

has got it--I'm not sure. Ben Little Raven, I think, has got it.

(Do the Arapahoes ever go over and look at that--?)

Well, they didn't look at it. Used to--when the old lady pledged that they was going to cover it, they used to just go over there and cover it with material. But they never did open it. Nobody was allowed to open it. There was nobody that knew anything about what was in there. They were afraid of it.

(Well, the old man, Little Raven, did he ever open it himself?)

I don't know. I don't know that far back. Maybe they did, I don't know.

(Did you ever hear that there would be any reason why they would open it at certain times?)

Well, this one, when they say--when--you know--like if they made a pledge for some sick people--of their folks would get well, and they want this one to be painted with whatever the paint was in them--in that bag. And they used to give horses and things and cook big dinner. And maybe inside of this sweat lodge, that's where they open it. Nobody ever had anything to do with it. They had a respect for it. They didn't make fun of it or anything. In a way they had a respect for that and they didn't--nobody used to talk about that. And now I'm crazy to be talking about it.

(You're talking about it in a respectful way, though--)

Well, yeah, I am. But I'm not supposed to, because I didn't know nothing about them.

(You didn't ever cover one yourself?)

No. This is a sacred thing and people that don't know nothing aren't supposed to talk about it.

(Did anyone else have one besides Little Raven and your mother-in-law?)

Oh, there were some people--I don't know who all had them. Some people down towards Geary that way--they had them. But these is the only two I knew something about. You know, I used to see them when they take care of them. And when they take them out--when they walk with them--they didn't walk fast. If you walk fast, well, the storm used to come up. They used to be easy with them.

LITTLE RAVEN, A CHIEF

(You were mentioning about Little Raven--that people would go to him and ask him for advice and they would do what he told them to do--?)

That's the way I heard. I never did see that.

(What kind of things would they go to him for?)

I don't know. Just--I don't know--they used to say they have to live according to way he wanted them to. He wanted them to be friendly and love everybody