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**COALITION AGAINST MILITARY
SEXUAL SLAVERY BY JAPAN**

CAMSS

November 28, 1992

Dear Friends and Charter Members:

The Coalition Against Military Sexual Slavery By Japan, CAMSS, has been formed to coordinate the grass-roots co-operation of concerned citizens in Southern California working together to demand that the Japanese government take full responsibility for the unprecedented inhumanity and contrived cruelty inflicted upon women during the first half of this century.

From about 1937 to 1945, during the Japanese occupation of Korea, approximately 100,000-200,000 women ages 14 to 20 were used by members of the Japanese military as sexual slaves. Japan's Imperial Army gathered these women by tricking them into believing that it was their patriotic duty to serve the empire, by promising them well-paid jobs, or even by outright abduction while family members were forced to watch helplessly. A great number of these women did not survive; thousands were tortured and murdered, thousands could not survive the ordeal, and many leaped to their own deaths from the ships that carried them to the battle stations in the Pacific. While many people suspected the horrible wrongs inflicted by the Japanese military on these women, they remained silent.

After 50 years, however, many survivors have come forward to testify about their experiences, and today we have been given the chance to redeem our own humanity by assisting these women in their struggle to rectify this injustice. The efforts of these survivors speak of their courage and strength in the face of tremendous adversity, both during their enslavement by the military, and in the aftermath, when societal taboos and reluctant and complicit governments would try to silence them. The survivors have been helped and encouraged to come forward by a handful of courageous women in Korea and Japan. Professor Yun Chung Oak began her research and redress campaign on this issue in 1980, and is the author of several significant essays and documents. Numerous books on the issue have recently been published in Japan and Korea, including those authored by the former Japanese Military officers who served as the abductors of these women.

The Korean Council for Women Drafted for Sexual Slavery by Japan (Korean Council) was organized in November of 1990 with 36 women's organizations as its members, and with Professors Lee Hyo Chae and Yun Chung Oak as the co-chairpersons. During the last year, the members of the Korean Council have completed many important tasks which include the establishment of an international network, and bringing this issue to the attention of the United Nations as a serious human rights violation against women. The CAMSS will join forces with these organizations as well as other individuals already committed to working for the cause.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the first meeting for CAMSS will be held on Saturday, December 5, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Seorabol Korean Restaurant Banquet Room. Seorabol is located at First Street and Western Avenue (100 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024; Tel. (213) 388-1975).

The meeting will take place in two consecutive sessions. The agenda for the first session of the meeting includes: 1) brief presentations on the issues of Japanese military

sexual slavery of Korean women during World War II; 2) reports on the activities of the Korean Council for Women Drafted for Sexual Slavery by Japan and other organizations in Korea, Japan, and the United States; 3) distribution and display of resource materials on the issue; and 4) organization/assignment of the charter members to Task Force Committees to carry out the objectives of the Coalition. The second session will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a lunch served by Seorabol (\$20.00 per person). Discussion about CAMSS as well as other issues will be held during the lunch, and this will be followed by the viewing of two documentary videos on the issue ("Assignment" by the BBC, and "Military Comfort Women" produced in August of this year in Japan)

The charter members will be the core of CAMSS, and will be responsible for carrying out the objectives of CAMSS through their activities in relation to the task force committees. Each charter member is requested to: 1) work as a member of one or more Task Force Committees; 2) pledge to generate over 50 letters of appeal and/or protest by February 1, 1993, to be sent to the governments of Japan, the two Koreas, and the United States as well as to the UN (CAMSS's aim is to generate 200,000 letters before August, 1993); and 3) make cash contributions in the amount of \$100.00 or \$ to be sent to the Korean Council in support of the survivors - checks should be made payable to CAMSS.

Many of you have been personally contacted by the organizers and other charter members, and may have already received numerous documents regarding the issues of the Japanese military sexual slavery. Those of you who have not yet had either the personal contacts or access to the documents are invited to the meeting because your names have been submitted to us as prospective charter members for the Coalition. This letter is an official invitation for you to become a charter member of CAMSS, and we hope that all of you will attend the first meeting.

If you have any questions about either the meeting or CAMSS, please do not hesitate to call any one of the organizers whose names and telephone numbers appear below. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

O. Chun Kim
for the organizers &
charter members

Organizers for CAMSS:

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ENCLOSURES:

Task Force Committees for CAMSS

Task Force Coordinators: organizers (see Roster*) & historian

Public Relations Committee

1. Establish contacts and serve as liaisons to various public institutions (government, education, religious, community, etc.) in the United States and abroad.
2. Investigate private and public sources of funding/contributions through above-listed contacts.
3. Oversee news releases to the media.

Committee on Education and Community Outreach

1. Coordinate meetings and seminars for the study of military sex slavery issues, *jungshindae* issues, and CAMSS activities.
2. Prepare pamphlets and other written materials for community leaders and organizations. Prepare oral presentations for meetings and seminars when necessary.
3. Provide up-to-date information regarding the task force and pertinent issues to community organizations.

Finance Committee

1. Coordinate fund-raising projects.
2. Develop and maintain accounting procedures for contributions to the Coalition and its related projects, as well as expenditures.

Hot-line/Interview Committee

1. Develop, coordinate and manage hot-lines for information for and about survivors.
2. Coordinate interviews of survivors and/or families of victims by appointing and training qualified interviewers.
3. Coordinate transcription of interviews.

Resource Development Committee

1. Maintain resource center(s) for documents, books, scholarly papers, articles, letters, transcripts, photos, and audio-visual materials.
2. Provide materials for the Education Committee for presentation and distribution.
3. Maintain records of the activities of the Coalition and other related organizations including the Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Sexual Slavery by Japan.
4. Coordinate the development of new relevant data.
5. Coordinate research, translation, and publication projects.

APPEAL FOR WOMEN DRAFTED FOR MILITARY SEXUAL SLAVERY BY JAPAN

We were outraged to learn of the enforced recruitment of Korean and other Asian women into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Forces during World War II. Further, we are incensed at the Japanese government's persistent refusal to make full disclosure on this issue and to make reparations to the women who suffered from this brutal violation of human rights. We fully support the "Coalition Against Military Sexual Slavery by Japan" in making the following demands:

1. That the Japanese government and its Emperor make full apologies to individual survivors from the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and other Asian nations, who were used by the Japanese Imperial Forces as sexual slaves.
2. That the governments of Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and international human rights organizations work to uncover and release all pertinent information on all aspects of this issue in order to accomplish two tasks: 1) to attempt to make amends for the violent injustice which was forced upon these women; and 2) to make these events known to the world community in order to prevent such heinous human rights abuses against women in the future.
3. That the Japanese government encourage and assist citizens to testify about this issue without threat or reprisal, and that it revise all textbooks to include reference to this issue as a part of its military colonial oppression of the Korean people.
4. That the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commissions on Women and Minorities thoroughly investigate this systematic large scale sexual enslavement of women and the ongoing cover-up perpetrated by the Japanese government.
5. That the Japanese government make reparations to the individual survivors, the families of victims, and to all victimized nations as a clear acknowledgement of its crimes.

Signed:
NAME

ADDRESS

Send directly to:

- 1) Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Embassy of Japan, 2520 Mass Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20008;
- 2) President Roh Tae Woo, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, 2370 Mass Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20008;
- 3) President Kim Il Sung, DPRK Permanent Mission to the UN, 225 E. 86th Street, N.Y., NY 10028;
- 4) Secretary of State James Baker, U.S. State Department, Washington, DC 20520

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