

(What does that mean?).

That means "They always hide it."

(I was wondering if the Arapaho word meant "bean." )

k'x'w hâe. -- that's a bean. For hand game. But these, like navy beans, they call them hiwunii

HAND GAME: RULES AND PROCEDURES

(Could you tell me a little bit more about the rules of the game. They've got two sides--are they always on the north and south?)

Oh, it's just south and north. They don't be west. That's the way they play hand game.

(Is there any reason for that?)

I couldn't tell you--that's just the way I see it. I never did know whether they had any reason.

(There's a north side and a south side. Are there names for these different sides?)

No.

(There's seven sticks on this side and seven sticks on this side. Each side has a bean. How do they start the game then?)

Well, the guessers start playing first. These that's going to guess, they get in the center and they play. And when this guesser from the north find this south one, why she takes the bean. And they start from that corner.

(That's the northwest corner?)

Yeah. They start from there. And on down. And then when this person from the south finds them, she brings them, and she start over there at the east--by the door. (southeast). And it's by the door and it comes around this way. And right in the middle it's half and half. They go way over there where these on this side plays. And those on the other side.