Loan and his wife in the small restaurant he manages in northern Virginia

The 1968 photo of police chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan shooting a prisoner

Saigon's Killer Cop in U.S.
About a month after the photograph was taken, Loan was wounded in the leg during another offensive while trying to rescue a soldier. He later lost his leg, but is able to move around without a cane or crutches, though he said it is “still very painful.”

Loan lives with his wife, four daughters and one son in Dale City. His wife works as a cook at the restaurant, and on weekends his children also work, helping in the kitchen and at the cash register.

“We don’t have much,” Loan said. “We have a simple life. It’s not so difficult because we have friends who can spare for us.

“Right now, my children are doing well at school. We have the necessities. My wife and I have jobs. We’ve been more lucky than the average refugee, because our children don’t have many problems,” His children, aged 16, 14, 12, 10 and 4, learned some English while in Vietnam, he said.

Former Prime Minister Ky also lives in northern Virginia, but Loan said he does not see him.

“I have some friends who come and visit and some I talk to on the phone,” he said. “I don’t have time to go around.”