

And they were two of us interpreters. Me and Charlie Apekaun. And you'll find most of these ceremonies, worships, and custom, and ranks and laws and everything in there. It's real interesting. Well, they didn't give it in a story form. They just gave the points—just like they ask questions. And then well, we got some of the stories, they tell us in order that we get our interpretation over. So they tell us, The informants, they tell us, so we understand it and then we have to tell it.

(And then you have to translate it.)

Yeah. And I heard they got a new professor in Duke's University. I want to write to Wes LaBarre and see what become of him after he retired over there. I like to see him. He had some—he had a boy, I think—had two children when I knowed him after he's over there. He'd give you a fine story on peyote. He's author and—understand from those old Indians, and he took part in the ceremonies on this reservations. Different places, he went in there. And he studied, and he went in there, and when the Congress was trying to suppress it— He was one of the main witnesses that wrote a story in it. And you get all that.

(Well, I know—I've heard of his book about it, and I have looked at it and I'll try to get it again.)

Yeah. He's got a pamphlet about thirty or forty pages, his testimony. I used to have it but I missed it, I don't know what become of it now. I don't have it anymore, but I read it. That's his testimony when he was giving his testimony in Congress on this peyote.

(Well, back to this water crow, could you tell me how they came to use it in the Native American Church?)

Well, they supposed to have direct communication and transfer 'em its powers and medicine, we say, to these certain parties. And to carry one of the feathers is an emblem of its power. And that's supposed to be—to show the—the badge of authority. By having those feathers and carrying them. That's supposed to be the magic wand. Without that, he's powerless. And that's how come they use them. And some of them carry them as substitute. Transfer--substitute-power. I don't know how far that goes, but that's the reason they claim to have—they can have power from the original power owner. And I think they're that now-a-days some of them just carrying them just because they saw the others carrying them. And I don't know whether they possess any power or authority to use them in the