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REPORT OF TRIP TO WYOMING OF JULY 6-13,
1969, TO SEE WYOMING ARAPAHO SUN DANCE
AND OBSERVE PARTICIPATION OF OKLAHOMA
ARAPAHOS

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NOTE: This report is primarily a description of the Arapaho Sun Dance of 1969 with special attention given to participation of Oklahoma Arapahoes. This description is based on field notes, tape recordings, and observations made during a trip to Ethete, Wyoming the week of July 6-13, 1969.

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