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# 1 Man's 70 Refugees

A 34-year-old Menlo Park man, who went to Saigon late last month to search for his girlfriend, has returned without the girl but with the responsibility to provide for about 70 South Vietnamese refugees.

George Turner, who is a systems analyst for Stanford Research Institute, spent five years in Vietnam as a civilian. While there he met Nguyen Thi Sau, the girl he

went looking for on April 20: "when it became apparent to me that Saigon had little time left."

He was unable to find her, but American friends urged Turner to try to help other Vietnamese escape the embattled city.

Turner then signed a number of official documents, saying that he was married to a number of different Vietnamese women and was

therefore responsible for them and their families.

In the confusion and chaos that reigned during the final days of Saigon, Turner was able to sign the documents and have them accepted with little difficulty from the harassed bureaucrats.

"It was simply a humanitarian gesture," said Turner, who barely escaped from Vietnam himself before the Communist takeover.

Now that he is safely home at 19 Buckthorne way, Menlo Park, Turner has found that the refugees he had signed the papers for are arriving in the United States.

"My house may be wall-to-wall with Vietnamese," said Turner, but he said he has contacted a number of friends and agencies that he hopes will solve his refugee problem.