

"Now, you go on. You go right now,--ain't nobody going to hurt you.

If you stay here over night then come up there where we are, then we going to hurt you. Go on." So he left. Took out. He was scared of those eagles you know. He got scared of them. And that's the way the Indians found out that the eagles have power. They don't want to be touched by a man, but now these northern people they just kill the birds and they get the tail, you know. And give it to their friends down there. Right here in Oklahoma. They don't care--I don't think--they's some up there on Mt. Scott.

(Eagles?)

Eagles. I saw six of them down there one day. Way up there and you could just hear them hollering, and the Indians they don't--

(Interruption.)

Yeah, that's the way they got power, you know, those big birds. And that's what we use for our medicine, you know.

(Do the eagles have anything to do with lightening?)

Yeah, they have.

(What do they do?)

When it's lightening like that, they make it quit. Like--I don't know how, and when it's real stormy and raining real hard--rain pouring--they dive through that rain--they go into that rain were it's pouring down and that's the way they wash their body, and their feathers.

And it gets real pretty after they wash down. They go up there four times and then come back four times, four times this way, four times that way, and they clean. That's the way the old people saw them doing that. Way up there in that air, it was pouring down rain, and they just clean themselves off. The eagles--the big eagles.

(Which feathers of the eagle do you use?)

The tail. You know, they got black ones--some are real coal black and these others got white tips. Some of these feathers got white tips on