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HY 405G ORAL HISTORY PROJECT
PREPARED QUESTIONS
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1. When did the Rainbow Movement begin?
2. What are the environmental goals of the Rainbow?
3. When did you join the Rainbow Family?
4. How did you hear about the Rainbow and what attracted you to the movement?
5. Could you describe a typical gathering as far as the effects on a national forest might be and what is done during and after a gathering to protect the environment?
6. Has the Rainbow Family lived up to your expectations of environmental as well as political and social watchdogs?
7. What type of activities has the Rainbow Family participated in with groups like Greenpeace and Amnesty International?
8. How many of the environmental goals of the Rainbow Family that have been followed up on and have been completed?
9. Have you noticed a lack of wildlife in the Talladega Forest possibly due to the overcutting of forest?
10. What involvement have members of the Rainbow Family had in organic farming? What has been your involvement in that in the past?

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INTERVIEW OF MICHAEL LAMPKIN, MEMBER OF RAINBOW FAMILY
OF THE LIVING LIGHT

BY JOHN A. JACKSON

- I. Origins Of Rainbow Family
 - A. Splinter Movement From 1960's Peace Movement
 - B. Began 1972

- II. Environmental Goals Of Rainbow
 - A. Living In Peace And Harmony With Nature
 - B. Concentration On National Forests

- III. Michael's Beginning With Rainbow Family
 - A. Attraction To The Movement
 - B. Work With Other Groups Such As Amnesty International And Greenpeace

- IV. Description Of Gathering
 - A. Environmental Impact
 - B. Clean-up After Gathering

- V. Management Of Clean-up At 1993 Gathering In Talladega National Forest
 - A. Disposal Of Garbage
 - B. Recycling Of Materials
 - C. Comparison With Other Gatherings

- VI. Rainbow Family As Political And Social "Watchdogs"
 - A. People Interested More In Past With Environment
 - B. Now More Religiously Centered
 - C. Split In Family
 - D. Protests Over Management Of National Forests

- VII. Rainbow Activities In Conjunction With Other Groups
 - A. No Formal Organization In Rainbow
 - B. Examples Of Cooperation With Other Groups
 - C. Group Does Not Legally Exist

- VIII. Environmental Goals Met By Rainbow

A. National Forests

1. Lack Of Diversity In Replanting

B. Mismanagement Of National Forests

1. Clear Cutting

2. Reseeding

C. Lack Of Wildlife In Talladega National Forest

IX. Organic Farming

HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY SHEET • MICHAEL LAMPKIN INTERVIEW

- 1963 John F. Kennedy Assassinated
Johnson Assumes Presidency
- 1964 War In Vietnam Escalated
Civil Rights Act
Wilderness Preservation Act
- 1965 Civil Rights Act (Voting Rights)
Water Quality Act
- 1968 Tet Offensive In Vietnam
Robert Kennedy Assassinated
Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassinated
Richard Nixon Elected President
- 1972 Nixon Reelected President
- 1973 Roe V. Wade Decided By Supreme Court
- 1974 Nixon Resigns
Ford Becomes President
Recession Begins
- 1976 Jimmy Carter Elected President
- 1979 Energy Crisis
Nuclear Accident At Three Mile Island
- 1980 Ronald Reagan Elected President
- 1982 Severe Recession
U.S. Invades Grenada
- 1983 Unemployment Reaches 10.2 Percent
Economic Recovery Begins
- 1984 Reagan Reelected President
- 1988 Bush Elected President
- 1991 Gulf War
- 1992 Bill Clinton Elected President

INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Michael Lampkin M F

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Approximate age or date of birth: 30

Mother's Name: not given

Father's Name: not given

Places lived and when: Lived in majority of U.S. for past 8 years

Education: GED College

Religion: _____

Business, political and social memberships (past and present) _____

Present occupation: None

Former occupations: Computer Programmer

Special Skills: _____

Major Accomplishments: _____

National Events in which interviewee has participated: Several Gatherings of Rainbow Family

Local Events in which interviewee has participated: _____

National born U.S. citizen? Yes No

Naturalized Citizen: Yes/No Date: _____

Country from which he/she emigrated: _____

Documents, photographs, and artifacts which are in the possession of the interviewee: _____

Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral history interview: _____

Additional information: _____