

HISTORY OF PEYOTE RELIGION AMONG THE KIWAS:

(First part of tape is brief preliminary conversation about the tape recorder.)

Before I start I want to ask you something.

(O.K.)

Now would you call this a herb or a plant?

(Well, I think you could call it both.)

Now a cactus. I won't call it a cactus, because you can see there's no stickers on it. It's got little, several hairs--or whatever it is. It's right there--you can see it. Now, anything that grows in the ground--that make seed--would be a plant won't it? All right if that doesn't bear above the ground like tomatoes--that would be a plant. Now this got a seed, and it's got a flower. It brings blossoms on. So I would call it a herb, I guess, won't it?

(That's find. Yes.)

No, I'm going to talk from the beginning. How it came in among the Kiowas.

(Find. I'll be glad to get that.)

O.K. Now when you get ready why you tell me and then when we stop you could cut it off. (referring to recorder)

(O.K. You just start on.)

Now? I'm gonna talk today about peyote among the Indians. How it started and how it began, way back--so many years back. The way I understand, that this peyote grows in Old Mexico. It don't grow anywhere else, but it grows way down in Old Mexico. And there was some Apaches that live in Old Mexico, that found this. They discovered this