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Appreciate your edits. I know this isn't quite right...

Adoption

Another area of challenge in our relations is adoptions. Many caring Americans have shown interest in adopting Vietnamese orphans, and had their adoptions approved. We are working hard to make legitimate adoptions possible. We have found, though, that Vietnam's adoption system is beset by fraud. In a disturbing number of cases, mothers have been deceived or coerced into giving up their children for adoption. We have raised our concern at high levels with Vietnam, and are encouraging them to join the Hague Convention on Adoptions, with our technical help as needed. We want to work with Vietnam to fix the system, so that Americans can adopt without fear of fraud.