

That's the three Arapaho pipes---three different brands of pipes.

(Are those three different kinds of pipes or --?)

Different titles---different names. They're all the same kind of pipe but--

(In other words there's more than one Thunderbird Pipe?)

Oh, yeah. Now this chief pipe is for friendship and visits---visitors---and guests that come to your home and you eat with them and smoke with them and you make friendship with them, you know. That's the chief's pipe. They're public spirited people that become tribal chiefs. They can use that. This Thunderbird is a clan.

Believers of the Thunderbird---of course it's mythology, we know that-- they believe in the Thunderbird symbolism as their guide and the power that electricity has in wind and rain, and vegetation---fertilization---and wind, air, life, and electricity as a power of light and, you know, death---all that. And they're doctoring discovering by that their herbs, their medicines, their concoctions and (unintelligible word), they're all based on the Thunderbird power. That's two of them. But this ceremonial---sacred pipe---the whole tribe is governed by it, in ceremonials, in age---sort of like soldier bands---like Star Hawks, and the Foxes and the Tomahawks, and the Belted Spearmen, and the Dog Soldiers, and the Fire Bugs---all that's governed by that sacred ceremonial pipe in Wyoming. The one that's petrified. They claim that's the oldest. It's petrified pipe and there's a turtle shell in that bundle that's petrified and an ear of corn in that bundle that's petrified and a duck bill in there that's petrified and a leaf. Some of these educated people that's seen it say it looks like an olive leaf. It's petrified it's got a scum. Some kind of scum formed and make it look like it's petrified. But it's hard---brittle. Those things are in red package---that's the sacred ceremonial pipe that governs the Arapahoes---oaths and all that.

(Is that still important today?)

It's still in Wyoming. There's a fire in that tipi every day and night the year around. And if they're going to move it to the Sun Dance Lodge four miles or six miles, the woman that packs that pipe walks. And the man, her husband, follows her with that tripod, with the bundle suspended. He follows her. And if she's going to