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Joseph M. Carrier photographs of
Vietnamese Central Highlanders, 1962-1973

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Joseph M. Carrier photographs of Vietnamese Central Highlanders
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.2014-02
Date:	1962-1973
Extent:	339 Color slides
Creator:	Carrier, Joseph M.
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated by Joseph Carrier, 2014.

Location of Other Archival Materials

The Southeast Asian Archive, The UC Irvine Libraries and the ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives hold Joseph Carrier's papers.

Related Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds the papers and photographs of Gerald Cannon Hickey.

Preferred Citation

Photo Lot 2014-02, Joseph M. Carrier photographs of Vietnamese Central Highlanders, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Joseph Michel Carrier (b. 1927) was a counterinsurgency specialist for the Rand Corporation in Vietnam, a researcher on herbicide use in Vietnam, and an anthropologist specializing in the analysis of homosexuality among Mexican and Vietnamese men. Educated at the University of Miami (BA, 1950) and Purdue University (MA, 1952), he gained employment with the Rand Corporation in 1956 as a research analyst. In 1962 and 1965-1967, Carrier was detailed to South Vietnam, where he assisted anthropologist Gerald Cannon Hickey's research on the Highland peoples and conducted fieldwork on Viet Cong morale and defection. Carrier returned to the United States in 1968 and entered the graduate program in anthropology at the University of California at Irvine. However, despite his doctoral research on homosexual men in Mexico, Carrier could find no positions in sex research after earning his PhD in 1972. With Hickey's support, Carrier found employment as a staff officer for the National Academy of Science's Herbicide Study Group, for whom he gathered data on the effects of US operations in Vietnam which used herbicides to defoliate forests to expose enemy compounds and poisoned Viet Cong food supplies. In 1974, Carrier helped author a working paper on the effects of these programs on the Vietnamese Highland populations. After his time in Vietnam, Carrier worked as an evaluator of California law enforcement programs (1973-1987) and was Chief Social Scientist for the Orange County Health Agency AIDS Community Education Project (retired 1992).

Scope and Contents

Photographs of Vietnamese peoples and refugee camps made during Joseph M. Carrier's work in Vietnam for the Rand Corporation and the National Academy of Sciences. The collection includes images of airfields, a hospital, Viet Cong defectors, and weaving and basket-making. There are also photographs depicting people, architecture, and art, made in Guatemala circa 1964 and 1972.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 2014-02

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Bru (Southeast Asian people)
- Cua (Vietnamese people)
- Hrê (Vietnamese people)
- Jarai (Southeast Asian people)
- Refugee camps
- Vietnamese
- Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975

Cultures:

- Bru (Southeast Asian people)

Cua (Vietnamese people)
Hrê (Vietnamese people)
Jarai (Southeast Asian people)
Vietnamese

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Geographic Names:

Guatemala
Vietnam