

b. Rapid acculturation of Indians may soon result in total loss of languages. Every effort should be made to study languages as thoroughly as possible as soon as practicable. *much*

*ethnologic data can wait for analysis + interpretation but linguistic data cannot wait!*

c. Sound record of Indian languages a unique project of inestimable value for present and future. A linguistics laboratory may offer exemplary service to linguistics and anthropology in general. Movies and still photographs will provide ~~Physical Anthropology and Ethnology~~ with valuable data and illustrative materials for teaching purposes *and research*

*the museum*

3. Outline of Project:

a. Long term project is visualized with Linguistics Laboratory forming a permanent and highly valuable addition to the university. Two phases of project seen:

- (1) Initial Survey.
- (2) Subsequent expeditions.

b. Initial Survey: the first project undertaken should be in the nature of a survey of linguistic resources in Oklahoma:

(1) Purpose of Survey:

- (a) To provide a firm foundation for study of Indian languages in Oklahoma.
- (b) To secure ~~research and illustrative data on a comprehensive scale, for use in near future at University of Oklahoma.~~
- (c) To indicate status of linguistic materials in Oklahoma, ~~for information of the science in general.~~

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(2) Details of Procedure:

(a) Field staff should consist of a minimum of <sup>4</sup> two individuals:

1. Linguist—should be an anthropologist or well acquainted with linguistic concepts and technics of transcription, <sup>or</sup> ~~Non-anthropologist linguist should work in close conjunction with an anthropologist.~~

2. Technician—to operate sound recording equipment, photo equipment, truck, etc.

*1. Interview man Scout*

(b) Initial procedure: ascertain by contacting (letter, etc.) Indian Affairs authorities and informants following information:

- 1. States of language (defunct; functioning; few speak it)
- 2. Feasibility of field research (cooperation, etc)
- 3. Selection of informants and interview schedule.

*4. Secretary*

(c) Field Procedure: Three to seven days, preferably the longer period, should be devoted to each tribe. This involves a period of from 3 to 6 months of field work.

1. Bulk of time spent with informant(s) should be used to secure transcriptions of language for purpose of ~~determining its nature.~~ (Previous publications studied initially). Question and answer technique should be used with cognizance of standard framework of linguistic inquiries. Transcriptions must be in standard phonetic symbols (or symbols which may eventually be translated into standard terms).

*Sound recording*