Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: JOSEPH BA PHAM

Interviewer: An Nhien Doan

Date: August 28, 2012

Location: Garden Grove, California

Sub-Collection: The Grove Senior Apartments

Length of interview: 00:57:13

The interview was conducted in the gathering room of the Grove senior apartment. The narrator of the session is Mr. Joseph Ba Pham, and the interviewer is An Nhien Doan. Mr. Joseph was a little confused when we went through the paper signing procedure, but he got through all of the paper without many difficulties.

Mr. Joseph dressed in a very formal and professional way. He wore a black and white suit and even had a tie. Mr. Joseph was very relax and exciting during the entire process of interview. He knew that this project is a great way for senior citizens to leave their legacy behind for the next generation. He was very open to sharing everything that he knows. He told us everything that he can remember about himself in his early days. Although is some passage he did get a little political that may contradict with some people, but he was being honest and conservative in choosing his actions and words. In the end of the interview, he stated an idea that everyone should listen. He loves the younger generation because he knew that they have opportunities and chances that he could not enjoy during his life time. He encouraged everyone to keep trying their best so that they can fulfill their dreams and goal in life. The interview went took a decent time to finish, although it could have gone longer. The main reason was because Mr. Joseph Ba Pham old age did not let him remember all of his memories.

It is recommended that we have a follow up interview with Mr. Joseph. This time specific questions aimed to trigger his memory will be used.