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Immigration and Naturalization: Adopted Alien Children
1959-1962

A collection of letters, telegrams, news clipping & government document. **Examples are:** pages 12385-12388, *Congressional Record – House*, July 16, 1959; a one page “[Committee Print] Sample Private Bill – to effect the entry of a minor child adopted by United States citizens;” a letter (8/1/59) from constituent Mrs. Helen Curet & Wilson’s reply (8/5/59) re/ request to Wilson to help their friends, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ensley, adopt a Japanese-American baby girl from Japan; a letter (8/4/59) from Mrs. Ensley & Wilson’s reply (8/13/59) re/ this Navy wife seeks Wilson’s help in adopting an orphan from Japan; letter (7/26/59) & picture post card from constituent Mrs. Sarah C. Browning (El Rancho Motel owner) & Wilson’s reply (8/6/59) re/ a widow seeks Wilson’s assistance in adopting “a little Greek girl;” letters (May, July & Sept. 1959) from Wilson & Chula Vista constituent Michael M. Leshner, Jr. & news clipping re/ “H. R. 4111, a bill introduced by Congressman Flood for the relief of Eva Marie Leshner, the adopted daughter of your brother;” letters (Sept.-Oct. 1959) from constituents Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Dutsher, Leon W. Parma (Wilson’s Admin. Asst.) & State Dept. re/ adoption of a Korean orphan & reference to Catholic Committee for Refugees; **other items in this folder are:** telegrams and letters (6/60) re/ Wilson’s help in obtaining visas for Mr. & Mrs. Nordstrom’s Korean-American sons & praise for Wilson’s newsletter; “Memo For Maggie Re: Korean Orphans” (n.d.) re/ “This morning I was greeted by three terribly anxious prospective parents of Korean Orphans . . . The first two are relatively simple and their story is as follows: “The next case is not so easy;” letters (Nov. 1960 & Jan. 1961) from Major General J. P. Berkeley (Camp Lejeune, N. C.), Major General Alan Shapley (Commanding General, Camp Pendleton, CA) & Wilson re/ “Subject: Kim Dom Yong, Korean Orphan and background needed in connection with obtaining a Private Bill for his admission to the United States. Sponsors – Doctor and Mrs. William Gomberg” – “While the 1st Marine Division was heavily engaged against Communist Armies in Korea in 1952 a waif of about the age of seven years was found in the vicinity of the Division Command Post;” letters (10/61) re/ process of adoption of Korean boy, Hyun Poot Dol, by means of a private bill by Congressman Rhodes (AZ); letters (1/62) re/ support for Kyun Poot Dol; letters (12/61 & 1/62) & attached news clipping re/ problems of a Loma Portal couple in adopting a Korean orphan in times for a Yuletide celebration; packet of letters (1958, 1961 & 1962) re/ Master Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps due to retire in January 1962 after more than 19½ years of service and married to a Korean National seeks Wilson’s assistance in help with adopting their Korean orphan, Hwa Song Han; a letter (2/17/62) to Congressman Edward F. Herbert re/ problems connected with adopting a Korean orphan; letter (3/12/62) re/ support for more proxy adoptions from a successful adoptive couple of a Korean daughter.