

lot of import stuffs that comes in there at Monterey, close to the coast there. This side of Mexico. Across the line they have what they call this "broadcloth" that comes from Germany. Indians wear it for blanket--those red and blue blankets. We get them there cheaper than we can here in America (probably the wool broadcloth from which the blankets are made--jj). Of course the valuation changes but \$1.95 of American money is worth five dollars of Mexican money. But you have to change your American money into Mexican money when you go across there. And I never can buy--as many times as I have been there--I can't-- They have shoes and clothes and this and that, marked sixty dollars or forty dollars in Mexican money. But it's way cheaper in American money. If you know how to count Mexican money, you can pay Mexican money. But if you don't, there's no telling how much. And sometimes it's bigger. Five times \$1.95 would be five times five dollars, Mexican money. But it's too much trouble, you know. I don't go for that. But we can get those beads (mescal beans) in America, down around San Antonio and right across the border at Alientes (or Allende) and below El Paso. Those red beads that we wear for beads. You've seen them.

(What are they, exactly?)

Well, they grow about as tall as this shrubbery here. They have pods like beans. And they get ripe about right now. Some are yellow and some red. And you gather a lot of those pods, you know. And you open them pods and the beads are red and some are yellow. I've got some. We wear them for quiver, you know--when we dress up. The Americans calls them "laurel" beans, and the Mexicans call them "frijoles." Just like beans. No--the Mexicans call them "frijolillos," but they call ordinary beans "frijoles." (The mescal beans used by the Indians for beads to be strung and worn in bandolier fashion are from the Sophora plant.--jj).

(Have the Indians been wearing those a long time?)

(Jess doesn't answer this question. He starts looking for his own mescal bean beads to show David, and resumes talking about a man who wanted his mescal beans.)  
--one Pawnee fellow--he's part Kiowa. I went to a gourd dance with him in Car-