking of confidence, pessimistic, since she may be evasive, withdrawn instead of meeting challenge in public situation.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was not suggested that she has the signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. But her ability seems to be decrease to perform visual-motor task.

e. Kim, Bunsun

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=96, Verbal IQ=100, Performance IQ=91

Global assessment of functioning: 67~75(average level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It seems to be dependent, and not intimate in interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

She showed depressive, helpless emotional state and regressed under the situation induce tension and anxiety.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that she has loosening of association, and fluid process of thought. The theme of thought revealed hostile and anxious.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

The level of visual-motor coordination belongs to the lower level. psycho-motor speed and perceptual acuity also defected.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be very helpless, and lack of confidence.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

It seems to be dependent, evasive, and hopeless. These tendency may cause the difficulty to cope with the daily life stress, so she was dissatisfied with her life and experienced frustration.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was suggested that she showed seriously the signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. Her ability to integrate the spatial and perceptual stimuli into meaningful stimuli seems to be defected.

f. Suh, Bongim

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=86, Verbal IQ=88, Performance IQ=85

Global assessment of functioning: 45~58(serious symptom level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It seems to be disintegrated, and socially alienated in interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

She showed depressive, blunt, and flat response to the emotional stimuli.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that she has incoherent, irrelevant, and illogical thought process. The theme of thought revealed anxious, and dependent.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

The ability of visual-motor coordination were defected to the level of dementia. The other perceptual acuity, visual organization ability also retarded.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be disintegrated, and caused helpless attitude coping to her life stress..

⑦ Characteristics of personality

It seems to be regressed, and primitive caused by organic brain syndrom. Her response to the emotional stimuli were apathetic or indifferent.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was suggested that she had definitely the signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. Her ability to perform the visual-motor coordination, visual organization seems to be defected.

g. Shim, Dalyun

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=84, Verbal IQ=79, Performance IQ=92

Global assessment of functioning: 67~75(moderate symptoms level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It seems to be very constricted, immature, and egocentric in interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

She showed anxious and irritable emotional state and also the defection of emotional control ability.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that her process of thought was fluid, loosening of association. The theme of thought revealed regressed, and immature.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

The ability of visual-motor coordination maintained in the borderline level.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be very unstable, negativistic, and pessimistic.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

She seems to show dependent, schizoid, and regressed response to others. Thus, it was very difficult for her to form the intimate relationships.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was suggested that she showed mild signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. Her ability to solve daily life problems with judgement seems to be defected.

h. Lee, Youngsoo.

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=102, Verbal IQ=105, Performance IQ=98

Global assessment of functioning: 80~92(superior level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It seems to be very active, extrovert, enthusiastic, and frank in interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

She showed cheerful, friendly, and slightly unstable emotional state and prone to worry.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that her process of thought was overfantastic, fluid, and imaginative. The

contents of thought revealed depressive, and primitive.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

The ability of visual-motor coordination maintained well in exception of perceptual acuity..

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be very negativistic, pessimistic, and persecutory.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

She seems to show suspicious, hostile, and self-assertive in public situation. Thus, it was very difficult for her to give up her need to form any type of relationships.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was not suggested that she showed signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. She may solve daily life problems well with judgement and decisive attitude.

i. Moon, Philgi.

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=82, Verbal IQ=87, Performance IQ=77

Global assessment of functioning: 65~74(moderate symptoms level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It seems to be very shy, timid, constricted, and tense in interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

She showed anxious, tense, and repressed emotional state and well trained emotional control ability.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that her process of thought was inefficient to form a verbal conception. The theme of thought revealed mildly hostile to the selfish person.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

The ability of visual-motor coordination show defected, especially in the sphere of psycho-motor speed, spatial integration..

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be very self-critical, stable, and self-controlled.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

She seems to show introvert, timid, passive, and modest in the response to others. Thus, it was very easy for her to form the intimate relationships.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was not suggested that she showed signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. Her ability to perceive outside objects accurately seems to be defected along with aged eyes.

j. Kim, Enrae

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=83, Verbal IQ=87, Performance IQ=79

Global assessment of functioning: 62~70(moderate symptoms level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It seems to be very regressed, and withdrawn in interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

She showed anxious, worrisome, and regressed emotional state. To tolerate frustration was very low and also the defection of emotional control ability.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that her process of thought was poor, fluid, loosening of association. The theme of thought revealed helpless, hopeless, and regressed.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

The ability of visual-motor coordination defected markedly, and visual memory, visual organization also deteriorated..

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be very negativistic, constricted, and pessimistic.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

She seems to show lack of confidence, indecisive and submissive attitude to others. Thus, She has inner hostility to others, but repressed to express her emotional response.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was suggested that she showed moderate signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. Her ability to concentrate and plan for the future seems to be defected.

k. Shim, Mija.

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=112, Verbal IQ=107, Performance IQ=119

Global assessment of functioning: 82~93(superior level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It seems to be active, stable, and kind in interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

She showed so depressive, and hostile to specific people that the defection of emotional control ability was revealed in relation with her psychological trauma.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that her process of thought was illogical, autistic, and preoccupied with the life of sexual slavery of Japanese military.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

The ability of visual-motor coordination maintained well and the other ability will function efficiently.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be very stable, but focused excessively on the psychological trauma.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

She seems to show hostile, aggressive tendency to Japanese military. But the integration ability was not decreased.

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was not suggested that she showed signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. Her ability to solve daily life problems with judgement seems to be maintained well.

I. Hyang, Gumjoo.

① The level of general adjustment

IQ: Full Scale IQ=119, Verbal IQ=119, Performance IQ=119

Global assessment of functioning: 90~95(very superior level)

② The ability of interpersonal relationship

It seems to be very active, egocentric, and immature in interpersonal relationship.

③ General emotional tone

She showed elated, excited, vigorous, and irritable emotional state. She also revealed the defection of emotional control ability.

④ The form and content of thought

It was suggested that her process of thought was vague, loosening of association, and mildly illogical.. The theme of thought revealed hostile, aggressive, and impulsive.

⑤ The level of visual-motor coordination

The efficiency of visual-motor coordination decreased by the impulsivity. But visual organization and visual perception maintained in the average level.

⑥ The stability of self-identity

Her feminine identity seems to be preoccupied with the hostility to the Japanese military, very unstable.

⑦ Characteristics of personality

She seems to show energetic, active, and grandiose aspects in emotional expression. Thus, it was very difficult for her to come down her ambitious need to the real situation..

⑧ The aspects of organic brain damage

It was suggested that she showed mild signs to represent the possibility of organic brain damage. Her ability to concentrate and psycho-motor speed seems to be weakened.

To summarize the results of psychological assessment of women victims were as follows;

First, the level of global assessment of functioning ranging from superior to below average shows that comfort women has been maintained their daily life with painful effort in spite of whole losing in their life conditions. Although the scatter was similar with normal aged people, comfort women's emotional tone revealed that they had experienced severe depression, pessimism, instability, and lack of energy to their life.

Second, women victims have been suffered from multiple somatic symptoms as like headache, migraine, back pain, ulcer, hypertension, rheumatism, etc. It is inferred that these symptoms developed from the beginning of the life as comfort women of Japanese military because of Japanese military's abuse and neglect behaviors to them.

Third, It was suggested that comfort women had hostile, aggressive, suspicious, cynical, and negativistic attitude in interpersonal relationship. These tendency might interfere with the intimate relationship with others, and constrict an emotional exchange with heterosexuals. Thus, it may affect for comfort women to avoid social activity and to fall in loneliness and hopelessness.

Fourth, because ego strength of most comfort women revealed to be markedly decreased, their ability to test reality also weakened or impaired. The defect of reality testing ability may facilitate the formal thought disorder, delusion related with the traumatic events, difficulty of concentration, memory disturbance, and disorientation. These symptoms may provoke any other maladjustment in dealing with the problem of their daily life.

Summarizing these results of psychological assessment, it seems to be manifest that comfort women has been suffered from severe distress in their whole life and psychological well-being. Even if these dysfunction of comfort women may appear with aging, the severity and intensity of comfort women's suffering were very high rather than the normal aged people because they had exposed to the non-humanistic and forced choice situation. Thus, It is suggested that these traumatic experiences may disturbed them not to restore normal daily life and not to develop their future constructively.

The results of psychological assessment support objectively that comfort women who had lose their own human right and their innocence of female gender could not escape from the

life atmosphere of the identity disturbance, difficulty of interpersonal relationship, distorted personality, unstable emotional state

(4) The problem of compensation for the psychological trauma

Japanese government and the perpetrators related with comfort women's problem in the view of humanistic and legal aspects should have responsible to relieve comfort women's life long sufferings and compensate their persecution.

The specifications to compensate comfort women's persecution as follows:

First, Japanese government and perpetrators related with comfort women's problem must compensate comfort women's psychological distress and painful life.

Second, Because comfort women as their sexual slavery in Japanese military have been lost their potential financial income to achieve through normal life, financial compensation must offered to the comfort women through appropriate procedure.

Third, fee needed to the therapy of psychological trauma in the future such as individual therapy or group counseling have to make reparation. It may be necessary to guarantee them for the well-being without more suffering.

Fourth, physical treatment fee needed to cure comfort women's physical diseases also have to be compensated. Since physical diseases may induce the difficulty to adjust in daily life situation, that is, the constriction of psychological functioning, pessimistic attitude, withdrawal from the social contacts, it must be compensate the fee to cure physical diseases to prevent the psychological dysfunction.

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