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ALFRED CHALEPAH, KIOWA-APACHE
INTERVIEWED BY: SUSAN BRANDT
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GENERAL SUBJECT: BLACKFEET SOCIETY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

MAGIC

INTRODUCTION TO PEYOTE

ACQUISITION OF PEYOTE FROM THE LIPAN

SOME OF THE ROUTINE OF A PEYOTE MEETING

REASONS FOR PEYOTE MEETINGS

MOONEY'S ROLE IN THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH

ATTEMPTS TO NATIONALIZE THE NAC

ORGANIZATION OF THE NAC

DEFENSE OF NAC

PEYOTE

THE BLACKFOOT SOCIETY AND SOME OF IT'S PARAPHENALLA

PASSING DOWN THE STAFFS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Alfred Chalepah is 57 years old and for many years has been a leader and spokesman of his people. He has been active in tribal affairs, having served several times on the K-A-C Business Committee, and has been a director of the Anadarko Indian Exposition. He is a participant in Native American Church activities and has the right to conduct meetings. He is a leader in the Kiowa-Apache Blackfoot Dance organization, having inherited the office of "Whip" from his uncle, Apache John. Although Alfred has had little formal education having completed through sixth grade, he is extremely knowledgeable in almost every area of tribal life, and he is very anxious that his tribal traditions and lore be preserved.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Ella Lou Chalepah Neconie, Kiowa-Apache