

TIME LOG

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Narrator: Thuylinh Chau

Interviewer: Brandon Chau

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Location: West Covina, California

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Length of interview: 00:52:33

00:00:40: Thuylinh Chau explains her childhood experiences as an Amerasian child

00:07:31: She talks about moving to Sài Gòn and life before 1975

00:09:25: She explains the loss of her brother as the reason for the move to Sài Gòn

00:10:36: Switching back to living with the Vietnamese navy officer and the differences between Sài Gòn and Đà Nẵng

00:12:55: Thuylinh explains what happened in Sài Gòn after Americans pulled out in 1975 and how she had to hide in a church.

00:22:55: Thuylinh shows what daily life looked like for her. She helped her mom sell food on the side of the road.

00:25:58: She tells the story of when the communist soldiers targeted her and falsely imprisoned her in a hard labor camp. She also mentions how she was able to get released.

00:34:36: She talks about how she immigrated out of Vietnam through the American embassy.

00:41:29: Thuylinh describes the immigration process through Thailand and the Philippines.

00:45:10: Thuylinh recounts coming to America for the first time and meeting the nuns from her sponsoring convent.

00:49:12: Thuylinh compares American society to Vietnamese society, focusing on racial attitudes