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RALPH GOODMAN, CHEYENNE

JESS ROWLIDGE, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: REMINISCENCES OF HOW SOME WESTERN OKLAHOMA TOWNS WERE NAMED, NAMING PRACTICES, AND OTHER STORIES

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HOW TOWNS OF OKARCHE, WAYNOKA, AND ANADARKO NAMED
ROMAN NOSE PARK

CHEYENNE PRISONERS AT FT. MARION, FLORIDA AND BEGINNING
OF CARLISLE SCHOOL

STORY OF HOW CHEYENNES KILLED PAT HENNESSEY AND TWO
OTHER FREIGHTERS

FORT RENO'S COMMANDING OFFICER AND BEN CLARK

RALPH'S CONCERN FOR GOOD TRIBAL LEADERSHIP AND PRESERVATION
OF TRIBAL TRADITIONS

DULL KNIFE'S REAL NAME

HOW RALPH HAD HIS EARS PIERCED AND WAS GIVEN AN INDIAN
NAME, AND NAMING CUSTOMS

RALPH'S FATHER'S NAMES AND HOW HE ACQUIRED THEM

TRANSMISSION OF NAMES: RALPH'S FATHER'S NAMES GIVEN TO
YOUNG MEN, ETC.

RALPH'S OFFICE NAME AND SCHOOL NAME

OLD CHEYENNES' FEAR THAT THEIR TRIBAL WAYS WOULD DIE OUT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO VERSIONS OF HOW TOWN OF WATONGA
NAMED

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANTS:

Ralph Goodman was born in 1894 and attended Chilocco Boarding School. In recent years he has been an active member of the Native American Church and a Cheyenne chief. His daughter is Josephine Red Cherries of Kingfisher. Ralph Goodman died in 1970.

Jess Rowledge was born in 1884 and is a well-known and respected leader among the Arapahoes. He is fairly well educated and articulate, and has traveled 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 he 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 this greatest personal fulfillment as well as inspiration. Jess is no stranger to the role of teacher-informant in communicating knowledge