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To: Jacobs, Susan S
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Hi Susan,

An update for you - we now do have the full investigation report from Gladney, but there are still some inconsistencies that need to be reconciled. For example, the original packet in this case said the mother died of cancer (I was incorrect in stating the original packet said both parents were deceased, the original packet contained the birth father's relinquishment). The Gladney investigation indicates she was stabbed to death - but there doesn't seem to have been a subsequent criminal/police investigation. There are other discrepancies noted in the family's overall circumstances, too, that are not well explained.

We have reviewed a number of other Gladney investigation reports and found other troubling signs. We're asking for birth parent interviews in a number of those cases to resolve the discrepancies in order to move the cases forward. We will be requesting today that Gladney assist us in facilitating an interview with the birth father in the case below so that we can resolve the issues and complete the case.

Please let me know if you have any further questions!
 Christine

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Hi Susan,

This falls into the Gladney/Initiative Ethiopia cases, where Gladney has already acknowledged the children referred to families through IE were almost all falsely documented. They claim to have "investigated" the cases and to only be submitting the ones to us in which they were confident they had redone the paperwork under the true facts. However, the first one we received a few weeks

ago quickly proved that not to be the case when we conducted a birth mother interview in which the "facts" as Gladney listed them (post investigation) were completely contradicted – and the birth mother told us no one ever came to ask her about the case.

As a result we have had to push back on these cases and request that Gladney give us copies of their own internal investigation reports – who they talked to, when, where, etc to determine the true facts of the child's case.

In the particular case below, Gladney first submitted the documents June 20. The child was listed as having two deceased birth parents, the same as the other cases with known falsified documents. On June 21, we requested their full investigation report. On June 27, they gave us a new "child life history" sheet, but not the investigation report we requested. On June 29 we again requested the investigation report. As of today, we still have not received that from Gladney.

Given that we know these children were falsely documented, the majority appear to have been unethically recruited, and the first case we received as 'fully investigated' by Gladney appears to not have ever been investigated at all, we believe we need to take extreme caution with these cases. Of course we don't want to delay our PAPs any longer than necessary, but Gladney needs to provide more detailed information for us to move forward.

We met last Wednesday with Gladney's local rep to explain our interview with the birth mother in the first case and explain what we needed in terms of their investigation reports, and Belay agreed to start providing that information to us. As soon as we get it we can proceed with the case.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

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