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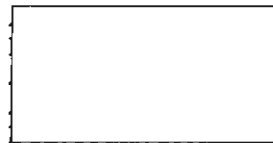
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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and has the honor to forward the following information.

Our office has received documentation regarding the below mentioned child, adopted from Ethiopia through the Hope International Adoption Agency.

Adoptive parent's name:
Adoption Agency:
Date of Adoption:
Adopted child:

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Information presented by Hope International to the Government of Ethiopia and the U.S. Embassy indicated that the birth parents of the child were deceased, and that the birth uncle relinquished the child in Federal Court. According to an email received by the U.S. Embassy on April 18, 2011 from the adoptive parents, they have discovered that the child's biological mother is alive and that an unrelated man was paid either the orphanage or agency to testify that he was the uncle of the child. The child's biological mother was not aware that her child was being processed for international adoption. Further, the adoptive family claims to have evidence from a reliable source with knowledge of Hope International's operations in Ethiopia that the child was processed as relinquished by the uncle in Kembata despite the fact that the child and his birth mother lived in Nazareth.

The Embassy would like to bring the issue to your attention since it raises concerns about Hope International's ability to protect children under

their care. The Embassy is willing to provide more details about this claim, including the contact information of the adoptive parents, upon the Government's request.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Addis Ababa, April 21, 2011

cc:

Ambassador Taye Atskeselassie, Acting Director General for American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ato Zenebe Kebede, Acting Head of International Law and Consular Affairs Directorate General

W/o Zenebu Tadesse, Minister of the Ministry of Women and Youth Affairs

Ato Desalegn Berhe, President of the Federal First Instance Court

Ato Ali Siraj, Director of Charities, Societies Agency