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Colorado, and they offered a school course, anybody that wanted to go on ahead and learn some more. So, I thought this was my opportunity. 'Course a lot of these guys still the same way, going up town on passes and everything and they, always stick back to me to my grandmother's advice that I figured if I go to town with these guys I know what's going to happen, we'll be out in nightclubs or something like that. Most of all, I was always scared to get in trouble 'cause I figure that if I get in trouble I'll be in the guard house. Or if I go with these guys, M.P.'s pick them up somewhere, I'll be in the guard house, and this would be the point, this is where I'll go wrong. So I decided that I'll go back to school on this program. MORE ABOUT GRANDMOTHER'S TRAINING AND HER PHILOSOPHY

(Did you worry, Howard, about getting in the guard house and getting in trouble, did you worry about how it would reflect on your earlier training, or did you think of how it might reflect on being an Indian, did it concern you any? Or, it was just against your training to want to get into that kind of trouble?)

It was just against my training to get into that kind of trouble. Most of all was on account of my grandmother, because I knew she raised me, and I knew what she thought of me. And again, if I got in trouble, why she'd be the one, you see, my feeling was this, if I got into trouble, who would I hurt? And I know a lot of people say well, I ain't hurting nobody but myself. Sure, but also about my grandmother, that was the one I'd hurt. And that was the one I didn't want to hurt, my grandmother. And to go to show you how much she thought of me was I made an allotment to her and I told her you'll get this allotment and spend anyway you want it. But you know I came home on a leave, one time, and I needed some money and she told me well, you got all that money in the bank. I say where did it come