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BOZIE LINCOLN DONALSON

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Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6969]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 6969) for the relief of Bozie Lincoln Donalson, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of the minor half-Japanese child in the custody of a United States citizen serviceman and his wife. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Japan on December 15, 1950, of a Japanese mother and an American soldier father. The child was placed in the Elizabeth Saunders Home in Oiso, Japan, and was released for adoption to Sgt. and Mrs. Bozie L. Donalson, who are United States citizens.

Congressman William G. Bray, the author of the bill, submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following letters and documents in connection with the case:

406TH MEDICAL GENERAL LABORATORY,
APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., November 10, 1951.

Hon. WILLIAM A. BARRETT,
United States Congressman, House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BARRETT: We are in receipt of a letter from Hon. Hugh D. Scott, Jr., stating that our letter and file, which requested assistance in securing

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appropriate legislative action to enable the acquirement of citizenship for our adopted son, has been referred to you.

We were very desirous of sending the file to our Congressman, but the names of the Congressmen, though listed, were not listed by districts. Herein lies the cause of the error. However, we are very thankful that the file has reached the proper person for further action.

Our adopted son, now christened Bozie Lincoln Donaldson, was born December 15, 1950, of an American GI and a girl of Japanese origin. The parents were unmarried and the baby found unwanted by the mother.

We are asking that you please introduce a bill in Congress in behalf of our son in order that he may acquire citizenship in the United States.

Since our arrival in Japan it has been our misfortune to lose a daughter 8 months of age. Since that time we were very concerned about having another child but it just didn't happen. Our daughter, who is now 8 years of age, prayed daily that she would soon have a baby brother. After several months had lapsed she began saying, "Mommie, I pray every day for a baby brother and I have faith in God, I know He is going to answer my payers but how much longer do you think it will be before He blesses us with a baby?"

Later, when she would kneel at night to pray, she would cry as she would ask for a baby brother. Then we later would find her sitting in a chair or lying across the bed during the day crying. When we would ask her why she was crying her answer would be that she was just lonesome for a baby she could love like she had loved her sister. We, too, were praying for an addition to the family.

For some time, we had considered adopting a baby but we now realized that the time had definitely arrived that such a step should be taken. We then discussed the situation with our chaplain and he directed us to an orphanage where he felt we could adopt a child.

The Sunday we drove over to the orphanage, the director was permitting us to observe different children and it was when she led us to a crib in which was lying an 8-month baby boy that it seemed as if each of us instantly beamed with a joy that we can't express as we saw this blessed baby lying in his crib. It was as if my baby, who had passed on, was lying there, only it was not a girl, as he resembles her so much. I couldn't help but shed tears of joy when, after the director placed him in my arms, and he had glanced at each of us, his face broke forth into one of the sweetest smiles we have ever witnessed on the face of an infant. This only seemed to have confirmed the feeling we so deeply felt. Our decision was immediately made that he was the one we wanted for our very own. We now know that it was through God's guidance that we were led to the bedside of this blessed infant.

From the beginning of our marriage children were a definite part of our plans. As a result of such planning, we have a substantial saving which along with steady employment enables us to do justice, financially, by any child of which we might assume the responsibility as parents.

The pivot of our home is our love for, our faith in, and our obedience to the will of God. It is from this center that the activities of our home revolve. Our home is peaceful, comfortable, and happy.

We feel that part of our duty to God is fulfilled in fulfilling our duty as parents to our children. Our daughter was converted at the age of 6 years of her own will and was baptized at the age of 7, Children's Day this year. We had our son christened so that he, too, would be placed in the tender care of Jesus.

Our sentiment has been so well expressed in the statement that our 8-year-old daughter has so often made since the adoption of our son. She stated she "knew God would answer her prayers and bless her with a sweet brother because she had faith in Him." This is exactly how we as his parents feel. We are all so happy and our son has so many ways of letting us know that he is happy, too.

God grant that we will soon acquire citizenship for our adopted son in the United States, the country of which we are happy to be citizens. We want our son to grow strong in the principles of American democracy so that he will grow up to be a citizen worthy of its trust.

We wish to thank you in advance for any assistance that you might render and may God's blessings attend you and yours always.

Sincerely yours,

Bozie I. Donalson
Sgt. and Mrs. Bozie L. Donalson.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FAR EAST COMMAND,
Office of the Command Staff Judge Advocate,
APO 500, January 15, 1952.

Hon. WILLIAM A. BARRETT,
United States Congressman,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. BARRETT: Sgt. Bozie L. Donaldson, Four Hundred and Sixth Medical General Laboratory, APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., has requested me to ascertain the status of the private bill introduced by you for entry into the United States of his adopted son

Sergeant Donaldson requested and has secured a 90-day extension of his tour in Japan, pending approval of the private legislation introduced by you.

At the time Hon. William G. Bray, Congressman from Indiana, was in Tokyo, Sergeant Donalson contacted him, and Mr Bray stated he would be happy to lend you every assistance with this bill in the House

For your information and assistance in submitting the private bill, you will find on the attached list the names and addresses of members of Sergeant Donalson's family, together with the names and addressed of three friends who are well acquainted with his background. The Immigration and Naturalization System will need this at the time the bill reaches the Judiciary Committee.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish this headquarters with a copy of the private bill introduced by you and present status of same.

Thanking you for your consideration and with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

MARY C. EASTERLING,
Attorney-Adviser.

Sergeant Donalson's family

Parents: Mitchell D. Donalson (deceased) (father); Leona Speight Donalson (deceased) (mother).

Brothers: Nathaniel D. Donalson (school), 1527 South Street, Philadelphia, Pa. (residence: 303 Upshot Street, Germantown). Dr. L. Donalson (surgeon), 115½ College Street, Fayetteville, Tenn. Theodore Donalson (mortician), Nashville, Tenn.

Sister: Redenia C. Donalson (teacher), Ohio Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. Donalson's family

Parents: Dewitt Peyton (deceased) (father); Mary Johnson Peyton (mother), Nashville, Tenn.

Friends

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president, Lincoln University, Lincoln, Pa. Dr. Harold Grimm, member of faculty, Lincoln University, Lincoln, Pa. Dr. E. R. Clemmons, president, Pioneer Business Institute School, 629 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

ELIZABETH SAUNDERS HOME,
Oiso, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, September 4, 1951.

Re acquiring United States citizenship for adopted child of Sgt. Bozie and Mrs. Bozie L. Donalson, RA33105685 United States Army, now stationed in Japan but a legal resident of 1121 South Seventeenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

To Whom It May Concern:

1. The Elizabeth Saunders Home at Oiso, Japan, is a home for unwanted and abandoned children who are the offspring of members of the United States occupation forces and women of Japanese origin. It is recognized as such by the Japanese Government and has received financial aid from various branches of the United States occupation forces as well as substantial contributions from former United States Ambassador Joseph Grew.

2. I, Mrs. Renzo Sawada, founder and executive director of the Elizabeth Saunders Home in Oiso, Japan, attest to the fact that on September 4, 1951, a male infant child (John) now christened Bozie Lincoln Donalson, was delivered from my care at the Home to Sgt. Bozie and Mrs. Bozie L. Donalson for adoption.

3. This child born December 15, 1950, of a Japanese girl and an American GI man of United States citizenship was abandoned by his father and found unwanted by the mother.

4. Since this child has been completely relinquished by the parents and not registered in the name of its mother's family or with any agency or representative of the Japanese Government as required by the law of citizens, or any other government, no claims can be made upon it by any individual, institution, or government.

5. When the child was adopted by Sgt. and Mrs. Bozie L. Donalson it was done not only to give him love, care, security, and education, but, also to acquire for him the same citizenship of his newly adopted parents, with my assurance that such adoption involved no further legal restrictions or qualifications.

6. Therefore, I certify that the said child is now in the possession of Sgt. and Mrs. Bozie L. Donalson as a legally adopted child without any reservations.

Mrs. Renzo Sawada,
Executive Director, Elizabeth Saunders Home, Oiso, Japan.

Witnessed by:

Charles F. Stiegler, *Major, Marine Corps.*
Harry S. Ketz, *Lieutenant Colonel, Marine Corps.*

August 31, 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have known Sgt. and Mrs. Bozie L. Donalson since March 1951. They have been constant attendants at our chapel services. Sergeant Donalson has been a regular member of our choir. Mrs. Donalson has participated in our children's work.

Sergeant and Mrs. Donalson have a very fine Christian home. There is an atmosphere of quietness, peace, and happiness in it. The home is orderly and tastefully arranged and the material things of life are amply supplied.

Both the sergeant and his wife are well educated, but better than that, they are outstanding Christians. Their daughter, Sandra, was baptized into the Christian faith, at her own request, at the age of 8. The decision she then made was largely influenced by the teachings of her parents and their daily Christian living.

I am confident that the little child which they now seek to adopt, will be given just as much love and care as they have given to their daughter. It is an unusual privilege which is granted to this child to be brought into this splendid home.

Without any reservations, I strongly urge the granting of adoption by Sergeant and Mrs. Donalson of this child. I shall be happy to give any other information of the family which may not have been covered in the above statement.

Emanuel Carlsen,
Chaplain (Major), Grant Heights Chapel.

Headquarters, 406th Medical General Laboratory,
United States Army,
APO 500, September 5, 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

I certify that I am the detachment commander of Sgt. Bozie L. Donalson, RA33105685 and as such have had the opportunity to observe his habits and actions.

In my opinion Sergeant Donalson is a fine a soldier as I have had under my command and I know from personal conversations with him that he and Mrs. Donalson are desirous of adopting a child in order to make their family complete.

Sergeant Donalson is well educated and fully understands his responsibility to a child placed into his custody.

I heartily recommend that Sergeant and Mrs. Donalson be given the opportunity to care for this child and that authority be granted for adoption.

Charles Koerner,
Captain, MSC, Detachment Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, TOKYO GENERAL DISPENSARY,
JAPAN LOGISTICAL COMMAND,
APO 1052, September 18, 1951.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Bozie L., 8 months old, foundling in the care of Sgt. and Mrs. Bozie Donalson, RA33105685, for the purpose of adoption has been examined by us and found to be in good health. There is no evidence of any mental or developmental disorder and there is no chronic, contagious, or infectious disease present.

His laboratory examination is as follows:

Urinalysis—Negative.
Blood serology—Negative.
Stool examination—Negative.
Chest X-ray—Negative.

HARRY SPITZ,
Lieutenant Colonel, MC, Commanding.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 6969) should be enacted.

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