Health Tests For Mystery Prisoner

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Booby Joe Keesee, a Texas soldier of toriume who, raysteriously turned up as a North Viernamese prisoner of war, visited with his ramily yesterday and maintained his silence about how he came to be applying.

The 39-year old former desident of Amarillo is undergoing medical tests at the hospital hore.

He is quartered with the multiary POW returnees and is being afforded every privilege given to them officials said.

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However, a State Department spokesman said Keesee, who once described himself as a CIA agent, was not an employee or an agent of the U.S. government.

James Patrick Murphy, who accompanied Keesee home from the Philippines, said Keesee was a "free agent" and could come and go as he pleased. He said there were no charges against him. against him.

Murphy indicated that the government now knows essentially what Keesee was doing in Southeast Asia but that it would be "inappro-

priate at this time" to discuss it.

Murphy said it would be up to Keesee to make his story public and that so far he has indicated a desire to avoid newsmen.

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