

east, and south. And there are two stars right together like this and they're just brilliant and flashing all the time, just like that. And then there's another one about so far. And it sets close to those stars. Well, the Kiowas call that "Fox Watching Otter Den." Those other two stars that are sparkling, they're supposed to be the opening of the den hole of the otter. And this one over here, it's supposed to be the fox waiting for the otter to come out of the hole. And the north star. And there's seven sisters, we say, or seven clustered stars. They all learn those. Then you see that Milky Way. That's taught, and how it changes certain parts of the night and all that. All the Indians --old people--learn and understand those stars and movements.

And that's the map they carry to go by. In this open country where there's no roads or maps. Go from north to Old Mexico and other places without maps. They use those stars.

(Now this fox and otter den star, where are they in the sky? Are they close to the North Star?)

No, they're right about here. And the North Star is over here.

(Now, is this in a summer sky?)

Uh-huh. You see some of them university astrologists, and they'll tell you. They'll tell you how they're located. I don't know what they call them. They're about right here. And the North Star is over here. In the sky-lit part of the country you could see it plain when there's no clouds. You just get a mat or canvas and lay it down and look and it's interesting.

(Well, did the Kiowas have names for some of the other star clusters?)

Yeah, but I forgot most of them. I did know them. They don't