

their band adopt sisters. That's the reason they don't have them today.

(That's the Bowstrings?)

Yes, the Bowstrings. And they don't dance. The only time they dance is when there's an encampment, around the circle. This man that organized them--the Wolf Clan--the wolf--told them to have it once a year. He said, "For your health. It's going to give you strength. If you stand up all night and not sit down, that's going to strengthen your legs, and be good for your health." And that's why they used to sing all night long. In the morning--I think I told you--how they would come in after sunrise. They tell them how far to run--so many yards. And then they turn. They go around a certain--they either put a stake down or say that soapweed--they often use soapweed. Because there's soapweeds (yucca) nearly everywhere. "Where that soapweed is, you turn there." And then they make it back from where they start from. And then they knew who was the fastest runner then.

(The Hoof Rattlers--were they allowed to marry these princesses or fall in love with them?)

The Hoof Rattlers did. But this was the only strict rule that the Bowstring (clan) was given, about not marrying their "sisters."

BOWSTRING DRUM RITUAL AND SONGS

(I thought maybe if you were in the mood, we could record some of those Bowstring songs.)

They don't start, or come out singing first. You should have told me so I could be practicing as they come (as I remember them.). See, they don't just start out from the middle. Over there when they start--just like I said, my father was one--the Doorkeeper. He was