Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: PAUL CHI HOANG
Interviewer Daisy Herrera Duran
Date: December 1, 2012
Location: Santa Ana, California
Sub collection: Vietnamese American Experience Course, Fall 2012
Length of Interview: 01:19:04

FIELD NOTES

The interview was conducted in the Orange County Health Care Agency Evaluation and Treatment Services. Present during the interview were the Narrator, Paul Chi Hoang and the interviewer Daisy Herrera Duran. We followed protocol and signed all consent and release forms prior to beginning. As I explained to the narrator the consent form, we began to report by having a casual conversation.

Paul Chi Hoang received me at his workplace in Santa Ana, California. The narrator was wearing semi formal attire: white, cotton sweater and black slacks. He was able to inform me that the building was a close facility and therefore had to escort me inside. We walk towards his office, filled with phones that kept ringing constantly. There was a bit of silence since it was the first time we were interacting, but slowly was able to build a conversation. Once all documents were signed, we entered another small office, which at the time was quiet. He made sure to let his co-workers know that he was going to be interview for over an hour and walked away. He mentioned that it was important to keep someone next to the phone at all times.

Once I set together the recorder, I checked to see if the recorder was working and tested it out. At first he seemed a bit impatient, ready to just dialogue. After a few minutes we began the interview and various sounds interfere with the interview. At times he was distracted by various small factors. Hallway through the interview we established a stronger connection and he was able to relax and provide me with detail answers.

At the end of the conversation he explains that the reason why he was distracted was because of the type of job he works in. Once the interview was over, he escorted me out and we said our goodbyes.