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POW Mystery

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Saigon — Richard G. Waldhaus, the only released American prisoner to elect to remain in Vietnam, left a military hospital here yesterday and took a helicopter ride to Binh Duong province north of Saigon.

American sources said he went to look for a vietnam-

ese friend. He was accompanied by several escorts provided by the U.S. Embassy, the sources said.

Waldhaus, 33, of Lido, Calif., has been a mystery man among the prisoners because U.S. officials claimed to have no information on him. They said in fact they did not know he

was missing in Vietnam until his name appeared on a list of prisoners held by the Viet Cong last September 29. He was in South Vietnam in 1968 when he vanished. August 1971, according to camp records.

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