

2 Top Saigon Policemen Leave Camp

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WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—The last chief of Saigon's police and a top official in the national police were allowed to leave Camp Pendleton, Calif., and settle in Los Angeles without completion of security checks, the Immigration and Naturalization Service said today.

Another three or four top South Vietnamese were also permitted to go out of the refugee camp, under a directive that has been rescinded, Verne Jervis, the service's public information director, said.

The police chief, Brig. Gen. Trang Si Tan, is considered a controversial figure by Western correspondents who were based in Saigon. He is remembered as a tough enforcer of police powers, particularly against student groups and other critics of the Thieu Government.

Mr. Tan was allowed to move into the Los Angeles home of a sister, Mr. Jervis said, after

filling out a one-page biographical form that "was not terribly complicated."

Brig. Gen. Nguyen Van Giau, deputy commissioier of the South Vietnamese national police, filled out the same form and also was also permitted too, is said to be living with to leave, Mr. Jervis said. He, a sister in Los Angeles.

"They were allowed to leave because they were known to the United States Government and the judgment was made that they were not a security risk," he said.

The directive was in effect from May 1 to May 7 and rescinded the next day. Mr. Jervis said three or four others—"no more than four"—were also released, but he did not have their names at hand.

Petition to Return

FORT CHAFFEE, Ark., May 16 (UPI)—About 25 Vietnamese refugees have sent a petition to State Department officials

saying they want to return to South Vietnam.

John King of the State Department said the petition was the first expression by any refugee at this relocation center about returning home. He said the petition was written in Vietnamese and pidgin English and State Department officials were trying to translate it.

"Obviously, we're going to want to talk to everyone who signed it and find out if they are sincere in wanting to return," Mr. King said. "If they sincerely want to do that, we have an obligation to help them get back, don't we?"