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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: GHOST DANCE; ROUND DANCE; COMPARISON OF GHOST DANCE AND  
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

GHOST DANCE SONGS

ARAPAHO GHOST DANCE

ROUND DANCE GIVEN TO ARAPAHO WOMAN BY A GROS VENTRE

DANCES USED TO BE RELIGIOUS AND RESPECTED

MORE ON ROUND DANCE BROUGHT IN BY GROS VENTRE: COSTUME, ETC.

DANCE PARAPHERNALIA

RELIGIOUS NATURE OF ARAPAHOS

MORE ON ROUND DANCE

CHRISTMAS CAMPS, IN CANTON AREA

DANCE PARAPHERNALIA AND RECITING WAR STORIES

GHOST DANCE SONGS AND MORE ON ARAPAHO GHOST DANCE

CADDO GHOST DANCE SONGS TAKEN FROM ARAPAHOS

LULLABIES

GHOST DANCE EXPERIENCE COMPARED TO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH AND MYRTLE'S  
EXPERIENCE IN PENTECOSTAL SERVICES

MYRTLE'S BELIEF IN PRAYER

MYRTLE'S VISION EXPERIENCE AT PENTECOSTAL SERVICE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT: Myrtle Lincoln was born at Cantonment on June 25, 1888. Her father was Bad Man, an Indian policeman, and her mother was Red Feather. Myrtle was an orphan by the age of 13. A grandmother helped raise her, and later an aunt took her, but she stayed at Cantonment Boarding School much of the time. Myrtle's marriage to Howard Howling Buffalo or Howard Lincoln was arranged by her uncle, Coal Fire. Myrtle and Howard had seven children, two of whom--daughters--are living today. One son was killed in World War II, and two other sons were killed in local accidents. Myrtle and her husband supported themselves by farming on tribal land and doing farm labor for neighboring white farmers. They moved to a place near Cantonment in 1936, and Myrtle has lived at this place ever since. Myrtle has also worked as a cleaning woman in Canton. She now lives on a very small Social Security allotment and a small income from a land lease. She is well-known to Indians and whites in the Canton area and her status as a Gold Star mother has earned her a great deal of respect. She appears to be in very good health, for her age, and is active and quick and alert.