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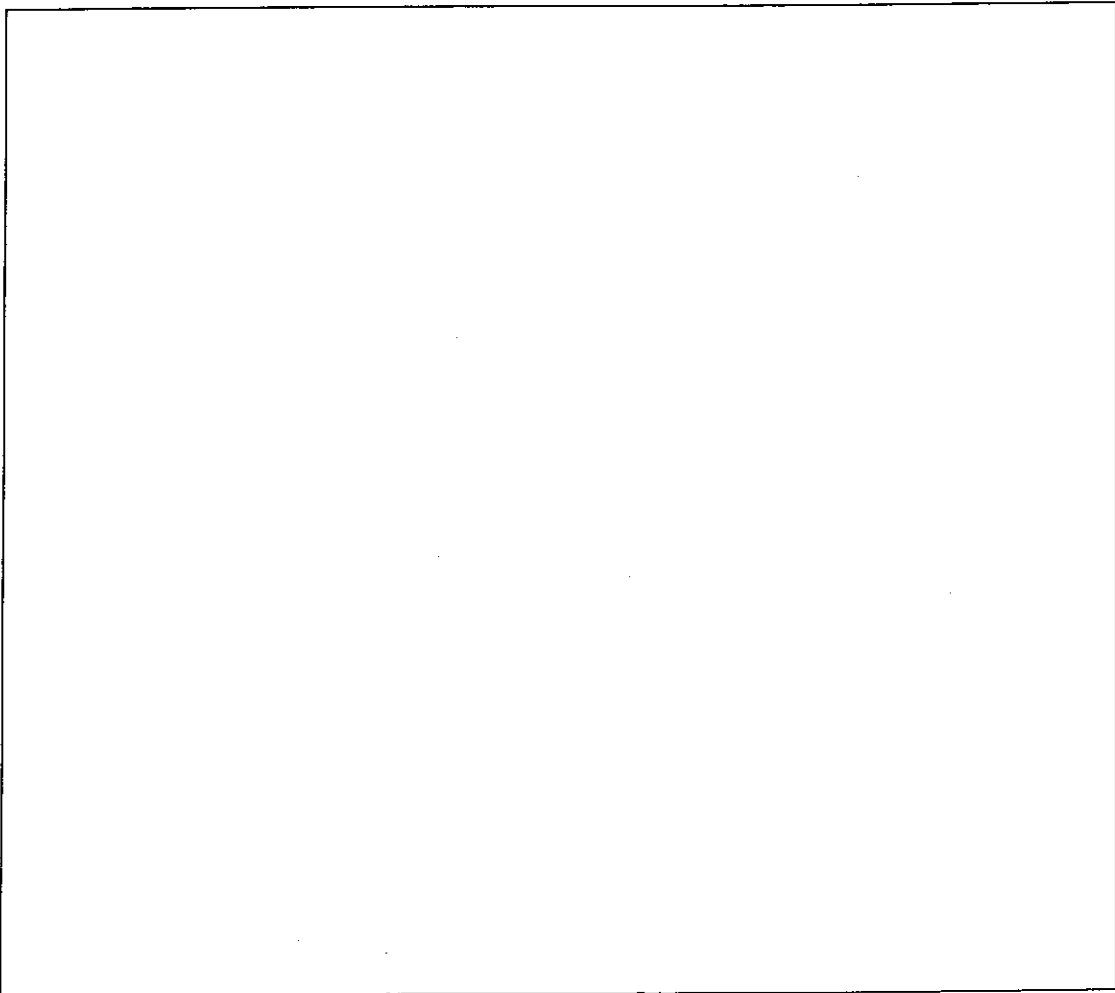
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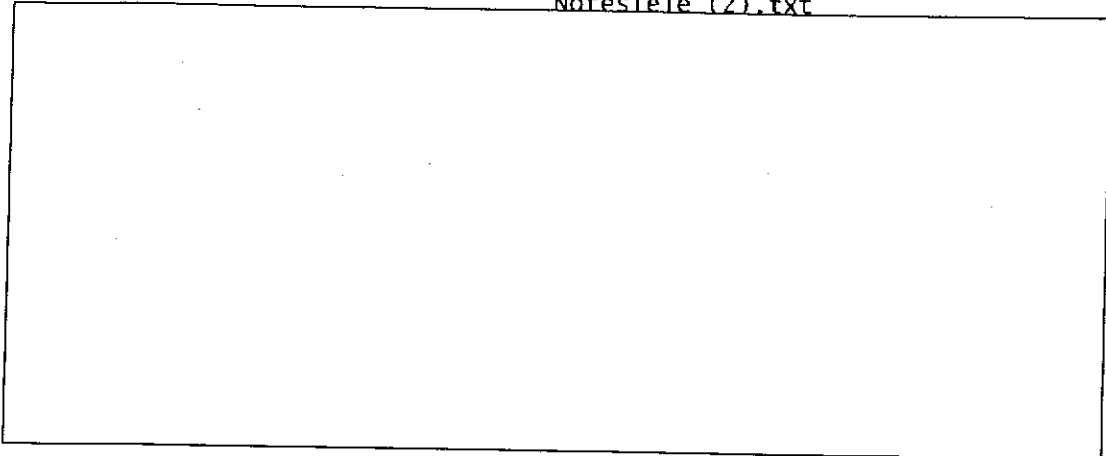


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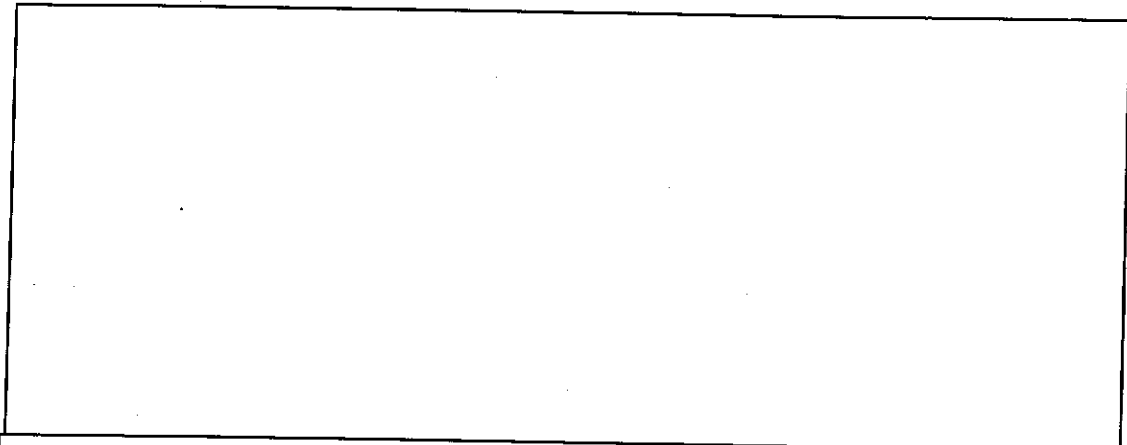
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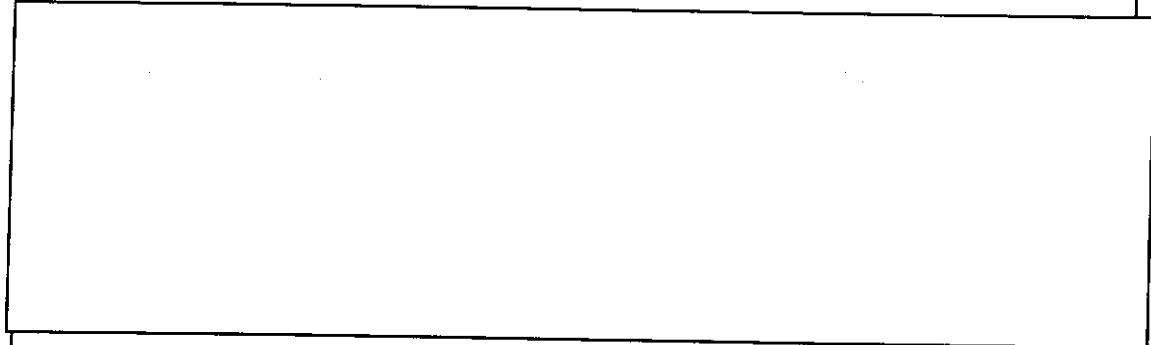
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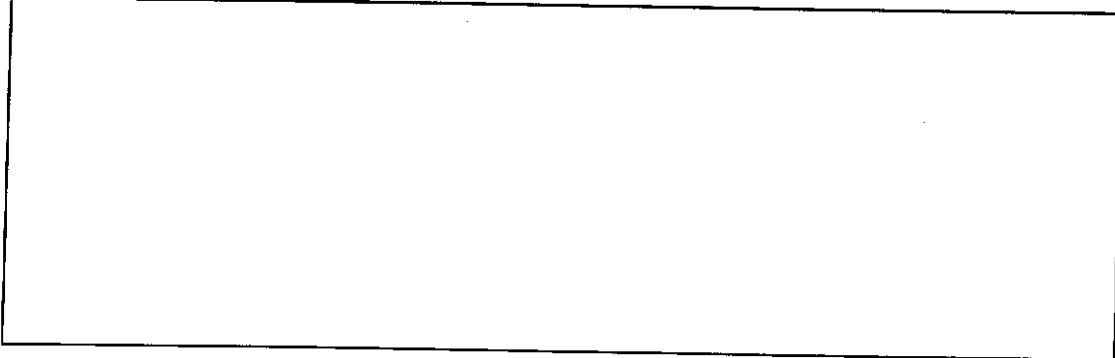
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8. (SBU) Comment: This case highlights three areas of concern in  
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Vietnamese adoptions. First, this case highlights that the procedures set forth in Vietnamese law concerning abandoned children are rarely followed, and that local officials are willing to create documents to cover "discrepancies" in a case. Further, the miraculous arrival of over 30 infant girls at Hanoi Center 1 within five months of the opening of that center for international adoptions is not an atypical trend in Vietnam. We have frequently seen that areas and orphanages not engaged in adoption only have older children and those with special needs. This is a clear illustration of the supply being created to meet demand from ASPs.

9. (SBU) Comment continued: This case also illustrates the difficulties in regulating adoptions in Vietnam solely through investigations. The investigation showed a clear pattern of document fraud and corruption in this case, as well as a strong nexus with other cases of baby buying in Vietnam. However, as a result of the unwillingness of the DIA to seriously investigate these cases, and our inability to locate the birth mother, or document a fraudulent abandonment, the case was issued. End Comment.

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