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Both my and husband voluntarily relinquished our parental rights to our child in 1960 in Connecticut. The social worker who managed our case met us at a coffee house to sign these documents (because of Christmas holidays with most State buildings closed). She called and arranged the meeting as the baby girl was being transferred to a foster home. If memory serves, we were not given any copies of these documents. Several months passed and I knew the adoption was not final, for 6 months, to confirm the placement was appropriate.

I wanted to be sure she was secure in her new home and I sent our address in Texas, our native home. Also, I asked that the letter be filed in her original folder giving our permission to come and find us. I always assumed she would do that when she was an adult, but I never felt we had any rights towards her, as we had signed our rights away.

We strongly support the adoptees of this bill.

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