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Abstract of Interview:

Biographical Note: Robert LeBaron was a member of the US Navy Submarine Service between 1964 and 1972. He was a machinist's mate in the nuclear engine room aboard the *USS Henry Clay* then the *USS Thomas Jefferson* stationed in Holy Lock, Scotland, and Rota, Spain. After his enlistment, LeBaron found employment at Alabama Power Company's Farley Nuclear Plant in Houston County, Alabama.

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Place of Interview: Mr. LeBaron's residence, Columbia, Alabama

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