

(Like the Apaches did.)

CAPTIVES OF VARIOUS TRIBES GIVEN TRIBAL RIGHTS

Right. Well, there was a custom in any tribe, well I don't say any tribe, I mean as far as the Kiowas are concerned and the Plains tribes in general. Uh, during the time of war, they would take captives, not only Mexicans and American settlers, but also Negro captives were taken and uh, like uh, they claim there was an award to the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribe here recently. There are a lot of people who received the per capita payment, who didn't show a bit of Indian. They were people that were just white, as white as you are, and there were people who were as black as that picture right there, that received per-capita payments because some of them did claim to have Indian heritage, background.

(Like an ancestor, way back there somewhere?)

Right. They could prove this out therefore they're claim was approved and they were given per capita. But now some of these were captives, they were Negro captives that were adopted into the tribe so when the government, Phone rings . . . .

(Yeah,)

I was talking about those, the captives, that uh, although they weren't Indian because they were Indian captives, the government stipulated in the in the claims that these captives had to be paid because they were adopted into the tribe.

(Uh-huh.)

So you have a lot of people who can trace their ancestry back to the captives that were captured by the Kiowas, Comanches and Apaches: therefore they receive their claims, their money.

(Well now are they called, "freedmen"? The Black people, they're called Freedmen aren't they?)

Right.