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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Quynh Nguyen Manh

**COLLECTION:** 4700.0978

**IDENTIFICATION:** Vietnamese civilian

**INTERVIEWER:** Dudley R. Meier, Jr.

**SERIES:** Americans in Vietnam

**INTERVIEW DATE:** 3/2/76

**FOCUS DATES:**

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 1427, Side A**

Education; worked with US government in Vietnam; ambassador to Vietnam; his family; arrival in US; got sponsor for family, arrived in Shreveport; got elected; Tet celebrations; currently in year of dragon; letter of recommendation he got from job in Washington; changing currency, house shopping; came from Vietnam empty-handed; worries about relatives back in Vietnam; city he grew up in 50 miles from Saigon; joined Army at age of 18; division of Vietnam; opinion of Diem; Quynh always working hard to provide for his family; brother owned tailor shop, Quynh helped out there; land he owned in Vietnam, pick-up truck; wants to open his own shop; differences between US and Vietnam; wife manages family's money in Vietnam, in US kids want to keep money they earn; people marry young in Vietnam, support their parents; religion in Vietnam; Cao Dai religion; Hoa Hao religion; conversion to Baptist religion; behavior of American soldiers in Vietnam; different hand gestures used in Vietnam, directional signals.

**Tape 1427, Side B**

Vietnamese always say yes to be polite; worked in medical dispatch in Vietnam; what he likes about US -- freedom, opportunities for his children; in Vietnam, women don't want to work outside house, men should provide; cost of living in Vietnam; must work very hard in Vietnam; conveniences of America, in Vietnam animals still alive when you buy them for food; his heroes in Vietnam; two sisters who drowned themselves after a battle with Chinese; quotes from speech he made; thoughts on becoming a good American citizen by following American customs; thoughts on private property.

**TAPES:** 1 (T1427)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1.25 hours

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**RESTRICTIONS:** none