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Jean Pierre Debris, a French school teacher who spent two-and-a-half years in a Saigon, South Vietnam prison, will speak at The Evergreen State College October 11 at 3 p.m. in Lecture Hall Four.

The former prisoner will present a 30-minute film entitled "A Question of Torture," examining Southeast Asian political repression. He will also discuss prison conditions and American aid to the Thieu government.

Debris was imprisoned in South Vietnam in 1970 following a peace demonstration he staged with another French school teacher, Andre Menras. The two men were imprisoned in Chi Hoa prison in Saigon for 30 months. Following their release---which was obtained at the insistence of the French government---the two authored a book, "We Accuse," and began traveling throughout France and the United States telling of their imprisonment.

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