

a Comanche--he went down to the State Capitol and contacted the governor and different ones there in Texas about this proposed prohibition on the use--shipment of peyote out of Texas. And he came back and reported to me that he got the copies of my peyote hearing--records--in Washington--these scientific researches, you know--different professors from different universities. Mrs. Eleanor Smith, and that-- what's his name?--Fred Lookout, the Osage chief? They all give testimonies and presented their facts. And all of them, I think, without exception had the same attitude that called peyote was non-narcotic, wasn't nothing habit-forming--not as much as coffee or tobacco. That's what they universally expressed. They had that in mind that they all went by -- one man's definite opinion that was universal.

(What was this Comanche's name that came to--?)

Shannon Wannie. Shannon. He slept here a couple of nights with me. He's my friend. See, I'm part Comanche, and we like to talk Indian together, you know.

(Is he an officer in the Native American Church?)

Well, he's one of the old timers. Practically the oldest one, I guess, now among the Comanches. He might be here today, you can't tell. He borrowed my--these here scientific statements and he took it down there and the man down there told him, "This is interesting." And it had my name stamped on there. Said, "Who's this here Jess Rowledge?" "Jess is one that's used this here peyote since he's about fifteen years old and he's eighty-five years old now and he's in good health and he don't need no glasses and his nerves are just as steady, and he can hear good. He's been to Washington forty or fifty times and all that--" He kinda put me up, you know. "Well," he said, "I'd like to see him. When or if we have a hearing on this case, would you fellows bring all your good old timers that used peyote all the time -- bring Jess, too, with you." That's what he told him. And that man said, "I'm going to read this through"--There's about eight or ten--sixteen pages of that. "I'm gonna read through and when I get through I'm gonna mail it back to you and then you can give it back to your friend." He might have got it by now, and if he does he'll probably be here today or tomorrow.

(Was this down in Texas?)

Yeah. He went down there and talked to him. But this Ernest Mikoby--they had new