

through anything. In fact they said when he reached down to shoot his enemy, he shot him with that bullet, and then he said to look for that bullet. And they kept digging and digging and finally they had a hole I don't know how many feet deep, but it showed that it had a kind of a bird mark. Gray-like, the longer, the deeper, that bullet went. That's all the story I know about it.

(Did you ever hear how that bullet was given the thunderbird power?)

No, I never learned that part of it. But that's the story of the Arapahoes on this thunderbird.

(Is the thunderbird a real bird?)

It's mythology, I call it. Mythology. It represents rain, and storms. It always has been a celestial blue--that color of the clouds when they form rain. It's got to be behind a blue-cloud--blue sky or blue cloud. No other color. And the thunderbolt has always got to be a sort of a gold-like--electrical--like a thunderbolt's color, you know.

(The thunderbird itself is gold?)

No. It's blue, celestial blue, I call it.

(Well, a man that has the thunderbird for his symbolism to doctor--how would he get this?)

I don't know that part. But that's inside their own clan. There's several here. And most of the War Dance songs that you hear among the Arapahoes are composed on thunderbird faith. They had words in them. But I don't think there's anybody living now that has that symbolic of the thunderbird.

(When you say that that's inside their own clan, what do you mean