

Some stories. Not particularly rabbit. But there are some animal stories. Like the bear story. There's what they call that mountain in Wyoming? The Devil's Tower. And that Hell's Half Acre. The Indians got holy names for them but white people call them "hell" and "devil" and all that. I know the story about that "Hell's Half Acre" and I know the Bear story of that Devil's Tower.

(Would you tell those to me--can you tell that kind of story?)
Yeah, yeah. They're true stories. There's indications--like that Hell's Half Acre--I stopped and watched it. Looked that up. And then I've been to that Devil's Tower. There's a story to that.

(Is this Devil's Tower story the kind of story the grandmas tell to the kids?)

No. It's just a public story. It may not be an authentic story, however, but it's a version of the Indian mind--how that tower came to exist. There were seven kids playing around there--around that little knoll there. Otherwise wasn't anything but the bear. They detect a bear coming after them and they said that they prayed. They said, "We're going to get on top of your mountain. Go up. Go up, so that bear won't catch us!" So they all got on there and that mountain start to build up. That's the story. It might not all be true but that's it.

(Is there more to it than it?)

Oh, yeah. Yeah. You know for years nobody couldn't get on top of there until these jets came into existence. They can fly on top and land on there. And they know what the top looks like up there.

STORY ABOUT ABANDONED OLD WOMAN AND HELL'S HALF ACRE

(Is there a name for that kind of story?)

Well, it's just an ordinary story. Just like this Hell's Half Acre. That's the story of an old woman. According to the Arapahoes, when they get to be about a hundred years old--almost totally helpless--even though they could see good and have good stomach to take in their food--they're otherwise useless. And it was the policy of the Arapahoes, according to custom and