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It seem like he sent him out there to get killed, see. He survived that. (They were down in a creek bed, you say?)

Yeah, down on that, what they call it, Elk Creek.

(Elk Creek?)

Elk, Creek. That's what they call Elk Creek now. But we call it Pecan Creek. There are a lot of Pecans on that creek. See that's the two different things. We still call it Pecan Creek. The whites changed it to Elk Creek. I don't know why. (How many Kiowas did your Grandfather bring back?)

Oh, the whole tribe.

(About how many is that?)

Oh, probably six or seven thousand. This is approximate. Maybe more or less.... this is just a guess.

(Oh he never did tell you?)

No, there's another question you ask, we don't know the exact time, the minutes, seconds or the numbers. So when you ask that I can't answer those. (Yeah, well I thought it might have been a small band or something.) No, that's technical and I don't answer anything I don't know. I can't say if there was 991 or I couldn't say that, because we don't keep track. In fact, we don't keep track of people, just our families. Like you, I know you and next five years you might have two or three kids in the next twenty years you might have ten or fifteen. But we don't keep track of that, we keep track of you, see. And you keep track of your children. That's the way the Indians do. Now if you two guys here today, meet up again in ten years from now, well, then you can comparenotes of course, I mention this in a modern way and translate iato old ways. Old traditions, and old methods (What langung e dd your Grandfather speak?)

Well, he spoke Kiowa, Apache, Comanche, Wichita, Caddo, Delaware, Pawnee, Ponca, Otoe, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Spanish, and English and maybe one or two others. I don't know. He is pretty well. He can speak it, carry on a conversation in the language. I wished-I could do that. I can't even carry on a conversation in English.