

So far as money is concerned. But I don't really know how it works today. As I said, I haven't been in contact with the grant program in over a year.

(Uh-humm.)

But there's too many doors open now, especially for an Indian. We've got our hospital. We don't have to run up medical bills and expenses.

GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL AND DENTAL SERVICE

(How about the hospital service? Have you gone up there recently, like in the last year?)

If I was a rich man, I wouldn't even go up there.

(I mean do you feel like Public Health is doing their job or?)

I imagine they're doing their job. You know, I don't really know that much about it. But I think there's a lot of areas they could improve.

(You know that's about all you have left, is your educational opportunities and your health benefits from all the treaties. So. . .I was going to ask you what do you feel about the Indian people not having an adequate dental program. Because you know we see so many of these young, beautiful Indian women in their early thirty's and all their front teeth are missing and they actually, they're poor people, they do not have the money to go down and have them pulled and to buy a plate or a bridge. And the Indian Hospital will not take care of them unless they're pregnant or unless it hurts. If it hurts, they'll pull it which is of course is what's happened to the front teeth. So, this is health, you know. . .??? Yeah, it is. I kinda let down in that area because I'm not too concerned with it. I haven't got one cavity.

(I know. . .but you could get one.)

Well, I know it and I've always had good teeth.

(Or your people could get some.)

Yeah, ah well, that's what I said while ago, I really don't know too much about it. I do know it's hard to get an appointment. You have to call, if I called down and said I want my teeth checked and cleaned, I'd have to