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Mr. and Mrs. John Bedrosian  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bedrosian:

We have received your poignant letter concerning the adoption of an Armenian child. It is a beautiful wish and one I fervently hope is realized.

Unfortunately, the Diocese of the Armenian Church is not aware of any agency that deals specifically with the placement of Armenian children. In fact, because of strong extended family bonds, Armenian children are rarely available for adoption. Even with the recent earthquake in Armenia, it was Soviet Armenian policy not to release these children for adoption but to place them, rather, with local families.

If we hear of any hopeful news in this regard, we will certainly contact you. Your letter remains with us as does your great sincerity and love. I hope we can be of help at some time, but, in any event, wish you the very best.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director

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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I are very interested in the possibility of our adopting a child. I am of Armenian ancestry, my father migrating to the United States during the time of the Genocide. My wife and I have discussed the fact that it would be wonderful if we could adopt a young Armenian girl.

I am forty-one years old and my wife is forty-three. We have been married for seven years. We feel that we are financially able to care for a child. We do not have any outstanding indebtedness that is of any significance. We own our three bedroom home, three automobiles, all furnishings, etc. My wife and I both work, with my job permitting me to be home everyday by 12:30 P.M.

We are writing today in hopes that you might be able to help us. We are aware of the difficulty in adopting children today, but maybe because we would like to adopt a female between the ages of six and nine years of age, it might make it somewhat easier.

Maybe there is an Agency that works with adoption of Armenian children. Maybe, just maybe, we too could be the proud parents of one of our children.

Your prompt response and any assistance you might be able to give us would be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

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