

Gentlemen:

The atomic bombs killed 50,000 Koreans in Hiroshima and Nagasaki ! Surprised ! Do your hearts go out to these people who were victimized because they had been forced to come to Japan to labor for their colonial master ? Even more tragic are the 30,000 others who were scarred, maimed and burned in the bodies and spirits, and are still surviving after those terrible blasts.

Japan had forced these people to leave the land of their birth to come to the shores of Japan to do the dirtiest and heaviest of menial tasks. From the following figures you can see a trickle of Koreans into Japan became a flood before that dark, disastrous day that was to wipe out more than half of these people from the face of the earth.

Koreans in Hiroshima	1920	.....	1,173
	1930	.....	15,968
	1937	.....	19,525
	1943	.....	66,274
	1944	.....	81,863

Although many humanitarians around the world have taken the Japanese A-bomb victims to their hearts, the Koreans suffered besides their Japanese rulers have been set aside.

The tragedy did not end there. While sympathies and donations have been poured across international borders to Japanese, these Korean sufferers have been forgotten. When they returned to the land of their birth, they found the land had more than enough troubles of its own. Soon the land called " Bright Morning " changed to a dark battlefield where danger became an everyday experience. Once the five year war ended, the Korean Government had all it could do to take care of its new sufferers and so it could not lend special help to the sufferers from the A-bombs in another war.

" I wished to take my own life and snuff out this terrible sufferings, but my wife begged me to think of our children,"

said one of the Korean Sufferers as he grimaced in pain. " Why has the world turned its back on us ? I hope that, when I die, my pain-racked body will help scientists discover how they can help other sufferers out of this terrible fate. Meanwhile, my children live under this terrible shadow, and even their playmates never venture themselves too close to my children as they fear they will be contaminated by this terrible atomic disease," cried a mother of three children.

These tragic people had been caught in the trap of the war they could scarcely understand. Political ideology is meaningless to the masses who only hope to see another sunrise. Should we put fictional barriers against them when we look into the hollow eyes and gaunt faces of these people ?

The Korean Atomic Bomb Sufferers Relief Association of Japan was founded three years ago based on a non-political basis by a group of citizens who believe that to relieve these Korean A-bomb sufferers is the duty of Japanese, and of all human beings who stand firmly against the existence of the nuclear weapons on our beautiful earth. We, the members of the Association, have gradually enlarged the circle of the activities by our continuous man-to-man appeal to the neighbor citizens. The donations from the members of the Association and those who approve our motives have been helping the Korean atomic bomb sufferers to unite themselves and to voice their sufferings to the world. But our effort is still too small and far away from the goal to give all the Korean sufferers medical care and food, and to right the wrongs in the past and provide a new future for these helpless people.

We have appealed to the Japanese Government to establish a law for relieving the Korean sufferers, but nothing effective has been done as of yet. There is no doctor for

the A-bomb sufferers in Korea. There is no hospital specialized in curing or lightening the A-bomb sufferings. And there is neither any work offered to them on which they can make their own living, nor any effective help to let them live. Now the A-bomb sufferers in Korea are presumed to number not less than 20,000, and the live witnesses of A-bombs are dying in darkness at an increasing rate because of their undermined health and inevitable fate of old age.

Under the circumstances, the Korean A-bomb Casualty Associations is planning to establish an A-bomb sufferers' self-support village in the suburbs of Seoul, where some of them live together and help each other to make their own livings by some means.

At this stage, we have decided to send this appeal to people all over the world in the hope that more people come to know the existence of the miserable Korean A-bomb sufferers and to render their helps to them so that they can live longer and peacefully.

Can you just turn a deaf ear to the suffering voices ?  
Can you let them die without any hope after nearly 30 years of long and lonesome sufferings ?

Tomorrow will be too late for some of these Korean sufferers ! Please write them today, donate for them, and show them that they are not forgotten people.

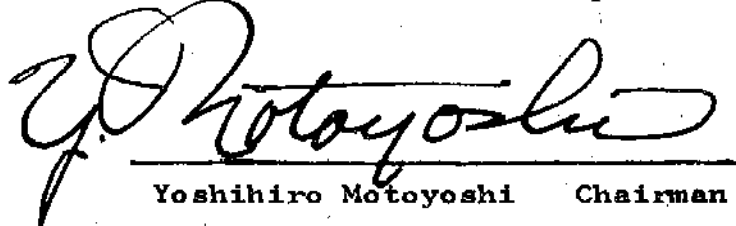
Please think it over that today the A-bomb sufferings are of these people, but tomorrow may be yours, ours, and of your and our loving ones, unless we all human beings resolutely ban the nuclear weapons on our mother earth.

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