

No--he'd cut it. Dried peyote, they don't think much of it. He'd give it away, you know. Bring it out and give it away. Pass it around. The Indians would rather dry it themselves. Well, sometimes back in the early times-- 1916, if I remember right--then Mexicans went as far as to inject some kind of a dope that--that had some nauseous effect or something like that. It made people sick. So they quit buying it from Mexicans. Quit dried peyote. So they'd rather dry it themselves, the Indians, since that time. I know it's a whole lot better that way. I know I was at a meeting one time at Carlton, and a fellow seating on the west of me--on my right--got sick and just started acting--he couldn't control himself. We all noticed it and the next morning we examined that peyote and it had little--sort of like needle holes in all those peyote. Must have had some dope injected in it, or something like that. So they don't use it no more.

(Have you heard of any people down there--either Indians or non-Indians--collecting peyote and maybe bringing it back up, in trucks or anything like that, to peddle it or sell it?)

There has been, sometimes, I know down here at Cloud Chief in the early days--I think it was a white man or a Mexican--they used to import this peyote. Indians from Canton, Kingfisher and Geary and all around used to go down there on horseback and they'd trade anything. Those fellow they wanted peyote traded anything--had a Winchester, shells, moccasins--anything like that--boots--money. Just to get this peyote, you know. But they were good dried peyote. Then of course that went out of business. The Indians started to locate those fields where they cut those and then start going down themselves. So, there have been commercial (dealers)--.

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(Have you ever heard of Indians going anywhere around El Paso or any place like that to get it?)