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General May Be Charged, Report Says

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The Army is considering bringing murder charges against a brigadier general who allegedly killed Vietnamese civilians with pot shots from a helicopter three years ago, Time magazine reported yesterday.

The magazine did not identify the officer except to say he was West Point graduate now serving a tour of duty in the Pentagon.

The general "has been accused by helicopter pilots and some of those who flew with him of murdering perhaps six Vietnamese in Quang Ngai province last in 1968," Time said.

As an infantry brigade commander, "he was supposedly scouting the area in his command helicopter when he did the shooting, taking pot shots at Vietnamese peasants on the ground below," Time said.

"He has admitted the killings in private, making a fine distinction between innocent civilians and possible Communists by saying he shot those who 'took evasive action' as his chopper whirred overhead," the magazine said.

The Army confirmed last night that the brigadier general was under investigation for alleged misconduct in Vietnam, but would give no details. *United Press*