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GUY QUOTONE, KIOWA
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GENERAL SUBJECT: CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON CUT-THROAT GAP MASSACRE

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

NEED FOR INDIAN EDUCATION
VIEWS ON THE INDIAN'S PROBLEM TODAY
BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON CUTTHROAT GAP MASSACRE
KIOWA CAPTIVE, BOIN-EDAL

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT: Guy Quoetone is 82 years old. He is a Methodist minister, now retired and has been active in church work for many years. He is also a student of Kiowa history, having been interested in listening to stories told by the old-timers about life and happenings in the old days. He has written notes and memoranda concerning many of these happenings in recent years, but they are his own composition and from his memory of either viewing them or hearing them from other Kiowas. He has often served as interpreter for the older Kiowa leaders who could not speak English. He served in the Indian police, and was an interpreter for the Surveyors when the country was opened up. At 82 he is alert, articulate, and seems to have very good memory of things in past years. He is hard of hearing and sometimes misunderstands questions or must have them repeated.

INTERVIEW SITUATION: Conducted at his house in living room. Other persons present in house but not concerned with listening to interview.

PRELIMINARY CONVERSATION (first portion not transcribed)

...This is a longest story and it's the beginnin' of the Indian gods...and "Ten Grandmother Gods" Miss Marriot wrote about...That's the beginnin' of 'em. (Indicating sketches, attached) See this child, danglin', is the one that descended from the upper world, something like the gospel story. See this baby?

(Yeah.)

After the flood and the earth destroyed everything except the "Spider Woman" and after this child disobeyed orders of the goddess, "Spider Woman", she was divided in half and made two boys instead of one. That's what we called "Twin Gods", the "Twin Grandmother Gods". They're kept by our people today. Maybe you get to see them, I don't know. They're hard to see. You can't see them. They're very sacredly guarded and it's hard to see them but after I get caught up with my running around maybe we can get to see it.

(That would be fine.)

Part of my historical speech that I gave to the Hobart High School. I'll read that first.

(This is about Medicine Lodge Treaty?)