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I came on March 3, 83, came from St. Michael, Azores. I started working in a factory that manufactured lady's garments, openings seams with an iron. After I left there and went to work at Aerovox, a factory of electronic components. I was there until I retired. Ah, meanwhile, I started working two jobs: at Aerovox and in a liquor store, Freitas Package Store. I started working two jobs, after I left Aerovox and continued at Freitas until I completed my retirement. But It was hard, very hard for me when I got here. Of course that over there I worked in a coffee shop, I was the owner of the coffee shop, and when I got here I started working--working very hard. And, of course, I had many regrets after, but, had I not left the coffee shop rented for two years, I would have gone back to my work, because it was my place. But I had a signed contract, and could not return. I stayed, I was obligated myself to stay. After I sold the coffee shop, bought a house and here I am! And here I am still and now I am not thinking of going back. Ok, I am not ever going back. Now I am going—is to stay here!.

Thank you, so much.

My story, when I got here. That is my story when I got here. Of course it's this. It was very hard. The first months, a year and two years were very, very hard. But after I got used to it--the climate, the language, it was tough.

Thank you so much.