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SUBJECT: VIETNAM ADOPTION FRAUD: NO GOING BACK: BIRTH MOTHERS
UNAWARE CHILDREN UP FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: While previously nearly all infants from Phu Tho
province were documented as abandoned children, the Embassy recently
received four relinquishment cases from the province. Thus, the
Embassy was able to peek behind the curtain of fake abandonments and
speak with birth mothers directly. A two-day investigation led to
troubling new information: financial inducements offered to birth
mothers, birth mothers unaware their children are to be adopted by
foreign parents, and the use of financial and psychological tactics
to prevent birth mothers from reneging on their promises to
relinquish. END SUMMARY.

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Background
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2. (U) On October 25 and 26, ConOff conducted a field investigation
in Phu Tho province. In the past, adoption cases from Phu Tho were
primarily abandonment cases, with no information about the birth
mother. During this trip, four of the five cases under investigation
were relinquishment cases.

3. (SBU) Numerous fraud indicators were evident after the initial
L-600 interview, including:

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