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Subject: FW: Zone info for health care worker/relinquishment concerns
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Hi Doug,

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Robert Strand, Senior Reviewer

You bet! Our data is based on 50 interviews with birth relatives conducted between June and August, 2011.

We found that in 72% of the birth relative interviews information available to relinquishing relatives was inadequate or factually incorrect, or there were other serious fraud concerns raised.

In about 50% of the cases, the birth relative interview contradicted the facts of the case as presented in the documents or revealed new information (an "unknown" birth father was readily identified by name, for example).

In 22% of the interviews, birth relatives stated that they believed the child would permanently return to Ethiopia at the age of 18. These birth relatives cited conversations with orphanage social workers as the principal source of this information. In 8% of the cases the relinquishing relative expected some sort of financial compensation for relinquishing the child. Some of these birth relatives also indicated that they believed the adoptive parents would send financial support to them from the United States, or that they expected the child to send back financial support once they reached the age of 18.

In some cases, it appears that the birth relative was coached to provide a specific story, aligning with the story presented to the court. We generally heard 'boilerplate' answers in cases involving a sexual assault. While we understand that a young victim of a sexual assault might not be candid to us about the experience, the basic outline of the story varied little from telling to telling.

Hope that helps!

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Christine thanks

Is it possible to share birth mother interview findings more broadly with us? great if possible..

thanks doug

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Hi Kelley and Doug,

Sorry for the delay! Here is the location information we obtained from a birth mother interview regarding health officials that were weighing babies, then recommending that underweight babies be relinquished into an orphanage.

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Zala Shashe kebele

Best,

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