Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: ALEX PHAM
Interviewer: Emily Stavros
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Time Log

00:02:08 Alex Pham talks about his parents.
00:09:38 He explains the memories he has of being in Saigon during the end of war and how his father saved his family.
00:11:15 He talks about traveling from Vietnam to the Philippines by boat.
00:14:15 He discusses how his family decided to come to Oregon.
00:17:50 Adapting to America and learning the English language.
00:21:55 Alex discusses having to take care of his siblings, work, and his lack of childhood.
00:26:48 He talks about his schooling, elementary through college.
00:41:15 Discusses the differences between the American and Vietnamese cultures.
00:42:49 Regrets about not attending a college away from home.
00:47:11 He explains the difficulties from moving to California for the first time.
00:50:38 Talks about the jobs he held after moving back to Oregon.
00:54:13 He discusses reasons for moving to California again.
01:02:07 Recaps the difficulties of coming to America.