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JOHN PEDRO, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: ARAPAHO SUN DANCE

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

VISIONARY EXPERIENCE IN SUN DANCE  
REASON FOR PARTICIPATING IN SUN DANCE  
NORTHERN ARAPAHO CEREMONIAL LEADERS  
SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY  
PREPARATIONS AND EXPENSES FOR SUN DANCE  
RUNNERS HIRED TO CARRY MESSAGES, ETC.  
JOHN'S PARTICIPATION IN SUN DANCE  
BURIAL OF CEREMONIAL EQUIPMENT OF OKLAHOMA ARAPAHQES  
POWER OF GRANDFATHER TO REVIVE FAINTING SUN DANCER  
JOHN'S REASON FOR PARTICIPATING; COMMENTS ON SACRED PARAPHENALIA  
SACRED PIPE AND CEREMONY  
CONDUCT OF MAN WHO VOWS SUN DANCE; IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING VOW  
EXPENSES OF PUTTING ON SUN DANCE AND SINGING PRACTICES  
MORE ON PIPE CEREMONY  
OKLAHOMA ARAPAHO PIPE WOMAN  
ARAPAHO CHIEFS TODAY  
JOSEPHINE WHITE AND RABBIT LODGE: TABU AGAINST EATING RABBIT  
RABBIT LODGE  
ADVANCE IN CEREMONIAL STATUS  
CEREMONY ACCOMPANYING RAISING OF CENTER POLE  
OBTAINING OF POLES FOR SUN DANCE LODGE  
TYING OF CLOTH TO RAFTER POLES; EACH STRIP OF CLOTH A VOW  
MORNING DANCE  
PLACING OF CEREMONIAL PARAPHENALIA IN SUN DANCE LODGE  
SUN DANCE LODGE LEFT STANDING AFTER SUN DANCE.

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

John Pedro was born in 1914 near Calumet, Oklahoma. He was reared in this area and now lives five miles north and three and one-half miles west of Calumet. He is married to the former Rosie Charcoal. They have ten children, the oldest of whom is about 33 years old and is working in Australia, and the youngest, a girl, who is 10 years old. John Pedro is very active in the Native American Church or peyote religion. He attends meetings often, and often has meetings at his home. He travels a lot, visiting peyote meetings held by other tribes, and especially liking to go north in the summer months and visit the northern Arapahoes and other northern Plains tribes.