

to do that. They pass that sage around. Well, if you got some under your seat, you can--four times--you pull them out like that. Get it and roll it up and put it all over yourself. Some in your ears (?) and smell it. If you're sick somewhere, just rub yourself with it--your knees or everywhere like that. That's what it's for. They say you won't get tired that way, when you start eating that peyote. And them old people, way back there, they used to--when they get that meat--they'll get that meat. And them old people, they'll offer a little short prayer, and then put their meat away. And corn the same way. Take their corn and put it in the ground. The old people do that. (Indicating that they bury a portion of the meat and corn served at the morning breakfast.)

KIOWA FEELING TOWARD THE EARTH

(What's the meaning of that?)

Well, they're feeding the mother earth. Just like you pour a little water out before you drink. Pour the water out to mother earth. (When water is brought in in the morning a little is poured out on the ground before the bucket is passed around for everyone to drink from.) Yeah, they got a name for that "mother earth". They say that's where we come from. They say "You come from there. But the soul, it's--"

It's funny, the old people, way back there, they know all these things you got in a book. God took that earth, I guess, and made a person out of it and breathed in it. They start breathing. We got that story.

(What's the Kiowa name for "mother earth"?)

Well, they say the earth is just like a mother to a person. Just like these farmers here. They're raising a crop here and eating off of it and getting their clothes and stuff like that. It's just like a mother to them. "Mother earth." Way back there the Indian don't work, but there's something on this earth that they just go out and get--like buffaloes or meat or anything. They just go out and get it. But today