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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Dinh Ngoc Nguyen

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IDENTIFICATION: Vietnamese helicopter pilot

INTERVIEWER: Dudley Meier, Jr.

SERIES: Americans in Vietnam

INTERVIEW DATES: 11/1/75

FOCUS DATES: Unknown

ABSTRACT:

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People who got left behind in Vietnam; money changing problems in South Vietnam; Vietnamese citizens lost everything, reeducation for those who worked for Americans or South Vietnamese government; Communists killed many people; Vietnamese who came to US, wanted to return to Vietnam; Vietnamese in US who are lonely, miss relatives left behind; Nguyen has been in US four months, has new life here; has met many nice, helpful people; has house and good job, likes it here; works for Western Electric, easy job, but low paying; wants to complete college, company has tuition refund program; hopes for reunification of Vietnam, but afraid southern and northern communists will fight; relations with other communist countries; China wants to oversee Vietnam, so does Russia; North Vietnam more aligned with China, South Vietnam with Russia; interviewer recounts life and aims of Ho Chi Minh; Ho's relations with US; Ho's dedication to Vietnam; Nguyen's heroes from Vietnam history; Nguyen's modern heroes, liked Diem; admired Diem's programs; but Diem wanted US to do his work; admired Diem's brother Nhu and sister-in-law Madame Nhu; discussion of a famous flyer; President Thieu; what it takes to be a good president; economic problems of Vietnam, need for foreign aid; opinion on whether US should have stayed in Vietnam longer; shortage of fire power; US should have bombed North Vietnam more, would have been quicker; US presidential administrations, no opinions on US presidents; censorship of Vietnamese press; speculation just before fall of Saigon that US might rescue them.

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