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JESS ROW LODGE, ARAPAHO

BOB STEGALL, NON-INDIAN

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GENERAL SUBJECT: BUTCHERING PRACTICES; MEATS EATEN; WILDLIFE; CLAIMS MONEY; DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIANS; DELINQUENCY AND CRIME AMONG INDIANS.

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BUTCHERING TECHNIQUES

KINDS OF MEAT EATEN: LAMB, PORCUPINE, BEEF

RULE AGAINST EATING MEAT FROM ANIMAL THAT WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

INDIANS LOVE OF BEEF

WILDLIFE TODAY: JACKRABBITS, COYOTES, BOBCATS, FOXES

HUNTING WITH DOGS

RACCONS AND NURSING MOTHERS

CROWS KEPT AS PETS

ARAPAHO DOGS

QUAILS AND TURKEYS

FARMING TECHNIQUES OF WHITE SETTLERS

RECENT CLAIMS PAYMENT TO CHEYENNES AND ARAPAHOS

USE OF CLAIMS MONEY TO BUY NEW HOUSING

RECENT CASE OF INDIAN BOYS BEATING A GIRL TO DEATH AT CANTON

DELINQUENCY AMONG INDIANS; SEX OFFENSES

RELUCTANCE OF INDIANS TO TESTIFY AGAINST EACH OTHER

STEGALL'S WORK AS TRUANT OFFICER: SOME CASE HISTORIES

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AMONG WHITES

REFUSAL OF LOCAL HOSPITALS TO ACCEPT INDIAN EMERGENCY CASES

BIRTH CONTROL PILLS

CASE OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT OF OLD LADY BY TEENAGERS

DELINQUENT GIRLS

FAMILY OF DELINQUENTS IN CANTON

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT: -

Jess Row Lodge is between 82 and 84 years old and is well-known and respected leader among the Arapahoes. He is fairly well educated and articulate, and has travelled extensively on tribal business, having visited Washington, D. C. a number of times. He has been active in tribal politics for many years and has helped the Arapahoes in pressing their claims cases against the government. Nevertheless, Jess is well-versed in the traditional culture of his tribe and anxious for at least some parts of it to be preserved. He is one of the two surviving members of the Star Hawk Society, one of the old age-graded warrior societies. And has often expressed hope that this organization would be revived in modern times. He is a peyotist, as well as a member of the Baptist Church and feels, that the peyote ceremony has given him some of his greatest personal fulfillment as well as inspiration. Jess is no stranger to the role of teacher-informant in communicating knowledge about Arapaho culture. He has known and worked with such people as A. L. Kroeber, James Mooney, Morris Smith, Sister Inez Hilger, and Fred Eggan. He was born in 1884.