

hands. And you just do one at a time. That's the way you make them. It's tedious, but Indians become good at anything they do, you know.

(Do you ever buy these beans?)

Yeah, some of them buy them one from another. I think Mrs. Roberts at Anadarko sells them. But they say she sells them--like this red bunch and this silver bunch (strings of beads worn bandolier fashion)--she sells them for thirty-three dollars. That's too much!

(Have the Arapahoes been using these for a long time?)

Long time. When I was just a kid they used to put them on buckskin leggings you know. Wherever you fasten them, they used to have these on the leggings and our buckskin shirt, over our shoulders.

(Where did they get them back then?)

The Arapahoes, Kiowas, and Comanches used to raid down in Texas in the early days. And they'd find them down around San Antonio. They didn't know what it was but they brought it home and someone learned to use them that way.

MEXICAN EAGLE FEATHERS USED

(I've never seen these yellow ones before, but they're really pretty.)

Yeah. Some of them want to buy these. You know that Joe Toahly, that announcer, he wanted them. Said he'd give me anything I wanted. I told him no--"I got six grandsons. Some of them are bound to want them." Yeah. And another Kiowa wanted to buy my Mexican feather--Mexican eagle--did you ever see a Mexican eagle? (Possibly a Caracare--JJ) The bird comes from Mexico. Some of them sometimes sell them in Texas--they take them across. I got these in Old Mexico. I didn't kill the bird--a Mexican friend of mine went out there. I had talked to him about this Mexican bird. He went out to herd his sheep and goats. He said he would take his gun--he thought he'd seen one of those eagles. I went out with him. It's a long story, but I'll tell you briefly--he had me sit down on a little knoll behind some shrubbery--mesquite. And he went out and pretty