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ALFRED CHALEPAH, KIOWA-APACHE
INTERVIEWED BY: JULIA A. JORDAN
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GENERAL SUBJECT: USE OF NATIVE FAUNA FOR FOOD AND OTHER PURPOSES;
RELATIONS OF TONKAWAS AND LIPANS WITH KIOWA-APACHES;
INHERITANCE OF PEYOTE PARAPHERNALIA AND RIGHT TO
CONDUCT MEETINGS; STORIES ABOUT APACHE BEN

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

TURTLES, EATING OF
PRAIRIE DOGS, MANNER OF CATCHING AND EATING
SKUNKS, EATING OF
DOGS, EATING OF BY KIWAS, SIOUX, AND CHEYENNE-ARAPAHOS
PRAIRIE DOGS
BEAVER
RABBITS, MANNER OF CATCHING AND HUNTING
ANTELOPE
DEER
BEARS, EATING OF
EELS, EATING OF
BEARS, BELIEF AGAINST EATING OF
OTTER, USE OF FUR
PRAIRIE CHICKEN, USE OF FEATHERS AND STORY ABOUT THEIR HABITS
EAGLE FEATHERS, REASON FOR USING THEM
FEAR THAT GAME WARDEN MAY CONFISCATE CERTAIN FEATHERS
CONFISCATION OF IRMA WINGLEY'S FEATHERS
HOW ALFRED INHERITED APACHE JOHN'S PEYOTE PARAPHERNALIA
WHY APACHE BEN TOOK OLD MAN CHIBATOH'S PEYOTE ROAD
DIDPOSITION OF APACHE BEN'S PEYOTE PARAPHERNALIA
LIPAN APACHES INTERMARRIED WITH MESCALEROS AND KIOWA-APACHES
TONKAWAS INTERMARRIED WITH KIOWA-APACHES
STORIES ABOUT APACHE BEN'S WAY OF SPEAKING ENGLISH
RELATIONS BETWEEN TONKAWA'S AND KIOWA-APACHES

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.

INTERVIEW SITUATION: This interview took place in the living room of Alfred's house which is located near the community of Alden, southeast of Carnegie. Dr. Keever Greer, Director of the Stovall Museum, was present and participated in the interviewing. Also, Alfred's wife, Evelyn, is present working on a quilt and she adds comments from time to time also. Occasionally Alfred goes and gets articles to show to Dr. Greer, like otter skin or the Blackfoot Society affairs, or some peyote fans. Conversation began informally concerning distribution of local wildlife, and recorded interview continues in this vein. Comments and questions by Dr. Greer and Evelyn are indicated by their names preceding their remarks.