

Mystery VC Captive Claim

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The Viet Cong claims to be holding prisoner a Contra Costa County civilian who has never been reported missing, the State Department said today in Washington, D.C.

Adding to the mystery in the case, the man's father replied with a clipped "No comment" to all questions put to him by reporters.

The prisoner was identified as Richard G. Waldhaus, 25, of Pittsburg. The Viet Cong's "Radio Liberation" broadcast his name as one of a number of Ameri-

cans being held by the Reds in South Vietnam.

1969 Passport

The State Department determined that a passport was issued to Waldhaus in 1969, when he said he was going to South Vietnam as a student.

He listed his next of kin as his father, George F. Waldhaus, 32 Carroll Dr., Pittsburg.

The father would say nothing but "No comment" when The Examiner asked him for further information about the case.

When United Press International called the home earlier, a woman who answered the telephone also refused comment. When she was told the younger Waldhaus was alive, she replied: "So?"

The prisoner's mother answered still another phone call. She conceded "I do have a son by that name," but would say nothing more.

Never Notified

State Department spokesman Charles W. Bray said the department had never been notified that Waldhaus

had disappeared. He said the passport application showed that the young man's only previous travel abroad had been "with the United States armed forces," but did not specify where he had been.