

circle spot. Just before he got all of it, that buffalo--he's a God, too--he began to feel it. Somethin' touching him. "Hey! Are you birds looking out for me? I feel something touching me and I'm--next to my heart." And he jumped up and didn't see anything. But the little mouse or mole came out and said, "Oh, Bison God, have mercy upon me. I'm a little rodent. I have little bitty children that are cold, and suffering, and I'm just getting a little wool off of you to keep my children warm." And said the Buffalo God, "All right." And laid down again. And he laid down again, and the eagles set down in the same old spot. And he stuck a dagger right through the heart, after he got (unintelligible word). And the buffalo jumped up, but this little rodent run under the tunnel there, that he came on. Stay in there. And they said that buffalo with steel horns just plowed up the ground where that thing's trying to run off. But it just went so fast-- It's a God!- Grandmother God, and it got away. And he finally fell over, killed it. You get the whole story from Mooney's book. You get it. These old folks told it. That's the way they told me. And it's in the book so you'll get it. You get it all. And that's the way they told me. And it's in there. And that's the way they kill him. That's the way they got the sinew. Sinew is the thread that come next to the back--tenderloin. And when that's raw they wrap that around the feathers and the pole and then it dries, it's glue. Turns to glue, it's just tight. It's what the old Indians used (inaudible phrase). But the difference between the thunderbird and the water crow, I cannot tell you. But I thought they was different birds for themselves. I don't think the crow is any connection with the thunderbird.

THUNDERBIRD, KIOWA WORD FOR:

(Is there a Kiowa word for the thunderbird?)

Well, yes. Thunderbird? Well, that's what we call it. <sup>pwso</sup> gu. do. <sup>pwso</sup> means thunder.

And <sup>gudo</sup> is the bird. <sup>pwso</sup> gu do. Yeah.

(What does it look like?)

Thunderbird?

Well, I never saw one, only the emblems. They claim that it has a long sharp bill and head and long wings and long body and long tail. You see some of them peyote boys wearing pins--broaches. And maybe they got them beaded--beaded neck ties and that thunderbird,