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CONTINUATION OF INTERVIEW BEGUN ON TAPE T-8 (A)

(First part of tape is about 3 or 4 minutes of conversation, not transcribed, about a set of wooden drum holders given to the Apaches by the Pawnee's.)

(Let me just go back a minute to that other story just before that tape ran out on the Tonkawas. What was the name of that fellow that was down here that you heard the story about?)

Grant.

APACHE JOHN DOCTORS WHITE BOY

(Did you say he was some kind of medicine man?)

Well, yeah, someway, he had some kind of authority or power or something. He doctors. Yeah, he doctors. They said he was a character, you know. He had a power which only Indians understands. Way back, Apache John, and Daveco and Saddleblanket--just to name a few of those guys that has those, way back they doctor. You know white people used to live in this house. Somehow, this boy here, he choked. Choked with a pin. I don't know somehow---safety pin. Now, my grandpa (Apache John) he's blind, you know. This lady----

(Evelyn: It's a tack, she said.)

I don't know what it was, but anyway that white lady, she come out. She brought out the baby. Right out there. My Grandpa, they took my grandpa out there-- Apache John. And that white lady layed down that baby on the ground, you know. Them days, well, even white folks they believe in their own ways--just like Indians they use herbs, and stuff like that. So my grandpa--they took him out there. So he just reached down here with his mouth, you know--

(On his throat?)

Yeah, brought it out. That baby bust out crying! That baby had already turned blue, you know. Stopped his windpipe or something. Grandpa took it out right here.