

Goes to General

Beret Murder Probe Ended



CHUYEN THAI KHAC
U.S. Army card photo

SAIGON — (AP) — The preliminary investigation into the Green Beret murder case ended at Long Binh today with no indication whether the eight U.S. Special Forces men accused of the killing will be brought to trial.

Victim Named

Sources close to the case said last weekend the victim's name was Chuyen Thai Krac, although that probably was a "cover" alias.

But today a 31 year old Vietnamese woman named Pham Kim Lien said that was the name of her husband, that he had worked for the Special Forces as an interpreter and that she last saw him the morning of June 13 when he left for work.

The evening, she said, he sent her a scribbled note which said: "My darling and children, I have a mission to be away for a few days, so don't be worried . . ."

The woman showed newsmen an Army identification card issued to Chuyen Thai Khac, an interpreter for the Special Forces at Tay Ninh, near the Cambodian border.

'A Mistake'

She said her husband told her the day before he disappeared he was "strapped in an electric chair and given a lie detector test at a U.S. Special Forces camp in Saigon."

"He told me, 'They treated me like a VC. They asked me questions like I was a VC.'

"If they have killed my husband, they have made a mistake.

"He had a hot temper, he sometimes used to infuriate his superiors. But not because he was a Communist. He was a refugee from North Vietnam. He has always supported the government in Saigon. He would never work for the Communists."

The woman presented petitions to the U.S. Embassy, the office of South Vietnam's prime minister, and the office of the commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam.