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GREEN BERET CAPT.
JOHN J. MCCARTHY JR.

Beret Sees Acquittal in Murder Case

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Green Beret Capt. John J. McCarthy Jr. says he is "confident I will be acquitted" of the murder of a Cambodian aide in Vietnam, for which he spent nearly two years in confinement.

McCarthy started a month-long home leave with his family yesterday after his release by the Army pending his appeal to the Court of Military Review. He had been held at the disciplinary barracks at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., since January 1968.

Asked whether the dropping of charges against eight other Green Berets accused of slaying a South Vietnamese agent might have led to his release, McCarthy said, "The only parallel is that we all belong to the same unit."

McCarthy, 26, flew to Phoenix and was met by his wife, his three children and his parents.

"It's good to be home," he said. "I've been assigned to Ft. Huachuca, in Arizona, but I haven't been told yet what my duty station will be."

McCarthy was convicted by court-martial in Long Binh, Vietnam, of the murder of In-chun Hai Lam. The aide was shot while in a car on a road outside Saigon.