

**AFVN**

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Perhaps Harry is trying to talk his way into the old AFVN compound.

Just a stray thought, but when it was built in 1966 was it really expected to last for nearly 60 years?

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The Vietnamese are all smiles, so perhaps Harry will be allowed to see the inside of the premises.



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THVN has nicer vehicles than I remember at AFVN

AFVN had the OIC's small Ford, several jeeps, the Dodge Carry-All, perhaps a 3/4 truck and then Supply had a 2 1/2 truck.

I think that I drove nearly all of them at one time or another. Jim W

This is obviously AFVN's main building.

Note the slope of the roof and the ventilator louvers at the top left.



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The receptionist's desk?  
Perhaps right inside the main entrance?

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Taken from near the main entrance.  
The area to the right was the News Room, then futher back,  
the Engineering Section.



The guide holding a door open. Did the visitors go in?





An employee coming in from the back of the building.



Perhaps the same young lady up a little closer.  
She certainly appears to be trying to stay out of the way.



Perhaps the old main studio?  
It looks more like a storeroom today.





The back door from the main building.  
I.E., our exit when going to the snack bar.

Looks like they expanded the parking area to around back as well as along the side of the building. The tower and transmitter building used to be in this area.



Perhaps about where the tower used to be?

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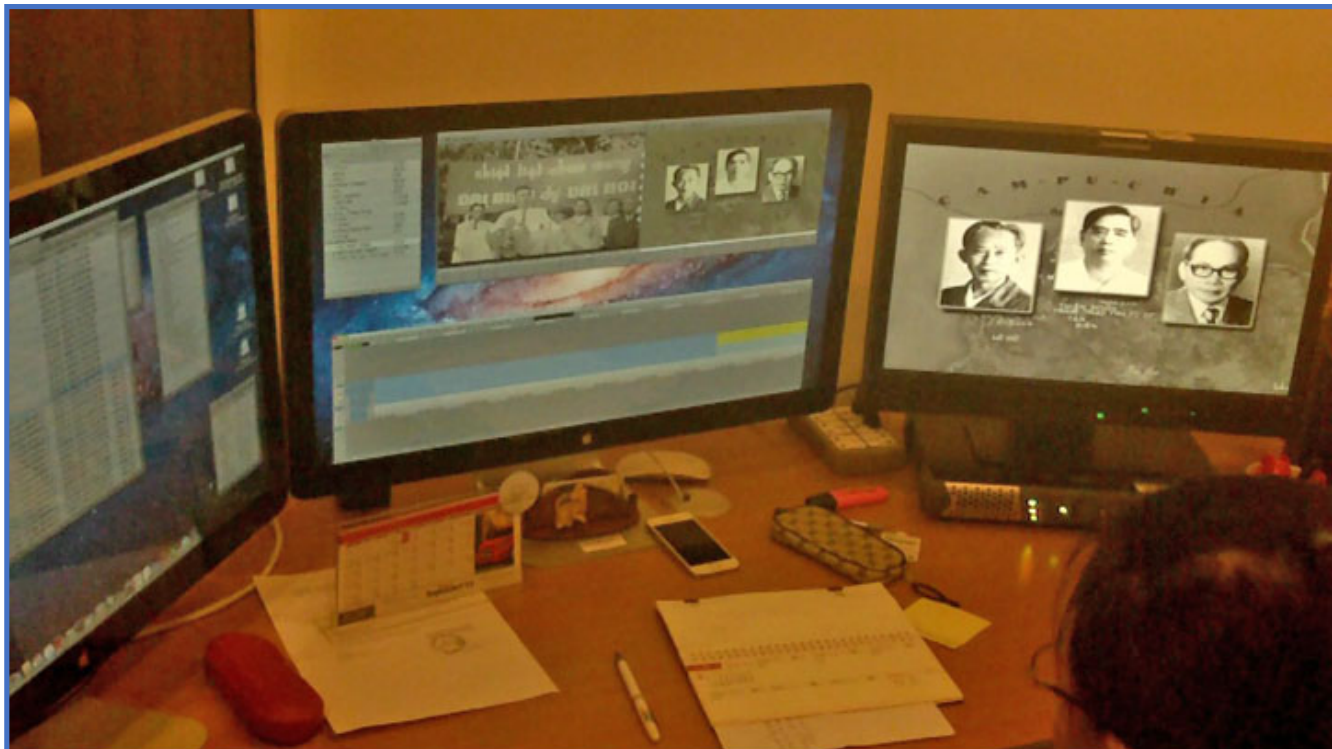


Some 40+ years ago, this would have been a picture of one of the Supply quanset huts.



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A video editing station.  
Does anyone remember using this equipment  
when with AFVN?



The studio now looks more like a storeroom.



Another view of the main studio.  
I wonder if the ladder might not be  
a left-over from AFVN days?





The main studio again.



Storeroom, Conference room or both?



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This is video control room #1. The original AFVN studio is behind the curtain.



This is video control room #2. The original AFVN studio is behind the curtain.



A view of the gable and roof of the old AFVN main building taken from the alley. As Harry commented when he submitted it  
“What a mess.”

The alley is on what could be called the northwest side of the AFVN compound, opposite from the Veitnamese TV station.





The Plaza Hotel (BEQ).



The Plaza Hotel from the alley.

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Harry Simmons with the “American Embassy” from which so many evacuated in 1975. Actually it was Pitman Apartments which was used by the CIA.



*The End*