

preachin' 'em about Jesus Christ. They were getting very very curious about because all the other Indians that they would meet would have silver maybe, but not gold. And so, in one trade that they were trying to make, this one Indian had white jade. I mean the whole business was little pieces of white jade put together. And he said, "I'll trade you this for that." And he says, "That, is worth more than this." (laughter) Just the opposite you know. And then he said "How do you know it's worth more than this?" "Harder to get." If it was the difficulty in getting it, now just what does make anything valuable?

(Well, he knew didn't he?)

Isn't that it. Isn't that really what makes things valuable. Things that are hard to obtain.

(And the knowledge of them.)

Yeah. But now you see, no there's that kind of canniness that you wouldn't ordinarily think of. Well, they go on and on and they said, "The sooner they find out where the gold is we not only lost the gold, we lose our lives." So they kept stringin' 'em along you know, it was this way or that way, and they were lost. And they never did find out where the gold come from. From the Yuchis. It comes from the Yuchis. That's how the Creeks happened to have this gold, but they weren't telling. They weren't telling about it. And I guess--I don't know whether that official in Washington had any descendants that were Spainards or not. But I just kinda wondered about that if he's kinda taking spite out on us someway.

(Could be.) (laughter)

INDIAN IDEAS ABOUT HOME DECORATIONS, FURNISHINGS AND LANGUAGE

Well, what discovery was it that the Indians didn't have that held 'em back from progress, I mean really progress? Have oh, maybe two or three beautiful things in their home. I mean really treasures, you know.