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(SBU) GVN Announces Policy for Cases After September 1 - On April 25, Post received a Diplomatic Note (attached) from the Ministry Of Justice outlining the GVN's procedures for pending adoption cases. The policy is that the GVN will allow adoptions to be completed in cases where prospective adoptive parents have been matched with a child and received an official referral prior to September 1, 2008. Dossier that have not received a referral by that date will be closed and returned to the Adoption Service Provider. DIA will suspend the acceptance of new dossiers on July 1, 2008. Post has confirmed with the Office of the Government that this is a final policy and has interministerial approval. Post believes that this is a reasonable process which will protect pending cases, while respecting Vietnamese law.



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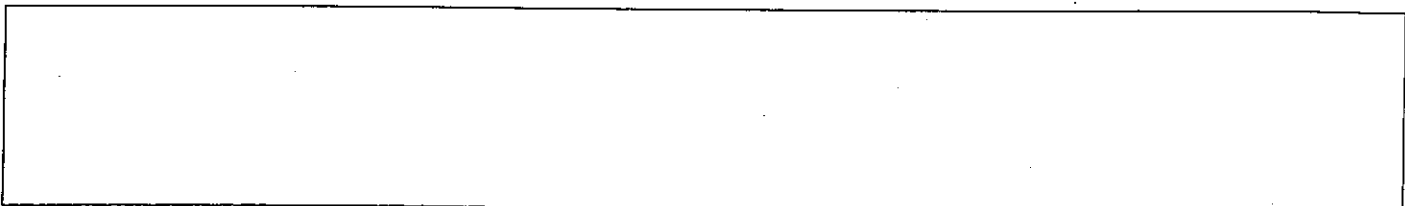
(SBU) New Warning and Fraud Summary Posted - The adoption warning and the fraud summary have been posted on the embassy website. The link for the warning is http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/adoption_warning0408.html. The fraud summary is http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/irreg_adoptions042508.html.

(SBU) Revising the Warning - Even though the new adoption warning was just posted today, it is already obsolete due to the GVN announcing its policy on cases after September 1. Post has modified the relevant section of the warning and received telephonic clearance from the Department. The revised text is attached below.



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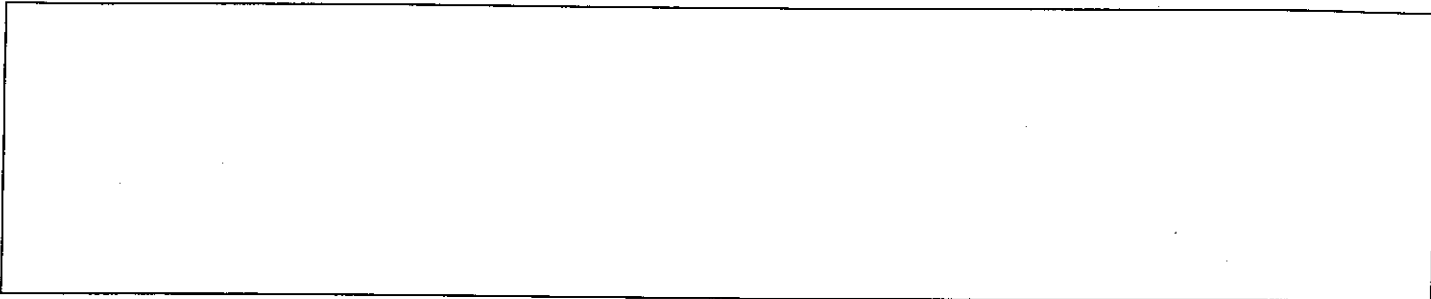
(SBU) Blocked Investigations - Meetings Requested in Thanh Hoa and Thua Thien Hue - Post today formally requested meetings with provincial officials in Thanh Hoa and Thua Thien Hue to discuss blocked investigations in those provinces. We expect a reply from the provinces in 2-3 weeks.



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(SBU) Boxer may Mention Adoption in Draft Human Rights Bill - The following item is repeated from EAP/MLS OI 66-08: Desk has reached out to Boxer's staff several times recently - so far without success -- for an update on the Senator's announced plan for legislation on human rights in Vietnam. According to a readout from the Vietnamese Embassy of their own meeting with Boxer staff last week, however, the Senator has notified colleagues on the SFRC of plans to draft a "Vietnam Human Rights Act." Boxer's staff reportedly told the Vietnamese that the legislation would highlight concerns over (1) NQQ's case, and (2) Adoptions. The Embassy was under the impression Boxer wants to raise concerns over specific adoption cases, rather than systemic problems, and they have asked her staff for further details. The Embassy also reiterated their request for a call by Amb. Phung on the Senator (she has turned down multiple requests). We will continue to seek insight from Boxer's office and other staffers.



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(SBU) FAQ's - In order to improve our communication with PAPs, Post is adding an FAQ section to our website. This will be a dynamic list that we can change as events warrant. To start the process, we have developed an initial list of questions from e-mails that we have received. We have divided this list into three parts. We intended to publish the answers to part one on May 7, part 2 on May 14 and part 3 on May 21. The list of questions is attached for Department/CIS review. Please let us know if there are questions we should add or remove from the list. We will then work with CI and USCIS to obtain cleared answers.



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