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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.