

two. One for the fireman and one for himself. Because it corresponded with the male and female. Where there was a male there was always a female, or vice versa. It's the same way with peyote--they use two, male and female. See, they use two.

(What do you mean, they use two?)

Well, you eat two right off, as a rule, see. That means a male and female.

(Well how do the feathers tie in with this male and female?)

That's two feathers, you see. They're both working, but we don't know which is which. Although one of 'em's the other. By that I mean ~~make~~ one's a male and one's a female. So they'd have to work together. That means cooperation and unity. And some tribes have different version. Like I said, every tribe has their own version, their own conception of way that meeting is conducted. Like you, you got pretty good idea how the ritual is registered. If more peoples would come out and declare those things, there'd be better understanding--whereby-- Go back to the old time, now. They don't like to let this information out for one reason--they're not selfish, but if you're gonna use it, you're gonna use it the way they use it. Or don't bother. That's restricted. But now anymore, like Soontay, one time he said, I won't tell white man nothing. We're not supposed to tell nothing. And I didn't say nothing but like I said, today, now he's coming back. He wants to help. And I knew--he told me that. And I said I would get somebody else interested. I got Wallace interested. I got Frankie interested. Now you ask Frankie some of the things that you're asking me and he answer would correspond with some what I'm telling you today, which ~~you~~ give you a better understanding. Therefore you ask Carrie and Frankie--some questions some time.

(Did any other tribes besides the Apaches make use of the two feathers?)

Oh yeah. Comanches. Comanches and Kiowas. They got their own version, like I say. What they represent, it's their own version. Same way with that crescent. Each tribe has their own version of what it means.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CRESCENT-SHAPED ALTAR AND OTHER ITEMS IN PEYOTE RITUAL:

(How did that crescent get started?)

Well, actually--I'm just telling you what I think about it. Cause like I say, somebody else gonna have their own version of it. This. . . represents the moon, heaven,