

Refugee Viet General Probed by Canadians

Ottawa

Police and immigration officials are investigating allegations against a prominent former South Vietnamese military figure whose presence in Canada has been criticized in Parliament, by Asian scholars and by members of the growing Vietnamese refugee colony.

A Canadian news report from Washington said last week that the U.S. State Department had handed over its files on the officer, Lieutenant General Dang Van Quang, to the Canadian embassy, which had asked for the documents at the request of the immigration minister, Robert Andras. According to the Canadian report, a State Department official said that the action was not unusual, but he re-

fused to discuss the files' contents.

Quang has been described as a special assistant to former President Nguyen Van Thieu for military and security affairs. His name has figured in accounts of high-level corruption in Saigon, including heroin traffic, and in the torture and killing of thousands of Vietnamese accused of supporting the Communist insurgents.

Quang also is said to have extorted large sums for exit visas for Vietnamese who has been assisting refugees to settle in Canada told reporters that he knew of instances in which the general was paid as much as \$10,000 for visas just before the Communist takeover.

There were also allegations that relatives of Vietnamese in Canada had paid

Quang for visas but never received them.

Andras said in Parliament that Quang arrived from the United States on May 15 to join his wife and three children, who were in Montreal.

The general is reported to be in seclusion at an unidentified Quebec resort.

(A little more than a week ago U.S. Government sources told the Washington Post that the Central Intelligence Agency had pressed hard to secure Quang's early release from the Fort Chaffee, Ark., refugee camp.

(A spokesman at the Arkansas base said Quang told U.S. officials that his life had been threatened by other Vietnamese in the refugee camp.) New York Times.

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