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**(SBU) A/S Harty letters on adoptions:** CA A/S Harty and DCM Aloisi met on Friday to discuss a way forward for Vietnam adoptions. During their meeting, A/S Harty said she wanted to use the opportunity of her retirement to pen two letters to express to the GVN her disappointment that progress to combat adoption fraud had not been made since her November visit. The two letters are attached below for Post's input overnight.

**(SBU) A/S Harty letters on adoptions (cont.):** The first letter addresses Nguyen Van Thuan, Chairman of the Law Committee of the National Assembly, and stresses the urgent need for the National Assembly to draft and pass legislation that would bring Vietnam into compliance with the Hague Convention. The second letter to Vice Minister of Justice Lien is designed to take a harsher tone; A/S Harty wants to play "bad cop" in addressing Lien to follow up on their November discussion, during which they discussed numerous weaknesses in Vietnam's intercountry adoption system. CA told the Desk they welcome Post's input on the letters. Also, the Desk inquired with CA regarding the S letter for Secretary Chertoff. CA reports M's Patrick Kennedy is still seeking S approval on the letter.

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