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CECIL HORSE, KIOWA

TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE: 6-13-67

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GENERAL SUBJECT: PEYOTE RELIGION

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HISTORY OF PEYOTE RELIGION AMONG THE KIWAS
WHITE PEOPLE COLLECTING INDIANS OLD PICTURES, ETC.
NATURE OF PEYOTE RELIGION
CECIL'S EXPERIENCES WITH PEYOTE RELIGION
"FORM OF KIOWA PEYOTE RITUAL"
MORE ON CECIL'S OWN EXPERIENCE WITH PEYOTE RELIGION
HOW HUNTING HORSE BECAME A PEYOTIST
ALLOTMENT: HOW HUNTING HORSE SELECTED ALLOTMENTS
MORE ON HUNTING HORSE AND PEYOTE
HOW HUNTING HORSE CAME TO JOIN A CHRISTIAN CHURCH: CURED OF BLINDNESS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Cecil Horse is now about 76 years old and lives on his allotment 12 miles south of Carnegie. Cecil has been married to Jenny Haumpy over 50 years. Cecil is one of the sons of Hunting Horse, well-known Kiowa leader and ex-warrior, who died in the mid 1950's at the age of about 107 years. Cecil is fairly well educated. He attended the J.J. Methvin Indian school and also Chilocco. He became active in the Methodist Church, after some earlier experiences with the peyote religion and served as a minister for a number of the Methodist Churches in this area. He is retired now, but is very proud of his service as a minister. Cecil is alleged to have actively opposed the Native American Church as a minister, and his wife, Jenny, states "we are not pow-wow people, though we both used to dance and go to pow-wows." Nevertheless they attend celebrations such as the Gourd Dance at Carnegie around July 4, etc. In spite of his "Christian" background, however, Cecil wanted to talk about the peyote religion, and here appears to defend it as an Indian form of worship.

CONDITIONS OF INTERVIEW:

Interview took place in dining room of Cecil's home. Jenny was present and her occasional comments are here transcribed, being set off in parentheses with her name. Cecil is somewhat hard of hearing and Jenny was sometimes able to facilitate the interview by explaining my question to him in Kiowa. Perhaps because of this "deafness", Cecil is apt to interrupt others engaged in conversation.