Adapted Podcast ([00:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=uC9S5y8d1lBAQq1iAQ6yBWnuDrGWU1Oc62b0mPVeFl0a80zKxBJWG6EoK311Mb-kEEvKjN_yPpM6YM-TRIMYyFPYZhk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=10.14)):

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Peter Möller ([00:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=jIrdLrDHxtw79JHAWNrfodPi8e26IL2JDho7YNriHFlR2SR2y4KOsT_EFLzkJhVUXGxwOj5Avyg7hbcCYqr01WzUU5c&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=21.1)):

I believe they have found cases that were easy to where the documentation was good because this was the first time they're going to, to select cases, so they're going through all cases.

Adapted Podcast ([00:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=FXQKZkZobzynSzdVgi_pNiu3w7mMfGxrOvM1esmbanpgCP3pCPWqZYzoxrW0AWgbIFC2cyYK1DdRMsxW5PjTGVL4VqM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=36.66)):

This is a podcast that centers the voices of Korean intercountry adoptees adopted people are the true experts in adoption. I'm Kaomi Lee, and I was also adopted from Korea. Our voices are often silenced by adoption agencies, governments, sometimes our adoptive parents, and society that wants only a feel-good story. Our lives are more complicated than that. This is our Takeback. In this next episode, we'll hear from Peter Möller again. He's part of the leadership team at Danish, Korean Rights Group, and himself an adopted Korean and a Danish attorney Möller spoke with me from Seoul, where he and his team handed the last batch of case submissions to Korea's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The government body agreed to start an investigation on Korean adoption. It's the first time that such a body in Korea has agreed to do so, and the news is being handled as truly historic by the D K R G and adopted Koreans worldwide. Here's Peter.

Peter Möller ([01:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=CwIqNnO5CTwi730YVdBEY10Gta42hoMT5FU6zH1EczLveNIA2_EMIPcDzMC0z1vglBCBdDIMCg-VfI8fWmfjhYnbBBg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=104.64)):

my name is Peter Möller. I am 48 years old, and I I'm a co-founder of Danish, Korean Rights Group.

Adapted Podcast ([01:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=7TBthecmuDV-8BHhnVkRRB_lar_RXr1P80C9a6iUR8C6IY23knH1PW7FPzW3fnwZ_aSVx6fHEQSwY8DrhPu5jwYr6ZI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=115.35)):

And what is your news?

Peter Möller ([01:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=37R1LmNbybGE6knMffNnZLBZFK8VW-isX7w7P47lY9h38MVfCFbyYoWLGp6ORSO57WboqGMdLOOkVWWijd1POv4dSCg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=118.08)):

The news is that last week the commission decided to initiate investigation into adoption from South Korea. And that is actually what we asked for. And it is the first time South Korea, or actually any country in the world, investigates adoptions from South Korea. So it's historical what happened to last week.

Adapted Podcast ([02:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=WXPFRwHxuJ0BibZ6ivy5x3ZDM5ogMGt61y4gsI-tJMjRQsbgNyozo2_N0SYF5bq02lMQaVTmmrHbuQkf4Du5NhNVSdk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=144.81)):

And how many cases did you submit in total?

Peter Möller ([02:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=-U48tGr9nD4v9PETgXJnMOoC8Rl12S2gl06_Abt0RcCXx025tfnembpSjwL3xUiOIw-fA6bsev68dnLE8Ae2IPiO7f8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=149.55)):

The 9th of December, we submitted the last 28 cases, and altogether it is 334 cases.

Adapted Podcast ([02:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=3q1vbVrs2vz_4ZkT2EmUmTx2PWsRSC3RVk-CkpINm2UiIyzIihb9g2ErP7Aa1grIogTNOLL6dqIsiynbFaK3_u5p1F0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=159.24)):

Okay. And, and it's the Korean Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Can you tell us what does this commission, what is it, what is it tasked to do? The

Peter Möller ([02:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ERahA2CUhhfNVHNtFXV7vUooKx-96Qo8hbF_XGA5xlQsAA2rZWHC229jg_i7DvFuqYBX0CwTmiNk0f2tayJxAvrlHzs&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=173.16)):

Commission have been made to investigate human rights violations during that could be during the Japanese occupation, and it could also be during the, it is called the all authoritarian period, we would call it dictatorship. And it goes from 1910 to 1993. So things made by the Korean government that could be Mara, they could be wrongful imprisonment, other things, citizens, usually Korean citizens, they can make a complaint to the commission. And that is what we did.

Adapted Podcast ([03:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ctqBRoqduSZPTQC9aCd9TUWgVMvL4T3xdnLz0kBZA6cZYbtqVYFQSpny4md75Yu8s6g7CjPRuMTjE8XPuK5AchJbVio&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=217.84)):

And is it the first time adoptees had made such a complaint?

Peter Möller ([03:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=TsgLntwuO1FSmAh0P6cA2bET2LhsFbv_yVsdsp-RHC8vT99W_-WOeZtB0SbDvU0sKup-uYOEUu5cjWb9aBiT39Gpd50&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=224.32)):

I think adoptees from from the Brothers Home case they have been submitting cases. And so this is this is the first big case, concentrating only on adoption.

Adapted Podcast ([04:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=5Bfqnsf5Oz4l0qBFQtfHOWmCfgnsgnhBOBWbaT0TkQjKRscf3nJVzkQmfadSIEnLmlCorfR0KqdTmPCS97R4pcHXXrg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=245.95)):

And I understand that the, the commission was actually set to sunset set to retire at the end of this year.

Peter Möller ([04:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Jk8B7Jll9X0fTTH9LyfZEqwZ_QZsZX_5oCo5_JK200HR78s18xlnLXKrVT_JJ_pdB4KtmriZbqBzvUi0RptWP7WmoX0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=256.96)):

There's a law that only gives the commission three years a mandate. So the commission actually is a temporary commission. So the commission actually shuts down around this time here from ninth December 9th. And only cases that have been received by the commission before 9th of December will be investigated or will be looked at.

Adapted Podcast ([04:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=7Cx1juwTJS8VZopMqKxvkDdK4a0vD2wjekndT16m7c8vqy7D8En4pvjAdxLDuC6y6a8twGww0V2-W0Ufbg6KVJO8aGA&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=285.55)):

And so not only is it historic, it it's really by, you know, the 11th hour that this was approved.

Peter Möller ([04:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=mULy6z1bn3W29Fdsf419SpMFSOia9HPwfdzJekWsMOpYn_A-6sPW4JXc6xeRcdQEFijbE1oeKswAYVwPD5DNe_Y2SOU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=295.15)):

Yes. we started in August. we have made four deliveries. So we started back in August 23rd of August was the first delivery. And then it was September thir 30th of September, and then again 15th of November. And now we are back here in in December. So we've made four deliveries, and actually we still receive emails from people. I think we have received more than 200 emails after the news of the commission was known by us and others.

Adapted Podcast ([05:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=kNo9J91TOZtXgpaokLQs2I_9qh50PG7jNXuL8eWoe-VSjD09mg6qRFLnoGKRCOyRYkcG0QSVN95SsP3gmr9HXDBq9tY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=337.81)):

Do you think that, that some people might have been encouraged for by the news and so then they they've come forward?

Peter Möller ([05:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=pflU5LbtHE2UTthySSE_mVJtjf6xV1p4H7CyaSiegtjemfylE4e19NZIRvpyIX3OU0UiVutYfJiraNK2w-RobG98JAY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=344.89)):

Yes, I think so. And also there's been a huge media coverage also of the, of the fact that the commission is going to initiate investigation. So think that has that, and also that people now believe, oh, it's going to be an investigation, but we are, we, we are very sorry. We can't help people when they write us, because now it's after December nine. So it's, we are, we are not able to put in more cases. So we write people at the moment that that we are sorry that they're too late. And a lot of attitudes, they get very angry with us. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> because they believe that we don't want to deliver the cases. the factors that the mandate of the, the commission run ran out December nine. It's a pity if you hoped that your case could be among the cases being investigated.

([06:46](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=sRLOwBEA2135-pSsywxqKZmV7Nf5iDjWF0VRVqL3IYwySUNBDQTu3EWFON23WfkiEO5GYm1av3aLZeJAm-19Z4vrva4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=406.1)):

But there's a limit. So we came at the really, at the last day to ha be sure to have as many cases as possible. And the two representatives from the two other agencies Eastern and s Ws they were also there. So they have been inspired to make similar requests to the commission. So on the last day, they came with their own request Christopher for investigation. So hold cases, s Ws, and Eastern <inaudible>. We now have, all of us, we have an a request for for, to find the truth about adoption. So this is huge also.

Adapted Podcast ([07:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=nLeF8MAYd-iuHGrUO-8v3pqw0ZsOhIkNBWxhtP__idkYDQ9c81OnD1Gt1k58XsUzJdH49gH9VlHpp5UtiNn0fhS_i8U&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=452.63)):

So Peter sort of remind me what's, so once you made you know, D K R G made their initial submissions, then you got interest from some other groups from other countries who also Korean adoptees who represented or were placed by the two other adoption agencies that so far we're not covered in your, okay. Yes. So can we name the countries United States Sweden and Australia,

([08:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=WtyY_lVtQsYAlY8lPlq3hRMEAbuoYl2ojSWSpDRNJPWbcsnv5jVjNNinBL6FJOUaOuY9Rt9ljTuCl4-nFsSKybj1gbU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=490.4)):

And they were they were submitted, those last cases were submitted on the 27th. And I mean on the December 9th did they, so they, did they sort of, they were kind of later, right? So did they have just a really short time and did Yes.

Peter Möller ([08:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Dit5bmJjOwiA3y_VOR_Hc90k0RoZpxvjuR_qUTXg5d1jAfkaEwEHrJFtoo-6j0mDG4VOTmdBz9OHH1yD9evhPZYvFtM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=507.38)):

so I, I wrote people from Eastern that has, that have people have sent requests to me from Eastern. I sent them to Australia where they were handled, and a request from cps, s Ws, k w s I sent them to Sweden to be handled.

Adapted Podcast ([08:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=hJMwoJwlYOcklQxXEmcEZy8Ldm5yInW36qh3tjGpzhdPKhZKR0RQa4dgkFkQL27qOccKWuCUP8h_3QquSbegz25c_KQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=531.86)):

And they can just join. They can officially just join your case, or are they making their own separate? They

Peter Möller ([08:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=xVFbwKz50BFKOaxlpmnDjG4e8rrwLC6sOTlKUAiRK9_jUohMRstm-fhyQ8kaN49NPDT04yPkVFTQkg6EqIWhjcW6a1k&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=537.93)):

Make, they are making independent cases. So now there is an independent case from cps slash s Ws, and and from Eastern. So they have we have sent the forms that we made and we had sent all the material so it was easier for them to make a case. So they had actually to copy paste, could copy paste our things and put in the re relevant things that dealt with s w s or with Eastern.

Adapted Podcast ([09:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=NqyViPRDTNeLK22nz-L-FCf7xVd9xi8O1IQ7dm2wtkAnQfpiHn9Shw4fLNruw-_zTlJX5OULL-xkxOzkzjzEiZsqmTc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=577.1)):

Okay. What is the significance of getting these other independent cases filed? Representing the other two agencies?

Peter Möller ([09:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ADrbrFuoTU9p9fBu-79jzTAnsEvaSVQsrjXn3SYg1F5f79pGohrSO8UuI3oOaPSkDkBaw9UgQKoKxa9FVQ6BpS8IJJc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=588.3)):

because then we suddenly get the whole view from all four agencies. So we have requested to look at their role and the governments role into adoption. So now it's not only Holt s and KSS additives. Now it's even we found an ISS s at t so also this often forgotten adoption agency called, called ISS is also on board. So it's fantastic.

Adapted Podcast ([10:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=MrwPpayrUrLfhgOitZ8Iy2UuSdnoeFrP-nP6bHE7susfO9YUD_h5BBqyqtHOhY29Il6y_31Wcu1sN__SdOzFGB7GzhQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=624.41)):

There, there was a fifth adoption agency Yes. Operating in Korea?

Peter Möller ([10:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=nwjFBSFa9Ay1UTsHFIr6p0jrCMmBeHMJAvkfLebhh9tplDvNfEjcwfbGLMVtzi31Uw77o0RcvzzHIon5qfd0VI8xjAQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=628.65)):

Yes. ISS it was operated by CPS / SWS We call it sws from now on. They were operated by s w s. So is s cases are now in the custody of s w s. So okay. It is more like a humanitarian organization. And the interesting thing is that for all four agencies, if we swapped documents then you wouldn't, you couldn't tell which adoption agency, especially Eastern Cases, they are so similar to Holt cases in the problems. we have stolen kits in Eastern cases, we have document the same kind of document fraud. so they are actually very, very similar all cases.

Adapted Podcast ([11:30](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=MbGs-mmFs7crtg8iQhcpUzl1k02BK-52XQlaifcDZuIjGVXO3w7mNsVgtCeUVenHeawJWrLFjyvw3_vsJkC1OqvA8XE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=690.27)):

and is it your understanding that that many of these agencies work together or they they shared processes?

Peter Möller ([11:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=nf2mvYQyrGDHX2x7O8GdLIIKdDNIbKkkDhbBaYccYOUNBn_IWT0JnTuzRz2k9kYMTYoxhlVHs3KY8u27gGrNCn6hiyU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=699.3)):

They have definitely worked together. There's no question. They have worked together. The methods are one to one, same methods, orphan hojuks, standard forms in adoption, all the same bullshit documents made up documents, they're the same. So either the government of Korea has said, do exactly this, or they have learned from the bests, and that is probably either CPS or Holt, because they were the first one to be there. We also know that the founder of Eastern, he was actually a former Holt board member, I think it was. So they, they could also have learned it by stealing each other's <laugh> technology.

Adapted Podcast ([12:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=rJ8uKKViM-mw4_D9v5LILm9iZB__ijJZ8eO7GBsVZE8fq0JCzt1ThyHXr0zLiANJ6Jye6LliJxmNnD4KS2CfpVlshzk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=754.06)):

Okay. And I, I wanna remind listeners that Peter was on the podcast in an earlier episode this season. So you know, for more background information to, to please listen to that episode. Peter, so the, in these initial how many cases were initially being looked at by the commission?

Peter Möller ([12:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=sigto-QpP-UcoOq-4cHak1sGJKu3GJJP40291y1AgN8HtToC2tcPXTb6L3HzGNyIkfg10_wfzl_iwFln3Qysy36vk1w&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=779.36)):

they start with with 34 cases now.

Adapted Podcast ([13:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=BUgxblVQ2B-FMXI47T7zOrH_FOPVvgouIYJsNbhv3kQqbEx7VBPrueqv5r6Np74oGVju5OvJSgOx1JiBwjtpOtcKZ5I&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=782.8)):

And of these 34 are they from that first batch that were submitted in August?

Peter Möller ([13:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=nrAWn7EZlDrBP29N96hOfy01R25qmyDBTgpmDUBwoX2pnsSOxaP7ZFhfFFyq7Ut_l1XsiryF307uOMN4pBj0wRoSE6c&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=790.06)):

They are a mix between first and second batch. We can't really see there is any, it's not it's not about the dates. I can see that there's a good mix of countries. I think all countries represented in all the cases are in among the 34. And we can also see it's concentrated on the switched cases, cases about document fraud and cases about stolen kits. So that is the only thing we can see. There is some kind of theme through the, through cases, and we can see the, the people come from all over the world. So yeah, and we have actually talked to the investigators. also on the ninth, we were invited to come and say hello to the investigators also to say hello to the to the president. that was actually his last day at work, the 9th of December. So the president said that he was glad to meet us and he hoped that we would've come earlier because then the case would've been, he would've lost to finalize our our submissions.

Adapted Podcast ([14:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=5ZnXcfavUy-V-olCVIONQJbN13D3qHBGnTk0JenA3MwNh9PwkucYZsfiewJFZoO5ra9nKeVvDPb1QUL2gYtt5qHgEPc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=873.91)):

So he expressed, actually expressed a little regret that he w would not be involved in, in this case.

Peter Möller ([14:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=3ctuFWV4Hc3OR4hFs7Vp5apMbSyCacJNRQ_g4sqlG1XKZfu7p5nHH84tqUyfS2bHitmT6XGteccZ7zfavueOeQN44iE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=881.14)):

Yes. He said that he has been he's always known about adapters. He's often talks to adapters. he mentioned a trip to Germany where, where he made a lot of Korean Arabs. So this area has always been of his interest. And when we sent the application, first application was very happy to see that around the world wanted an investigation.

Adapted Podcast ([15:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=8plq4PowUf2gllqrMELiVziLcMralJuV_Wei5-IdtH7XpDgzJ68SWDAwbZitOFdjumn52fFWmEOYlTSlzEzhbGHFhVM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=914.9)):

What is your sense of what the investigators are like, the, the, the people that are actually going to carry out this investigation?

Peter Möller ([15:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=TzOJYwLqlsjGi814w-saLIFUggLNfuBSVCmGxSb5gZgLfX3hBhblnXk3uC0k70XXh9HK_FMj5z9Jzyw1cnOUIUE4w4c&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=921.32)):

Oh, they are really serious people. they are same type as criminal investigators in Denmark extremely sharp. They notice everything. They actually understand everything which tell them about adoption. So if we mention a document a type of document, they know what we are talking about. if we describe a certain procedure, then they immediately understand what we are saying. So I think we were, we only had two minutes to talk with them before we thought, we thought these people, we can trust them 100%. And we are happy that our cases are in the hands of these

Adapted Podcast ([16:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=CoqEg1kCxeZcp_a-jPoPK1Z5z82Gohdz_MGqnoBUQpZTr2976kkYPlfux7nqU1rVhJtWPsU4vqrrtUHFrV7YotqZo7g&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=971.9)):

People. So they, they struck you as being very prosecutorial.

Peter Möller ([16:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=WNjKmR4_IY0V2qtSPLQDEMC0cSTWz1v7zPAMBWUVjtxuKOsgnqIU-b8X_6-9z4KY-iJQ5E0nNCjnqjtUfrdCvYKHy7U&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=975.83)):

I said so the other people in the dk I, I've said the first time I've met people who are not working with adoption or, or adoptions themselves that actually understand what we are talking about. So that was really a pleasure. You didn't have to start all over to tell what adoption is all about. They knew everything. I think it was like they have read all our cases and they understood the different words. They, they knew what a switched at was when we talked about orphan hood jus they know, knew ex exactly what we are talking about, so you didn't have to explain things. So when we mentioned orphan huk orphan hood jus, or identity fraud they actually themselves mentioned, oh, switched or orphan hood. yeah. So it was very, felt really like a safe place to be with the

Adapted Podcast ([17:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=2mku7sEMx9gX181MS4eYazLmKkX33IbkhOWmnYLZpv9xskUcd7pwbOM7TrYj31KqMz6yQu8DoukNsynmZFS9mDSKX18&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1039.79)):

Case. So, and, and did the investigators themselves select the, the first batch?

Peter Möller ([17:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=H2DN0-LLFTUSHhvodTF_3cWP2-ZlAJ_APbsHV20sPd_ZQLkeugl8-KNFEJ0Ge6REuaF6gELecSb2n2x1OSqZRk6iF5Q&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1047.35)):

Yes, I think they have the investigators have chosen the 34. I believe they have found cases that were easy to where the documentation was good because this was the first time they were going to, to select cases. So they're going through all cases and cases that are, they're where they, they're that are well documented, they start investigating those cases. So the procedure is actually quite bureaucratic. So they collect a group of cases, and then they go to the sub commission and say to the sub commission, we found these cases. and the sub commission gives them the okay to start the cases. So those four 34 cases they have been to the commission, and the next group of cases that would be the same procedure that they collect a number of cases, and then go to the sub commission and get an okay from the sub commission and then start investigation.

Adapted Podcast ([18:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=rC5rtS9oqzLJFHmGIH8df_7dq0d5rTx1ybY5K_hVOgUwNEymHAsSBz2jqmxDA3LZ45JKMuuixGU8A6WfELUg14zOEGE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1114.98)):

Okay. So the first 34 have already been to the sub commission and they have moved on? Yes. And it sounds like that's a Yes. Okay. And it sounds like that, like, as you said, they took the most kind of the initial batch or really representing the very clear cut cases of mm-hmm. <affirmative> and, and documenting cases of switch cases of kidnapping,

Peter Möller ([19:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Kl2Hn_sYw63m1okyfto2LLeVRGplLKIyO6T6NldypJW0MfK2ZJO6wDUiXyFGolPjY63eiW47g61TnS4UGKjQ_F20_Lw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1143.24)):

Kidnapping and document fraud. that means especially orphan [inaudible] we read the, in the, in the guardian journalists from the Guardian has has been talking to the members of the Commi sub commission, and they actually mentioned that in one case they have found proof of document fraud paper orphan. So people were made orphans on paper, even though they had parents. they also mentioned they had one case with where they have found switched identity, and they also say they have cases where they have found believe the adoptee to be stolen.

Adapted Podcast ([19:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=EffUrpy9DbZihjDoXvICbpiuC1VvdE6A9cEetmULCZfQlAwtjVUrn8LHnXKqcrkFreMO0fcBXMD47vhh-gTgG6mVvfY&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1195.17)):

Peter. is it safe to say that the majority of adoptees sent abroad for adopt for adoption, were sent on these kind of orphan hojuks you know, made an orphan on paper?

Peter Möller ([20:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=AE0VDkOpNs3heYdgBTP8fP5SR_Fdhevl-dszzYXbEkCsqntRzEyaytB0ywXWtproMubLvo66UikRtdepTdiLvL7YQNc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1213.26)):

Yes. I, I haven't found, I, I think we have three cases where you don't find an orphan ho ju that could be because the T has didn't get it when they applied for all the documents. They also, it could just been had disappeared. But I will say in 98% of the times, documents have been sent on the or hoja. That's also why we while we're waiting for the next group of adapters, I've made a small game on the, on the Danish organization page, actually to find their orphan hood and find the description of their parents in the document. So hold <inaudible>, they have this initial background paper ores confidential, and in the bottom of this document, you can see description on how Holt received you. So if it says that you were handed in by Onward mother and you have an orphan huk, then something is wrong. Often the editor says from Holt, after 1985, they have an independent document actually describing the parents in details. So it's anonymous, and then all the parents are described in details. So if you have an orhan hood hok and this description, something is very wrong because you can not have parents and be orphan at the same time.

Adapted Podcast ([21:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=YMyQ6ggN7P8ed7koKsTNfYCOAprjOpcvyC23CTuWG6rMfGB89eZBQMYCuqcAH9-sGrQNZC0d0AquxYwLwG_r6q4yRrM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1308.34)):

And why were we made orphans?

Peter Möller ([21:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=zlzQclwnE8b1KA1XhC7O_4EXI5ZE6sVewPJHFNZ0dCRsahkW5BGf93T25Qx3vLgLqyR-pOp5lBYOVAOu_KgVTfFBD8w&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1312.87)):

We can see from some of the documents that especially the Americans wondered orphans. So in the procedure, it was made clear that clear that it should be abandoned or often orphans to be sent out. So I think it felt better for a parent, adoptive parent that they knew that they did something good. We saved some children. So the narrative we saved children by adoption. Something also seems like the narrative about adoption is not 100% correct. So of course, Korea was undeveloped country in the 1950s, 60 and seventies compared to United States or European countries. But I've read a lot of background history from other orphanages. There's an or there's a Catholic orphanage. They write that in the beginning of their description of the seventies was that in the beginning of the seventies, there was a lack of children, and they describe that the Korean society has become more rich and people could take care of the children, and also that less children were born.

([23:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Tz7AaRslukFN66BNniQlW7fea1jOzYtE_apPLCiCGkHkLcTNKqGUmTVuk0BDdLOt4KWXaBSVOEJ8reMCaYrrWwAIBhk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1403.59)):

So they described that in 19 74, 19 75, the problem was so deep that the government at that time said that all orphanages with less than 30 children under the age of 18 years, they had to close down. And this happened in 1975. There was an an order to close down because of lack of children. And that doesn't fit with the Holt narrative, that all the orphanages were filled. There were so many children, and all the orphanages were filled with poor starving children. If you ask other orphanages, that was not the truth because they needed children. The last one I read about was that this Catholic orphanage, and they got permission to wait five years until the last orphan was 18 years old, and then they closed down in 1980. so the stories from the nont orphanages are really different from Holt orphanages and the Holt narrative,

Adapted Podcast ([24:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=oimkKt0EJMOKycKC1PHVhUUMVqgQgGfnqBV-rYyrTwlDLw6a0RlhS8dlkA2XAmsWWqpw8wDCBD2lwbfynEEoqWYQIeo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1484.66)):

And I have to research this, like I do think the United States actually had it. It, it was a, it was a law in order for Americans to adopt, for children from abroad, from foreign children, that they had to be orphans. So I think that also kind of dictates, it's like the customer sort of has this thing they're looking for. And so it's almost as yes as if the adoption agencies in Korea just you know, manipulated the records so that they had they had the product that the, you know, that the customer wanted.

Peter Möller ([25:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=7UERzQMy1ZXsSmAUl3bhTRCnosyFg9Pv14sElJx35tmrFBbcwtQHVDpFM7x4tlD_uvHFOxMbbmvknNkgfrhSALJcOAE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1528.37)):

But, but the exciting thing is that since we talked to each other last time that is actually that we have found documentation where the agency, the agency say we used, in fact, we used F standard forms. So we have inviting from the kss that they used standard forms that automatically changed the background history of the child and also made them orphans on paper. So the whole procedure was actually made to make all editors orphans. That was a part of the procedure and the standard forms. And if, if you if you actually look at the documents and you look at, you can actually see it as standard forms.

Adapted Podcast ([26:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=jNCCkhDW3HnQhMt_kYc0gvgDMln3YcsURVjZ9qYbFPUyVQNenk90HM2FsmrGgxWkVowOdJa4-CmcxAHpK_2MfH9llhU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1577.33)):

And do you think that I, I mean, I don't know if you have found any evidence to show that the agencies knew they were doing something potentially illegal or a violation, or that they just thought it was okay to do, or that, you know, these adoptees will never come back. So what does it matter?

Peter Möller ([26:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=O5xN3ywFNLS8RGKWR9bIHkzIKUq9K76NJ8LM6lw5ZQSiM46xqdvn-LQSWeIhjtOo4EgmbRW3CQ5ORv-J03FTuXgcZTc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1598.27)):

We have in writing where they where they state that that they did something wrong. We have also have the words take hold. We have confirmation from the director of the Danish adoption agency that talked withhold that they knew about the Doppler archives. The question is, when did they get this knowledge about double archives? Both agencies hold and kss, we know, and we have confirmation and documentation that on double archives, and that they knew that something was wrong. You don't make a double archive just for, because they had some space left over, they make and double archive to be fraudulent about the background of adapters. So they have done a lot of efforts to both have the false documents, but also to keep the, the real and the true information.

Adapted Podcast ([27:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=s-tqay8w-M0EvplHcKiTpURbggf1SWwyGcDNGSZGcam9Yj96_dWyfwh4oXsmfKC3dL0Edm_GS0i-qsT-Fy2YKH5kI2w&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1662.07)):

Okay. So yeah, what you're describing does suggest an attempt to cover

Peter Möller ([27:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=6NqmuxlgMiFkEMrKqocCBcpnT0tugMwET9OnxKmsCjkI5CIN8GaIonOQvBZXqI6EvNbieKyBS4IPFluMob5zqlHi0Gc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1670.22)):

Yeah. Something very interesting with, especially Holt is like people who are old enough to remember history Holt is like the STARI or the kgb. They actually keep all information. I don't know if it's a, it's a something from from the dictator area. Era, but they actually keep information and store a lot of information. So the first thing I had about hold is that, oh my God, it is exactly like the Stai. When the Stai archives opened, or, you know, after the fall of the wall or the look, you've got an insight into the Ktb archives. They are exactly like Stai and the Ktb during the communist dictatorship in what we know from from Europe.

Adapted Podcast ([28:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=mPA3VJRiV5_U_qvWPWnOOKJHa4183pEGEidxL5u9wuIRqTwewwstVJCQ-mcWBWXCOuIpCxfzhMTAoRatZDnYy2DPqNQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1719.06)):

You let's sort of like this meticulous documentation or just that it doesn't throw anything away.

Peter Möller ([28:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=zVA91zVgmJx43c5nX_z0fowCgSnMsDx-pNkNObsMsmS9l4oe8X7i-P17sDayKRYXUZZG-Mf_PMdBqukHZqR9V7u5oto&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1725.93)):

Yes. And they even do it today. So I, I met the whole president since we talked last time, and she was very angry with me. And my case file has grown from five sheets of paper to like, I would say maybe five, eight centimeters of documents now. So and they told, they were really researching everything about me and put that in my, into my adoption file. So they actually also work like the STARI or the kgb, what we, that is the best thing I can compare because it is not so often that you see organizations working in this way. So definitely it is not to to say, say something bad about it. It's just the best description I can make. It's the kgb the company Stai that is something like that.

Adapted Podcast ([29:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=UwBC7-jqq6GEL0w9rpmDRr2ayWD3zVASbdztLr1MPC6doCGWrCtwVQCRnQ1joPXa_pZtk8WZ0bJgAZt-Lm4TqyC73vc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1783.42)):

Well, you know, Peter, you said that you, you, you, you hadn't initiated an inquiry into your No. Searching for your biological parents. And so when you met with the, the current c e o what is,

Peter Möller ([29:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=l67MU6lQO-v7jMDsdxnat4HcJnUmIzfPCmk_-rF9NfM_s2VGGVabCXbH8ObFB9V9ASmGljHjv9etGuSMYgHSoQbb5R8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1797.01)):

I don't know that she wouldn't given my name, her name? No, no, no. She, she wouldn't give me

([30:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=vUeot-yGlTVb86vdjsg791xPME0jyBrzYCu-19lq6sju4Odl_23-qaqpfoOXDFSJIN3QLWD52-obxufmcqRY6orCatQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1802.08)):

([30:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=yZCFRMH73KuokecnW-WNjEawcC6dRP6j1jXqO-VoERSoGcVoxNs2u-9VzDOxQsy6B8V8UYyz99aJxwms6Qi3OswDglE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1802.08)):

Her name, but she said that when she was the president, actually, all the five people who tried to threaten me to stop the case, they were whole people. They didn't want to pres give the names and present them, but they showed my case that was because they want to they want to scare me to

Adapted Podcast ([30:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=RbAuC0WLH1Mn6alvpk3QcHN8JbXwm1P9dAkcckIPfvnMiqFlKddPeU9oaW6XC-RJTrX5FwNBXVkV43UgJix-bg0fSgA&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1821.7)):

Oh, why did they do that, do you think? Did they thought that, you mean to say that we're going to do something to your file or that

Peter Möller ([30:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=3hS_d5W_UMKrF5CuYUsMPnEyQMRXN4lErwVl8HLQ5koo1kXfyj5y47oIHqemCZEVhcNen8v4OP9urAKOB8tydBXHmDM&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1828.7)):

They No, we're going to do something to you if you don't stop this case.

Adapted Podcast ([30:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=SINqlgaXN2y3e9Twm0Mn7Dn5_s0KmgIZzmy0zuiBqXGjNk1WxfL6twRzqlcxXN9rODVtASIo2o2zQo3qnEIQdhuDBNs&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1833.49)):

Oh, just mean that they had a thick folder on your activities And who you were. Yeah. When did this happen?

Peter Möller ([30:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=lXkoTrf0k8OT_tFZHdmObvu-Aw1uhvvKURC8UdKPWnXHJB-R_jR2W_nc2XSe6EJIjI0QGdQXBx4xQMut30ezLZIIor0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1841.17)):

A month ago, I believe, or something.

Adapted Podcast ([30:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=DfkKbvS9rZA_hZy9C8dhmP3fg3kz0CU3FIdKCBPHU_X262zHO5ELb0XyH40k1UfPZ2jFys79tkGqwi9rhS50CQkliaI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1843.39)):

Wow. mm-hmm. <affirmative>. So the, the cases that so when you were describing before the fact of this orphan hoja made orphans on paper mm-hmm. <affirmative> from a legal perspective, why is that a problem? Why could, is that a criminal offense?

Peter Möller ([31:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Fsyfh8fUM4a9a82piqc-UOL_4rCPBn-o28r_neZEzIzbKrZHH7hOOFSlrGR3I89dtfl4EN3lUJXlAwezg1dOs1_fIwU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1865.68)):

Yes, it is. People, all people have the right to know their background. If your background is manipulated or changed, that is a crime. So especially in adoption, the, the adoption law at that time, Korean adoption law at that time, article 54 states that the adoption agencies, they have an obligation to protect the full identity of the orphan of the of the child. So changing that small things in an identity names, age background information, information about parents and so on, that's one of the d they are all individually illegal actions to do under human rights, but also under Korean law, if you take, if you take the, the right of the child, again, article seven and eight, it's defined what, what background information is, is important for the child to know. The child's right to know. It's a written that is also the name, the age, information about parents and so on. So if you change

Adapted Podcast ([31:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=rrd2uWMaGVGh0ISsXvdXVtoFf3ZzGGR4Kd6h7dtl7ImmaJMt7zv-prRGn3xYDdQuEXa1Z3xj3Zh0tCwsqSi-UUPokpc&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1865.68)):

Peter Möller ([32:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=AgbIcFXnz6x8nkhMjqWCGc-cBtkO3LZOKWaK1ahz5e28yNoRVA9MbYsSqh8NDjU7wqwX86g3qz_OCeFoKlGpWWKK5lk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1935.78)):

Anything of the, a written of the child, that is a violation in itself according to human rights. Okay. But also according to Korean law, adoption law at that time, green adoption law is from in 1966. And it says clearly that the, the institutions, they have a obligation to, to preserve the identity of the child.

Adapted Podcast ([32:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=d_VugA8HrhAHu9w6h4M6Cen9cfARCznEWioLiWOJ0H10UBQHykUeO5ZTuZpPiXBG7F3TQK67ZwNzh0gWD-ZOxYhWZN8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1960.28)):

And is that true, even in cases where it's documented that the birth parent abandoned the child or relinquish the child, that it is still illegal and wrong to an in criminal? Just

Peter Möller ([32:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=F2Yv9q9qcRvbJpFgDB_Y9cWmS5szNI0jSpJZqgEIDy6d6tDyzdQzGh6J3nVUP7A6zLVRpdP_LXUOmLQI_cSmIoJlP5Q&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1978.67)):

They, they should say yes. Exactly. They should just say was handed in by a child by a, by a single mother, or what they what they write in the documents and then don't make the [inaudible]. What is wrong to be, to be handed in from single parent, just write this. The problem is that they changed the history. So this is, we don't know anything about the parent. Mm-hmm. In fact, we don't know if the child has a parent and then they make these or orphan ho jokes. That's the criminal part of this. And they, in the, in the bad cases we have seen, and maybe there are more of those, but we have noticed that some Arabs actually have been registered by their biological family before they were handed in or abandoned, or what the background story is. So we actually have, with two family registers, the original register made by the parents, biological parents, and the fake HOK made by adoption agencies.

Adapted Podcast ([34:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=4Qk9hVNwS1Popp5M12LA-AxrJhgVKUQPHIHPFUL0GxyYQWiCXsLX2h8UalFCj4sb3LQsFn0_V6kGpVvIRu5Tlgo27kk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2057.21)):

So they had two ho they have two.

Peter Möller ([34:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=VXER2Hy7qhP-8aB7T5fO48rbEpv2XEvzx4V8fkd-3mn0Hsda0LPD8ZHF_RlWcfMyENG912df1Mp8B6e7zxDYTsOzRkw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2059.43)):

Yes. And okay, I haven't had the time for it, but one of my yet, but one of my dreams is actually to go into a Truman Center together with one of those, these adapters and ask at this Truman Center Citizen Center, could I please have the information on this one and give them the orhan hood joke, and then being told you don't exist these documents there's no documents. And then say, okay, wait a minute, what about this one? And then find the whole family history. That's one of my big dreams. I have four editors that I would like to ask if they would like, when they, if they come to Korea, that's a problem that they don't, they live abroad. If they come to Korea one day, I would love to go with them into a Cuban center and make this thing here just to really show how ridiculous this have been made.

Adapted Podcast ([35:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Rz4n6wMq3jccItJRf7UeHYWmBbwX7F8A6Rz6ZSakrABMRQ_SmWNYcgYkCP_hM9zGWH2y5Kt3X2SQqDcO-t8_U_-EAE0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2116.85)):

And I know, like in my case I don't appear to be birth registered. I did check with at what I thought is a city or yeah. Municipal office, and they could not find someone with my Korean name that I believe is my Korean name. Anyway, the name that was supplied at the time of my adoption could not find anyone with that name born the year I was born. In fact, the, the next, per the next person with that name was like from the nineties.

Peter Möller ([35:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Wc2QNw18d60Hw8OfFUdhbtJR0JYNTwiPabKV3F5PkIpTmsrvLI-GN3TljZOPa66uvm9KvbHZxxYMaJ-nQf03EnxAUk4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2151.33)):

That is a, that's a problem.

Adapted Podcast ([35:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=0uPHkivbjG7rI0cGXAh4jUR9UNtZH9RF1aSnnpw5ipoI1Zt82hRwxxgdAaM4Lil56MSSM5HHvfN1pKB3iXp4oFPQBo8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2153.5)):

And, and so by law, I believe I should have been registered. Is that not correct?

Peter Möller ([35:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=hwHlpzHN5rCtA6GtCj4DKrtm_cPmbgfhEkyKpFRjI7hqBi6u_z6c2Kqf_baBtHl3c24chwRV6ILLSdeRLQ-4GgZ4Jd4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2158.12)):

You should, you should have been registered after the first 30 days of from being born. well, I've asked in Korea how if people did this they actually did do this in the beginning. It started in 1960s, late 1960s with this with these things here, it was they, they had to know how to do it. But in definitely in the seventies, 1970s 100% sure that people did this. But again, was it, is it then the correct name? We can see hold and cases they cheat with the date of birth also, and the names. So date of birth, they cheat with using the solar calendar and the Mooner calendar. so they switched the dates in these two systems. And also the names can be made up.

Adapted Podcast ([37:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=JJcxFYzeKPRhQIdVtK8CiQjlC491s5nkhJb03fHla3FcUKcKlp55jOH3kxidgNx5Lp-OScOC6s88TA650h-F5D2jhc0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2224.5)):

And so if you were, let's say you came into the under the you know, an adoption agency, you came under their care, for lack of better word, and you had not been registered, birth registered, it was their duty under law to have registered you. Yes.

Peter Möller ([37:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=JfUICVmyPcXD_A7uPW8cL0c1BeXqasQxZ_GV2S1jRl0yueX8OPTLHUlueDjuR_mZmDv6201lNrCrVd41sHetSR80KzU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2244.64)):

that is one of the problems. I think this, I can see one of the first thing they do is actually to make this hok. And the huk is a little bit technical, this thing here, but the hoja actually erases everything before that. So it isolates the hoja. Often Hoja isolates the person who gets this huk. So then you suddenly don't have any family, don't, then you don't have any relation. Actually, you are whole other person when you get this hoja. So the interesting thing is, is actually to see that, to see these adapts having different documents, different legal personas.

Adapted Podcast ([38:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=VPrEgnmwvnfqPROjygTzdipZUsSMmHjJOU-U4kGnY6uJndGxalXl-ob1oY583G2smu8itPtaq5Aketm1-xIyqMZA1hI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2293.77)):

So it's, it's really, these private agencies are, these private companies are, you know, playing God.

Peter Möller ([38:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=wSmAY_CrFwcjrDlIrJ63GGcj3oGO_cSTJXJjS2IpkFNpfJ2IrmnFL3BChoFIRrSM1H7F2ZNCm-ClHNY5qEkJBv8csGk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2299.89)):

Exactly. Exactly. And it seems like I could just take any child in the street, take them into a Truman Center, just make a whole other document on him, on him, and then he would be erased. So when we come today with our Ork, we actually come with a product that isolates us from Korean society. It is made up to isolate us. That's why we don't get far with these documents. because it's a small, isolated islands.

Adapted Podcast ([38:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=72q2d7RjIS2S8W7a9UBGraiMJHKW5Q0QE1fsv87GJUHMrP_hhxovRIiA2GDUFzM2ZnSESrTs_I0G2qQlGsV9QhQeiLU&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2335.51)):

The purpose was to sever us from Korea and exactly our, our, our roots and, and, and disappear our identities.

Peter Möller ([39:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=3m_1Iy79-Cnn-JEnVGepDcHrNsMEERFK1GwqewQuYv9FmqhQ7z0xbxb2MaN0pBNpScSEYW6Vv5Y5rTfmrmWR2FPZELE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2348.89)):

Exactly.

Adapted Podcast ([39:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=m2rwa0Pi33SIJrcpK8wcX8pMgd4mX-BMvRXUkCzEVnDlt7P7qFYZARPwqaHv3BcU9HCPcJrrwVv33KLj4_SKDHS256o&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2350.33)):

How did it feel when you submitted the last cases? Or let me let me backtrack. How, how did you get the notification that the cases were accepted by the commission?

Peter Möller ([39:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=ZbJ1pHZIWeemLbeElq6OjWYsKAWoU3ZA7gkoJ8GDzicas7DU08acVXy3qNvKDuFlpU6qJUbd7-IFRP7SmZY2ugN4rCk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2368.32)):

Oh, that was I was actually printing the last cases, and then Punyang came in. the commission has called Punyang and said that they start investigation. So <laugh>. Yeah. And that was really, really, really pun

Adapted Podcast ([39:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=jT-1t3s9usNHETQxfFQ0jbA9gHymb7iq01sFt79bajgUxesKaPskjtKV9ILJzpAA-50BWa1Knbw3kzy9Q8T3m1T5v1E&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2387.04)):

Pun.

Peter Möller ([39:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=IPMnom8obPK1qgga8BUdRb_9wnDHy6sArML6_uJJLwvkjb0d6kFH0hcSty00pubOMDHaj_HywvW5vKnN3oDTpdF1vGI&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2388.67)):

I said they have started. I I thought they were starting. I knew that they were, the commission would have a meeting one week later. So they actually started cases before that we ex knew about it or expected these cases to start. so so that was, I, I think that was Wednesday. It, I don't only think it was, I know it was Wednesday last week because I will never forget the date. So <laugh>, so just amazing.

Adapted Podcast ([40:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=65BuM50J4ufn6uN9F2ivgERVipH8yIw8jX1N6RK2Fzik1-YXNTETyreOcflmtoQhc4W8K4cxxJTrTgV0FYrXpUNnB_o&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2421.76)):

Yeah. What did, did, did you must have both just screamed or what was your reaction? Just shock

Peter Möller ([40:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=0shl3XXWhM2xIVmvWeGllSq4X7LUPdAJgh9YK8UsrSP-AE5ImCnoOtISoPmIHxlj9-dlZJRI_OSpE6hl1QLYryqfC24&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2429.41)):

Extreme. I was just so happy. first thing I thought about was to tell the Arabs that we have an adoption commission. So I called, the first thing I did was to call the TRC group in in our organization. Peter was too busy because he he worked Peter Knutsen so got only only I got in contact with Jane. And she was so overwhelming, happy also.

Adapted Podcast ([41:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=AjvhODX8CvkMSLywJ3SuQ8uq30PcFq7Z3_SttH8IConfW3PTlSk4PLHE6BvMaQMZ5ofVc9inipTTpEqPPxKx7LxwzB4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2465.35)):

So and it's Jane, how do you say her last name? Maddo?

Peter Möller ([41:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=W9bdMQw6B_hQ_zdJ42AeYKNj1YOylTXZ8iCTYwFmvizw_hj558EcT7hQPGq3-CDMn4izF7_TnDNahe2gp383bFq0Ef0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2470.18)):

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Adapted Podcast ([41:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=plxKx5o9hHDdTRayjdL53UvowPMUGDdbgaYf0bDQ0jdhSBOCFE60V4pvAb_tOBfyOq7whpfavUEARjSEZ2QpyEd7mF8&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2471.28)):

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Peter Möller ([41:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=xWlaviDTG6M9iXESsqzQ2q2qvc4KUwF09QD2M5sKHXQXh4IC_5Nhlo44X-vCWmMUDhvppNgDtola9Tbi_8BoKTMHhZg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2474.38)):

My, so he, she's just doing really, really fantastic job. She uses all her time for this case here. So I think most of us has this we were really relieved that the time we have spent on this case here was actually, it was actually, it meant something that we have used this time. And then we actually got what we worked for to get an an investigation and a commission into adoption. That was our big hope. And then to, to hear that what we've been working for actually we succeeded and this is very happy. And then actually on the same date also, we were told that Mr. Kim Song Ju's law, bill that gives, adoptees the right to own documents, that it was voted through the health and welfare Commission was also a big joy. So

Adapted Podcast ([42:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=XP88ROZoDwg1vp-uOBCO7kdn12Pd-Ebnxsxo-r399-uifgJn7btaN1iWW7KpMgaOftEMNCQSxdT0Tz4FIv2CGjeK_l0&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2540.48)):

And can you talk about that law? Does, has it been made law or does it go up now in front of the full parliament, or what

Peter Möller ([42:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=tj0NZXnEfWef0ETo0dPqvcoTZ13XZllc7zHQePRlQk-4nZlLjwr55HWh4uKs4kGEfkp-VKdX-aEGKhJ2byrsXwvjJWQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2548.08)):

Happens? The law, all the negotiations and the law has been going through the Committee of Health and Welfare, and it's here, it has, it has been negotiated and and now it has passed. It's passed. The no has passed by the commission committee, and it is to be formally voted through parliament and also to undergo this law control that the law is actually okay according to, you know, constitution and all other things. So now it's only the technical part.

Adapted Podcast ([43:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=PfOG90X_wisJ5Anq5NRoG7iNknWyK4zrEq2OP4QlI9sA0vjGnCzIlYHBgO5_YpMz_VxBHZrx7jYjiCfQQgQErlUQoUo&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2589.11)):

Okay. So, okay. So it has been approved or not yet by the, by the commission by the committee. It has been approved by the committee committee. And we have been told by Mr. Kim [inaudible] that there is a majority in parliament to vote this law bill

([43:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=S5qg06lrZ3J52SLl1q8ZLN7ssFBSPHnZ-pnbb19O4Bdzo-uAKbyuJfEogQvReff9rOKjNa8AAyv2jSClE81cQYXkPbk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2608.07)):

Willing to vote for it. So, okay, so it's not yet law yet, but the, he thinks the votes

Peter Möller ([43:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=O1witEuiGDTnFQD8y69NexkxKzpn6pMYSGREX9ejSg67-MZBZcT7xpYTncrB8-NDTELChxTOZXCaw_iyp47SgRLB3UQ&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2614.46)):

Are there. Yes. And he apologized that the process was, was so slow, so he said, oh, no, no, we don't, apo don't say that, because we are just happy that the law is going to come down. So but he was very last time he saw him he said he was sorry that the law that took so long time to be, to be passed, but he believed that relax, the law is going to come, is just a question of when. So that's very good.

Adapted Podcast ([44:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=oAMEfxb3KXaE2nY1KDxZBDznRklqzSzlqUutcWy7I_KD9AYBwtAY0PjM_3muDrChIdYPHjnrbYwPivnrhU_BKPAM7iE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2649.23)):

Okay. Okay. And what are the key points that you are asking the Truth Commission to do? Is it to could you go over those again? Yes.

Peter Möller ([44:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=jjxRxveKNFPE-ZYMNhmz8UI_4rq1qsL6jIKxDAxRsMHN2HpqBxlM_j34OmC7NXAhSOscPH0vWnSnWUgnFYhzzv3FB6w&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2664.4)):

We, we have we actually have 50, we have identified 56 types of violation. and they, these violations are, are described in our two main documents. so, and, and, and one violation that is, that could be, you know, document fraud about hood jus it could be stolen children it could be sexual abuse. so all these cases all these violations are mentioned in in the main document.

Adapted Podcast ([45:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=3yZSBZmWzMCkYOnBuyyp3S_YYaQ0p8D8iVHqAAgHZ5nhTRkRPM8u7PHqSWlQ-xlETheulBCWnSCcKE6YOCPtFOZlVFk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2706.09)):

In the first cases that were taken were there any, there were none about sexual abuse cases, is that correct?

Peter Möller ([45:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=rpyVOixk1drjYXLCiBtGhN4jt-RbLWqFxSla3JbR9KpQtj9uJyvCYdP067twF_Ie_yPpglFqRe0cWv-WQ4FOO9DAYCg&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2715.99)):

No, it's something very interesting happened in the beginning, actually 51 cases. it was very much concentrated about paper fraud, document fraud. But already in the second submission, the type of cases actually changed. I can see in the last four months when I've been working with this case, actually the type of what we are dealing with here has been changed. Really, really been changed. So we are talking, we, we believe there have been some kind of network within, especially hold where they have sent children out to pedophiles. So they have either been the network or been a part of the network giving, sending out children to to pedophiles. And we have asked the commission actually specific to look into hold because we believe, strongly believe they either was the network or is the network because it still exists or was a part, or is a part of a pedophile network.

([46:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=bzuUydbpMD_-KWmz60cnPQrBsPLKppMn4OYy0H4ckBDpyh5P6Y5PJqUxhM8hXw9h_JHAJHr8hi43SdE2bAcw9mqcLxw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2797.02)):

you, the cases with sexual abuse from hold is so significant that it can't be other things than that. also statistically it shows this also something very, very interesting is that a whole other investigation that is in the Human Rights Commission. So we have the TSE Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and then you have the Korean Human Rights Commission. They have had a study on co adoption from Korea. In fact, it's, it is now the world's biggest study on s from Korea. And we've talked to the scholars from this and asked them if they also have heard about sexual abuse, and they have had the same significant amount of adapts with sexual abuse. So it is not only us who see this special thing about adoption independently from other side, it has been, they have noticed the same thing. And this report from the study is going to be out, I think within a month or so. So people can read it themselves. So

Adapted Podcast ([48:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=uOf2LJBj3jOtLUJm038MDLzZSlaeahna-yQJwJAhoEdPcV03TZ8GU_R27yItv1lsY_4jymbAnrd8--Cw6Rn4qaz7Krs&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2882.08)):

And this is the, the survey, the Korean Human Rights Commission on the survey.

Peter Möller ([48:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=pmFu9iVTUsBBZ-C_--NC2gEa4lP724quefUpuuUXINY2O_nNtfrZ8BD2zHdPBVzSj3gbrNwzRQ211xoDUn01cG-WmhE&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2886.67)):

They actually started before we started our case. They started to interview at <inaudible>. And they have also made a survey where they have asked some questions to, and this is really, really, really important, this survey they make, cuz adoption from South Korea has never been researched like this in such a huge number. I think the last survey, real survey, I think that was the book made by Coru, where were had 10 adoption cases. They described 10 adoption cases with the violation. They actually do some of the same things. And this co-wrote book with the 10 cases, and this study just in bigger scale, I think it's more than 500 adapters that have participated in the study. This is really, really fantastic. So interesting thing, what I'm, I haven't read the survey or read the study full study yet.

([49:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=Rsl1MqcKGXMd9QIvhsOG-SHsDIi935-91pOZ8HI7o8l7yMy2l6TtfqI7zAG7O4-9F6TdSDouMgtPepVD_vq2gpHdCM4&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2959.75)):

I've heard it's around 500 pages of knowledge of about adoption from South Korea. So I'm looking forward to read it, but I've heard that they actually find some of the same things that we do. So we, it feels nice to have submitted cases and then find out there's a study showing exactly what our complaints are about. So when we talk about sexual abuse, and it must feel good for the s around the world that have been sexually abused, that have brave s coming forward saying, I was abused. And we put this in as an independent part of our submission to the, to the commission and an independent group of scholars, some of the best scholars leading scholars within adoption mm-hmm. <affirmative> in Korea. They actually come to the same conclusion that sexual abuse is a significant part of adoption. And, but the question is why? And that's why we asked the commission. Were there, is there, was there, is there a, a sexual abuse network within hope?

Adapted Podcast ([50:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=eBeE-n9tOdomHr-8j-mtupxDNuv36Oufs54UomM5ewaPw0gVCN6ZVKlmaYz5Pf5EqiG1UdlMDPk1PVBtYQ5j5cYQVwk&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3041.54)):

No devil's advocate. Someone might say, well, we didn't know this person was going to commit this crime was going to abuse a child. what culpability should there be? Or is there on either the adoption agency or, you know, the Korean state

Peter Möller ([51:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=lSQEZ71j4idwc1WfKkWk0CXPbGRtyzM2MvmeHvA0gbntsky0GF-Dem38efQk9Olc4A4rOLH4tEgIyGgVbX-Q8Fwmbaw&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3065.89)):

In, in when it comes to sexual abuse?

Adapted Podcast ([51:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=9T413egDtQe0NHwa015xp1hC8YClLQan9GNZG_ItvzZ8aCDa2tj54x6Jda03FPX-bGdmK0auWU6VLm75FTZY0iLn26E&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3068.87)):

When a child is you know, sexually abused after it's a after the child's adoption and sexually abused within its their adoptive family is there culpability by, from, by the state?

Peter Möller ([51:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=sIhj1by1cyz6KEIQ8EGrI1bR3uo-grayBeYjZfsd2guPMS08b0vTHb2QJkHIczw2yvAylQdeGbiLq8gMg3D8ALpnchs&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3084.35)):

At i, I would say the part of the adoption procedure is actually after the adoption had been finalized that this, the government and the adoption agency at that time, they had to check, make a checkup on the child. They had to check up is, has the child been placed the right place in good warm hands of a, of a family? They, they, by law, they have this obligation to do this and also in the matching process. So it tells a lot about the quality of the matching, I would say. And it tells a lot about the quality of this post adoption service part. That is actually the, the post adoption service part is to make sure that the adoptee has been placed at the right place in the right place. And it's, yeah, because this was not to find a good place for children. This was about money. So the matching process was sloppy and we can, we have found documentation that matching never took, actually happened to place. Yes. And so I think, I believe it's only a percentage of of the autopsies that have, where parents have actually been screened.

Adapted Podcast ([53:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/Edit?token=hhvVCvLQ16esEnxbYiA27nLVE50oGkHnH75jcONZ69hUtM-Vat0c6na8U4HzSX3BiJWrG6zkt-qGQJtQpOgRVwLy_4s&loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=3193.55)):

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