Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: Huy Dieu Trinh
Interviewer: Katrina Trinh
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Field Notes

The interview was conducted in Huy Trinh’s home in Diamond Bar, California. There was only two people present in the room, the interviewer, Katrina Trinh, and the narrator, Huy Trinh. The narrator signed all of the necessary documentation and was very helpful throughout the interview.

Huy Trinh was dressed simply in his pajamas, which were a white t-shirt and green long sleeping pants. He wore no socks or shoes and he was comfortably dressed. During the interview, Huy often paused for a long period, trying to formulate his words. The narrator tried to hide his nervousness but it came out through his constant leg shaking. It was difficult interviewing the subject because he did not go into detail when he answered his questions nor could he recall any stories about his family or his life in Vietnam.

It would be helpful if he were interviewed with more questions that are specific to his life. It would also be more helpful if the questions were not yes or no questions because he would tend to give a short of an answer as possible.