

NOTE: This is really a continuation of the interview begun on T-236, though the numbers were assigned in reverse order --jj.

SITTING BULL AND MANNER OF SIGNING OF THE JEROME AGREEMENT

(Were you going to add any more about Sitting Bull and how he came down with the Ghost Dance and everything?)

Yeah. Well, these Indians approached Sitting Bull at his camp. A whole bunch of chiefs rode up there and some young men. They asked him, "What do you think? You say the people that has passed away is going to come alive again--resurrection--in two or three years. Well, we want to know what you think. How you're going to advise us." So he said, "Well, we're going to meet our people that are going to come alive the next two or three years. And there will be a new world come on. All the white people are going to go with this old world. And our people are going to come back to us. So if you're going to get this much money on account of the amount--they call that "million," then in the meantime you can buy a lot of things for your loved ones, to give them to them as presents when they come back. So," he said, "I say just go ahead and sign that agreement." And so they took his word. Then they went ahead and completed that agreement. Then, after that, or course, they were taken to Oklahoma City. First they were taken to Arkansas City. Well, nothing materialized there at that time. So the second trip they had Fort Reno stagecoaches gather on the chiefs. I know they came to my father's tent and they got Black Coyote and my father and White Antelope. They were gone over a day. Next evening they came back. Then some of those people came in and asked questions of my father. And he said, "Yeah, we was there. They gave us one big room.