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SUBJECT: VIETNAM ADOPTION FRAUD: NO GOING BACK: BIRTH MOTHERS
UNAWARE CHILDREN UP FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: While previously nearly all infants from Phu Tho province were documented as abandoned children, the Embassy recently received four relinquishment cases from the province. Thus, the Embassy was able to peek behind the curtain of fake abandonments and speak with birth mothers directly. A two-day investigation led to troubling new information: financial inducements offered to birth mothers, birth mothers unaware their children are to be adopted by foreign parents, and the use of financial and psychological tactics to prevent birth mothers from renegeing on their promises to relinquish. END SUMMARY.

Background

2. (U) On October 25 and 26, ConOff conducted a field investigation in Phu Tho province. In the past, adoption cases from Phu Tho were primarily abandonment cases, with no information about the birth mother. During this trip, four of the five cases under investigation were relinquishment cases. [REDACTED]

3. (SBU) Numerous fraud indicators were evident after the initial I-600 interview, including: [REDACTED]

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