

Soon after the interview, the interviewer should create notes in an organized fashion, before your memory fades. The notes resemble anthropologists' field notes. The interviewer's notes tell who, what, when, and where. They add anything that will help the transcriber or future scholars to understand the interview.

Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: CHARLIE VAN LE

Interviewer: Pham Quang Tuan

Date: November 5, 2010

Location: Westminster, California

Sub-collection: Vietnamese American Experience Course, Spring 2015

Length of Interview: 00:12:13

FIELD NOTES

The interview was conducted in the Nguoi Viet Daily News Community Room. Present during the interview were the Narrator, Charlie Van Le, the interviewer Pham Quang Tuan, and the cameraman _____. We followed protocol and signed all consent and release forms prior to beginning. I took photos of the narrator and he was very accommodating throughout the entire process.

Charlie Van Le showed up to the interview very professionally dressed in a burgundy button up shirt and black slacks. He seemed nervous during the interview, perhaps because of the video camera. He stammered often while answering questions. His interview was very short because he didn't really elaborate on any of the details of his family's experience. The rationale he gave was his age, and lack of Vietnamese language ability.

It is recommended we conduct a follow-up interview with Mr. Le, but perhaps with questions given to him in advance so he can reflect on his experiences more. This might help ease the nervousness he exhibited while being interviewed.

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