

Introduction by LeRoy Chatfield

In 2006, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) commissioned an educational documentary film about Cesar Chavez and the farmworker movement. In preparation for that film, these eight interviews were made. Subsequently, the contract for the film was canceled, and the interviews were never used. (In 2008, the SPLC commissioned a new Cesar Chavez educational film, which is in production, and is scheduled for release later this year.)

The Farmworker Movement Documentation Project was given permission to publish on its Website these interviews – sound only (no visual), uncut and unedited. These interviews – salvaged from the dustbin of history – have great historical value for those interested in the background and the early years (1965-1970) of the farmworker movement.