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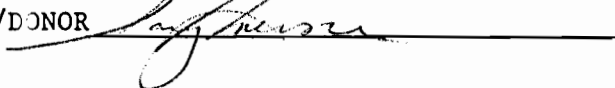
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INTERVIEWER Michelle Amerson

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SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWEE/DONOR 

Personal Timeline: Gary Amerson

- 1946 Born in Macon, Georgia
- 1953 Joined Boy Scouts of America
- 1961 Moved to Atlanta
- 1965 Graduated high school
Joined the U.S.M.C.
- 1966 Sent overseas, stationed in Okinawa
- 1967 Served six months in Vietnam, returned home
- 1968 Re-entered civilian life, began working for
Southern Bell

Michelle
Amerson

Interview Questions

- ① Not speaking of patriotic feelings, such as going to war because your country says so, how did you feel personally about US involvement in Vietnam?
- ② What, do you feel were the repercussions of Vietnam?
- ③ How did your experience in Vietnam affect your life?
- ④ What were your feelings, where were you when Kennedy was shot?
- ⑤ What stands out most about the social climate of the 1950's and 1960's.
- ⑥ What were your feelings about desegregation? How did it affect you and your community?

⑦ When you were young, did you have a fear of a large war, fear of big bombs, fear of Russians, etc.?

⑧ What were your feelings about the Cuban missile crisis and the way Kennedy handled it?

⑨ What was your family life like? What did your mother and father do?

⑩ When you were younger, what were your dreams or aspirations for your future? Did you achieve them?

1950-1959

1950: NATIONAL

TRUMAN AUTHORIZES BUILDING OF H-BOMB
"RED SCARE" BEGINNING TO ESCALATE; MCCARTHY USES
THIS IN ATTEMPT TO GAIN POLITICAL POWER

GLOBAL

KOREAN WAR BEGINS
COLD WAR BEGINNING TO ESCALATE

1952: NATIONAL

EISENHOWER ELECTED; MIDDLE OF THE ROAD POLICY
MUCH CONCERN OVER RADIATION

GLOBAL

FIRST H-BOMB

1953: NATIONAL

WARREN APPOINTED CHIEF JUSTICE

GLOBAL

COUP IN IRAN; SHAH RETURNED TO POWER
NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA DIVIDED AT 38TH PARALLEL
JOSEPH STALIN DIES
SOVIET UNION TESTS H-BOMB

1954: NATIONAL

MCCARTHY HEARINGS; CENSURED FROM SENATE
U.S. TEST SERIES OVER PACIFIC SPREADS STRONTIUM 90
BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION DECISION

GLOBAL

CIA MISSION IN VIETNAM
ANTICOMMUNIST NGO DINH DIEM INSTALLED AS PREMIER
IN SOUTH VIETNAM
NASSER COMES TO POWER IN EGYPT
GENEVA CONFERENCE

1955: NATIONAL

MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT BEGINS
SCHOOLS ORDERED TO DESEGREGATE

GLOBAL

DIEM BECOMES PRESIDENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM
NASSER BLOCKADES GULF OF AQABA

1956: NATIONAL

SOUTHERN MANIFESTO SIGNED DENOUNCING BROWN DECISION
EISENHOWER RE-ELECTED

GLOBAL

SUEZ CRISIS
SOVIET UNION INTERVENES IN POLAND AND HUNGARY

1957: NATIONAL

PEAK OF BABY BOOM
ARKANSAS DESEGREGATION CRISIS; NATIONAL GUARD MOBILIZED
TO PREVENT BLACK STUDENTS FROM ENTERING SCHOOL
FIRST CIVIL RIGHTS ACT SINCE RECONSTRUCTION; BEGAN
COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

GLOBAL

VIETMINH BEGINS SPORATIC ATTACKS ON SAIGON GOV'T
SPUTNIK LAUNCHED BY SOVIET UNION

1958: GLOBAL

MOSCOW AND U.S. SUSPEND NUCLEAR TESTING

1959: GLOBAL

FIDEL CASTRO COMES TO POWER IN CUBA

1960-1969

1960: NATIONAL

KENNEDY ELECTED
SEGREGATION PROTEST SIT-INS BEGIN
FIRST TELEVISED PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE
BIRTH CONTROL PILL MARKETED

GLOBAL

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF
SOUTH VIETNAM (NLF); ORGANIZED BY VIETMINH,
BACKED BY NORTH VIETNAM
U2 INCIDENT

1961: NATIONAL

PEACE CORPS AND ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS CREATED
FREEDOM RIDES
KENNEDY BOOSTS DEFENSE BUDGET 20%
NATIVE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF PURPOSES

GLOBAL

BAY OF PIGS INVASION-DISASTER
BERLIN WALL ERECTED

1962: GLOBAL

CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS

1963: NATIONAL

CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS IN BIRMINGHAM
MARCH ON WASHINGTON
CLEAN AIR ACT
KENNEDY ASSASSINATED; JOHNSON BECOMES PRESIDENT
BOMBING OF BLACK CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM

GLOBAL

TEST-BAN TREATY
DIEM COUP IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1964: NATIONAL

FREEDOM SUMMER IN MISSISSIPPI

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT
GULF OF TONKIN RESOLUTION
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ACT
JOHNSON'S GREAT SOCIETY PROGRAMS
BERKLEY FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT
GLOBAL
VIETCONG STEPS UP ATTACKS ON SOUTH VIETNAM

1965: NATIONAL

ASSASSINATION OF MALCOLM X
CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY
WATTS RIOTS IN L.A.
VOTING RIGHTS ACT
TEACH-INS AND "ACID TEST"
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDIAN OPPORTUNITY BEGUN
OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER
GLOBAL
BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM; AMERICANIZATION OF WAR

1966: NATIONAL

CARMICHAEL CALLS FOR BLACK POWER
N.O.W. AND BLACK PANTHERS FOUNDED
ABOLITION OF AUTOMATIC STUDENT DEFERMENT FROM DRAFT

1967: NATIONAL

MASSIVE ANTIWAR DEMONSTRATIONS
MARCH ON PENTAGON
RACE RIOTS
GLOBAL
ISRAELI-ARAB SIX DAY WAR

1968: NATIONAL

M.L.K. ASSASSINATED
STUDENT STRIKE AT COLOMBIA
ROBERT F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATED
VIOLENCE AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN CHICAGO
NIXON ELECTED
AROLLO II LANDS FIRST AMERICANS ON MOON
NIXON BEGINS WITHDRAWLING TROOPS

WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL
MARCH AGAINST DEATH

GLOBAL

VIETNAM PEACE TALKS OPEN IN PARIS
CALLEY CHARGED WITH MURDER
TET OFFENSIVE

1970: NATIONAL

STUDENTS KILLED AT KENT STATE AND JACKSON STATE
NIXON PROPOSES HUSTON PLAN
E.P.A. AND OSHA CREATED
WOMEN'S STRIKE FOR EQUALITY
EARTH DAY CELEBRATED

GLOBAL

U.S. INVADES CAMBODIA