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Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:11 AM
To: Ladenson, Jeffrey L; Rupp, Abigail M
Subject: RE: [redacted] Holt International

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I think we need to recognize that they do have a point – we need to be careful that we're drawing the distinction for our agencies that we are requesting their assistance in facilitating our conversation with the birth mother so that we do not need to delay the case by travelling to his/her home town, but we are not requiring them to force the birth parent to appear in Addis to talk to us.

God forbid we have some agency "kidnap" a birth parent and shove them in a van to meet with us, and have that birth parent actually press charges...

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From: Ladenson, Jeffrey L
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:59 AM
To: Rupp, Abigail M; Parker, Christine D
Subject: FW: [redacted] Holt International

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We need to discuss this issue with Holt tomorrow. It's one of a number of instances that highlights their reluctance to work with the Embassy. If they do not want to assist in bringing a birth mother to the Embassy then we will need to travel to Durame to meet her, needlessly delaying the case.

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From: Fikru Heramo Holt [<mailto:holtaddis@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 5:13 PM
To: Addis, Adoption
Subject: Re: [redacted] Holt International

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February 2, 2011

To: USA Embassy
Adoption Unit
Addis Ababa

Dear sir / Madam,

Holt would be glad to find [redacted] and arrange her travel to Addis with the assistance of the local orphanage in Durame. However, we doubt if Holt is legally entitled to bring [redacted] to Addis and facilitate the conduction of an interview at the US Embassy. Hence, please let us know if you would take the full responsibility incase opposition or question arises from the government officials while we undertake this assignment. B6

Holt was also requested earlier today to provide the address of [redacted] first relinquished child's [redacted] adoptive parents' name and address. The name and address of the family is as follows. [redacted]

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Regards,
Miruk Alemu

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