

STATEMENT

23 January 2002

Review of Orphan Petition Processing In Vietnam

On December 21, 2001, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Commissioner James Ziglar stated that the agency would conduct a review of the adoption process in Vietnam to address continued concerns with the orphan process there. Commissioner Ziglar has sent a senior level official to assist the Bangkok District Director in this process, and is dispatching a team of INS officers to Vietnam next week to increase the level of review of the orphan petition processing there, including pending orphan petitions.