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Report of Yanks' Signature Sales

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A retired Air Force colonel said yesterday that some South Vietnamese evacuated in the last hours before the fall of Saigon purchased — for as much as \$3000 — American signatures on affidavits required for exit documents.

“One American bragged he had signed for 46 Vietnamese at \$3000 each and then unrolled a tremendous wad of money,” said Ronald Olson, who with two other Newport News men had left here last Sunday hoping to get about 30 of their in-laws out of Saigon.

The three got only as far as Clark Air Base in the Philippines before giving up their rescue mission.

The three men, all of whom are married to South

Vietnamese, borrowed about \$10,000 to make the unsuccessful trip. They returned home Saturday.

Olson said he found evidence at Clark that many of the evacuees from Saigon were neither friends nor relatives of Americans but had been sold affidavit signatures so they could get out of South Vietnam.

“Vietnamese are getting out who have no family ties and really would have no reason for being here (at Clark) except that they were frightened and scared,” said Olson, who operates an Asian food store in Newport News.

Olson did not identify any of those he said were involved in the sale of signatures.

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