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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:08,375

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00:00:08,375 --> 00:00:11,644  
MY OFFICIAL TITLE IS  
PRESSURE SYSTEMS MANAGER

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00:00:11,644 --> 00:00:14,714  
AND IT IS MY JOB  
TO MAKE SURE

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00:00:14,714 --> 00:00:18,451  
THAT THE MECHANICAL INTEGRITY  
OF OUR PIPING SYSTEM

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00:00:18,451 --> 00:00:23,323  
OR OUR PRESSURE VESSELS ONSITE  
MEETS OSHA REGULATIONS AND

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00:00:23,323 --> 00:00:25,925  
MEET NASA HEADQUARTERS  
REQUIREMENTS

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00:00:25,925 --> 00:00:31,264  
WHAT THAT ENTAILS IS ANY KIND  
OF TESTING OR INSPECTION

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00:00:31,264 --> 00:00:35,402  
THAT WE HAVE TO DO IT HAS  
BECOME OUR RESPONSIBILITY

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00:00:35,402 --> 00:00:37,036  
TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL  
THAT HAPPENS

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00:00:37,036 --> 00:00:38,905  
I AM VIETNAMESE

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00:00:38,905 --> 00:00:39,906

100 PERCENT

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00:00:39,906 --> 00:00:42,175  
MY WIFE IS VIETNAMESE AND

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00:00:42,175 --> 00:00:44,978  
THEREFORE MY KIDS  
ARE ALL VIETNAMESE.

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00:00:44,978 --> 00:00:47,947  
I CAME OVER TO THE UNITED  
STATES BACK IN THE SEVENTIES

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00:00:47,947 --> 00:00:50,717  
I'VE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME SO  
MY HERITAGE IS VIETNAMESE

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00:00:50,717 --> 00:00:53,052  
BUT I'M AN  
AMERICAN CITIZEN.

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00:00:53,052 --> 00:00:57,023  
THE ASPECT OF BEING VIETNAMESE  
THAT MAKES ME THE MOST PROUD

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00:00:57,023 --> 00:01:01,661  
IS THE FACT OF THAT WE RESPECT  
THE FAMILY, THE CORE UNIT,

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00:01:01,661 --> 00:01:04,898  
THE NUCLEAR FAMILY. ONE THING I  
BRAG TO MY FRIENDS ABOUT

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00:01:04,898 --> 00:01:07,434  
IS THAT EVEN THOUGH I WORK FOR  
NASA, ON THE WEEKENDS

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00:01:07,434 --> 00:01:11,037  
WHEN MY MOM AND DAD HAD A  
RESTAURANT, I WAIT TABLES

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00:01:11,037 --> 00:01:13,673

ON THE WEEKENDS, CLEAN DISHES,  
SWEEP, MOP THE FLOOR,

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00:01:13,673 --> 00:01:16,843

IT'S ALL A FAMILY THING IT'S  
GEARED TOWARDS FAMILY;

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00:01:16,843 --> 00:01:20,113

FAMILY ORIENTED.

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00:01:20,113 --> 00:01:24,951

AND ALSO THE  
RESPECTFUL CULTURE.

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00:01:24,951 --> 00:01:27,921

WHEN YOUNG ONES ENTER A  
ROOM WITH ADULTS,

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00:01:27,921 --> 00:01:31,925

CULTURE REQUIRES THAT THEY  
ACKNOWLEDGE THE ADULTS,

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00:01:31,925 --> 00:01:34,160

USUALLY WITH FOLDED HANDS AND  
NODDING WHEN THEY COME IN,

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00:01:34,160 --> 00:01:37,831

AND NODDING WHEN THEY  
LEAVE... THATS THE ONE THING

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00:01:37,831 --> 00:01:41,568

ABOUT ASIAN CULTURE THAT IS REALLY DEEP IN ME

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00:01:41,568 --> 00:01:44,871

AND I TRY TO PASS  
ON TO MY KIDS.

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00:01:44,871 --> 00:01:47,173  
MY EXPERIENCE BEFORE I CAME TO  
AMERICA IS VERY LIMITED,

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00:01:47,173 --> 00:01:50,009  
I CAME WHEN  
I WAS VERY YOUNG.

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00:01:50,009 --> 00:01:51,110  
THAT'S WHY IN THE UNITED  
STATES EVEN THOUGH

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00:01:51,110 --> 00:01:54,347  
I AM VIETNAMESE, I AM AMERICAN  
BECAUSE MOST OF MY LIFE

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00:01:54,347 --> 00:01:57,851  
HAS BEEN HERE AND THIS  
IS MY COUNTRY NOW.

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00:01:57,851 --> 00:02:01,154  
MY MOTHERLAND MAY BE  
A PLACE I VISIT

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00:02:01,154 --> 00:02:03,523  
AND I HAVE GONE  
BACK SEVERAL TIMES

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00:02:03,523 --> 00:02:08,928  
BUT IT IS A PLACE TO VISIT  
BUT MY HOME IS NOW HERE.

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00:02:08,928 --> 00:02:10,930  
WHAT I LIKED MOST ABOUT  
BEING IN THE NASA FAMILY

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00:02:10,930 --> 00:02:14,434  
IS THE CULTURE  
OF FAMILY.

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00:02:14,434 --> 00:02:17,036  
USUALLY WHEN SOMETHING  
GOES WRONG IT IS ALWAYS

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00:02:17,036 --> 00:02:18,338  
"TAKE CARE OF YOUR  
FAMILY FIRST"

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00:02:18,338 --> 00:02:21,641  
AND THAT IS WHAT IS  
REALLY IMPORTANT.

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00:02:21,641 --> 00:02:25,612  
THE OTHER THING I LIKE ABOUT  
NASA IS THE SAFETY CULTURE.

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00:02:25,612 --> 00:02:29,682  
MY BACKGROUND IS IN  
CHEMICAL PLANT REFINERIES

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00:02:29,682 --> 00:02:32,619  
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY CARE  
LESS ABOUT YOUR SAFETY AND

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00:02:32,619 --> 00:02:34,821  
MORE ABOUT MONEY  
THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

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00:02:34,821 --> 00:02:37,590  
AND COMING TO NASA  
AND SAFETY IS ALWAYS

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00:02:37,590 --> 00:02:41,394  
NUMBER ONE ON  
EVERYBODY'S MIND

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00:02:41,394 --> 00:02:43,496  
AND I REALLY LIKE  
THAT ABOUT THEM.

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00:02:43,496 --> 00:02:46,766  
I'M COME IN AND I KNOW  
I'LL GO HOME IN ONE PIECE

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00:02:46,766 --> 00:02:49,736  
[VIETNAMESE]

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00:02:49,736 --> 00:02:53,006  
THAT MEANS  
"I LOVE WORKING AT NASA"

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00:02:53,006 --> 00:02:54,908  
[LAUGHS]

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00:02:54,908 --> 00:02:56,743  
ADVICE TO YOUNG  
VIETNAMESE WORKING FOR

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00:02:56,743 --> 00:03:00,013  
NASA IT IS "STUDY STUDY  
AND MORE STUDY"

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00:03:00,013 --> 00:03:07,320  
DON'T LET THE OTHER  
KIDS THAT ARE BORN HERE

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00:03:07,320 --> 00:03:10,323  
BE A DISADVANTAGE  
TO YOU.

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00:03:10,323 --> 00:03:14,427  
I TELL MY CHILDREN "THEY  
HAVE THE ADVANTAGE,

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00:03:14,427 --> 00:03:16,496  
THEY MAY STUDY FOR AN  
HOUR AND YOU HAVE TO STUDY

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00:03:16,496 --> 00:03:18,064  
FOR 3 HOURS" AND "FOR EVERY 3

HOURS YOU STUDY IT'S 1

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00:03:18,064 --> 00:03:21,868

HOUR OF THEIR STUDY SO  
JUST KEEP AT IT AND DO NOT

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00:03:21,868 --> 00:03:23,536

GIVE UP".