

RULES ON GIVING AWAY

(One thing I was trying to understand in this giving away, is it the person who is bestowing the honor who gives away the presents?)

Well, on one side, yeah. On one side, the party that's giving the honor, they gave lots of presents along with the honor. And those who want to receive the presents have to pay back, I told you. So when the Comanches gave that honor--when they gave that honor there, they presented them, and Kotay had to give lots of gifts to Attocknie. And I don't know what-all gifts he gave, but he give it, finally, to Attocknie. And they went home. Maybe some horses, and other blankets, and gifts.

(But that was after the ceremony?)

After the ceremony. But during the ceremony, the Comanches trying to help laid the gifts all out there in a row, on canvas. And any Kiowa that wants to take a gift can select his gift, but he must return something for the gift that he takes.

(Have you ever heard of a person taking a gift and then not returning a gift?)

No. They wouldn't think of it. They wouldn't think of taking anything without returning something. They always have to give. They know beforehand that they have to give back. That's the reason they won't take it if they're not able to. They have to be able to return a gift that's equal or better.

(Is there any certain time by which they have to pay it back?)

No.

(Could they wait as long as a year?)

They have to put their own time between the ones that's received gifts, but it can't be over six months. It has to be soon. Sometime soon.

(That's real interesting.)

That's funny, but that's the way it goes.