

Something like that, you know. Different Indians got different ways to make vow. And they go up there--

(But during this ceremony would they actually see the pipe or--?)

You don't ask. You go through that ceremony.

(Does it take more than a day?)

Yeah. You got to get prepared up there. And then they notify certain ones and then certain ones comes. And they have to cook... They come there and then they decide--set a date when they all could be--and then they cook again. And then they tell you what to get, and you got to have certain things. You go out and get whatever they need, besides what you got. And then you're all set.

(Can women request it, too, or just men?)

Yeah. Women can request it. But they got to be Indian. No whites are allowed to see that. There's never been a white person see that.

(The pipe?)

Yeah. There's some says they did, but they never did. You see books on that, but they never have let a white man see that. I don't care how big an anthropologist he is, he never seen that pipe. There's some that's got books on that, but they've never seen that. They claim they have, but they never did. Because the Indians that keeps that pipe, they don't allow no white man to see it. There's certain things a white man can't see up there. That's the law.

(When they have this pipe ceremony, do the people who are making the vow--do they bring gifts to the pipe or?)

Yeah, that's what I'm talking about. Everything's got to be certain thing that they get. Got to get prepared and take that--like that half red and blue blanket. Different things like that. You got to take it up there. That's