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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Le Ho Ngoc and Tinh Nguyen

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IDENTIFICATION: Vietnamese living in America

INTERVIEWER: Dudley Meier, Jr.

SERIES: Americans in Vietnam

INTERVIEW DATE: 3/2/76

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1417, Side A

Family background of both speakers; leaving Vietnam; floating in a boat for two days; education in Vietnam; coursework in school; hopes to visit Vietnam again; Tet celebration in Shreveport; describes Tet celebration in Vietnam; have lived in US for one year; differences between US and Vietnam, division between rich and poor in US; differences in customs, Americans more private and territorial; fast pace of American life; learning English; mention of Mr. Fong, violinist, who speaks English well; working as a policeman in Vietnam; worked in Cam Ranh, gathering intelligence for the government; duties as policeman; contact with American soldiers in Vietnam; dialects; how Vietnamese police work, police work for city or for government; religion, they are Catholic; traveling in Vietnam; favorite places in Vietnam; Army school in Vietnam; what they might have done if they'd stayed in Vietnam; considers whether it would be better to be in Hong Kong or Thailand than US, would rather be in US; can work your way up in US; drawbacks of US; problems friends have had in US.

Tape 1417, Side B

Vietnamese beer; Louisiana cities; comparison of Louisiana cities to Vietnamese cities; French language; population of Vietnamese in LA cities; Vietnamese newspaper published in California; Chinatowns in US; Blue Dragon restaurant in Texas, Vietnamese people in Texas; interviewer recommends book; interviewer's difficulty with Vietnamese language; tips on learning English; involvement in combat; Vietnamese heroes; story of two Vietnamese sisters; opinions on Diem; opinions on Ho Chi Minh, good man but Communist; interviewer talks about General Giap, Dien Bien Phu.

TAPES: 1 (T1417)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour, 20 minutes

PAGES INDEX: 2 pages

RESTRICTIONS: None