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**Parker, Christine D**

**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2010 8:11 AM  
**To:** Parker, Christine D  
**Subject:** FW: AP of child from Gelgela

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**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2010 5:33 AM  
**To:** Addis, Adoption  
**Subject:** AP of child from Gelgela

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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

As new adoptive parents of an Ethiopian child who was relinquished to the Gelgela Orphanage in Addis on July 21, 2009, we are very concerned to hear of the allegations being made against this orphanage.

We processed the adoption through America World Adoption (AWAA) in November 2009 and were given scarce background information of the child. Should this be of interest to you, I will relay the minimal details given to us in hopes that it might aid your case against any possible illegal activity.

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Place of birth  
region: South  
zone: Kembata Tembaro  
ethnicity: Kembata

Residence Address  
region: South  
zone: KETA  
Woreda: K/Bira  
Kebele: Walena

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Child was relinquished to Gelgela on 21 July 2009; was transferred to the America World Transition Home in Addis 4 days later. We received and accepted our referral for the child from AWAA on 29 July 2009.

Child was said to be healthy in Ethiopia and continues to be healthy here in America.

*Please note: We are very angered to learn that this child was much older than the age listed on his birth certificate. American medical and dental examinations make him closer to the age of 5 1/2 years to 6 years old.*

Please use this information in any way that is most helpful to cause to cease any child trafficking or other illegal activity. Any light you can shed on this particular case would be of utmost interest to us.



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