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**(SBU) News from the OOG** - On April 8, ConOff again contacted Mr. Hung at the Office of the Government (OOG) to see if there had been any further action on determining the status of adoption cases after September 1. Hung confirmed that DIA has now submitted its report to the OOG, which is discussing the issue with various ministries. He said that the issue will require careful study and that it will take time before a conclusion is reached. Once a decision is made, the OOG will arrange a meeting between the Ambassador and representatives of the various Ministries to discuss the next steps.

**(SBU) DIA Tells ASPs of Intent to Process Up to 3000 more US Adoptions** - Despite the September 1 expiration of the US-VN MOU on adoptions, Dr. Long, the DIA and ASPs appear to be gearing up to continue processing adoptions. While DIA has said nothing official, several ASPs are reporting that Dr. Long has said that they will not be accepting new dossiers after September 1, DIA is preparing to continue to process all of the 2,000 to 3,000 cases that are anywhere in the pipeline plus any additional cases that come in before September 1. At the same time, DIA has informed us that the OOG will be responsible for deciding what happens after September 1, and OOG contacts report that no firm decisions have been made. At the same time USCIS HCMC reports that it is receiving 50-60 new I-600A petitions each week listing Vietnam as the country of preference.

**(SBU) Revised Adoption Warning** - The current adoption warning was published in January, 2008. Since that time, we have decided not to renew the current agreement and the problem of blocked provinces has developed. At the same time, several ASPs have told PAPs that DIA will continue to process cases that are dossier to Vietnam by September 1, even though the GVN has not made an announcement to this effect. As a result we believe that it is time to issue a new warning to prospective adoptive parents to alert them to changes in the current situation in Vietnam. We believe that this can be issued as a warning from post, and published on our web site. We would appreciate the Department's clearance on the attached text.



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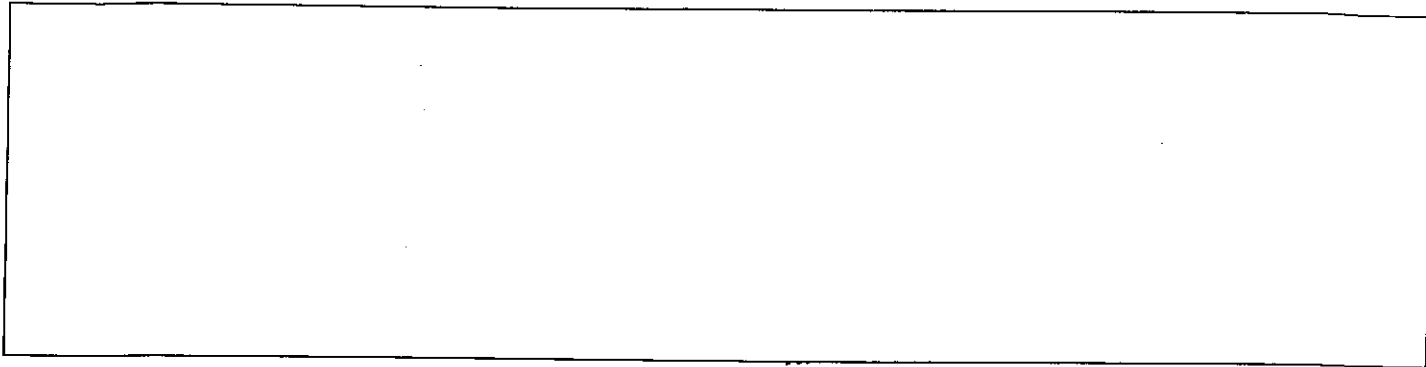
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**(SBU) Thai Nguyen Continues to Block Investigations**- Today we received from DIA a copy of a letter sent from DOJ Thai Nguyen to [redacted] (attached) The letter is quite clear in stating that officials in the province have been instructed not to discuss adoption cases with the Embassy unless we agree to have our visits be announced and escorted. Further they state that any information from private citizens in Thai Nguyen that is collected with out a local government official present is considered "not objective and incorrect." The letter concludes "We would propose that DIA should inform the Embassies to collaborate with provincial authorities in conducting investigation. They should not do it independently; otherwise, they will neither get cooperation from the interviewees nor keep their own security."

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**(SBU) Quarterly ASP Meetings** - Post is planning to send out invitations to ASPs and other adoption stakeholders for the May and August Quarterly ASP meetings. We are planning to hold these on May 29 and August 14. We are scheduling both meetings now at the request of the ASPs, who have asked for advanced notice in order to allow US based staff to attend. While this has traditionally been a post event, we are open to Washington participation. We would appreciate any overnight comments from the Department regarding these dates before we send out the invitations.