

Dear God, be with my mother to night, dear God. (He asks God to be with most of the people present, and relatives not present) Be with our Native American Church, Dear God. Be with all people, etc. Be with our chapters, our Arapaho chapter here--let it continue to grow. Be with our Cheyenne chapter, and all chapters.. This Navajo man, give him a good blessing for the peyote he brought to us. Be with all Navajo people out west. Be with my Uncle Eugene (Blackbear). Be with all the sick people and be with my grandmother Kionut. Be with all our service boys--protect them--bring them back home. Help me with this fire. Give me some kind of good blessing. Help me in everyday life. Bless this water. When we drink it, give us some good blessing. Be with my grandmother (Annie Pedro). Be with our Indian people that practice this religion. Let our religion continue to grow. All this in Thy name, Amen."

Abraham says: "Brother, I want to thank you for the prayer you offered. I want to thank you. Go on. Continue this good way, God's way. You might be one of the leaders of this organization. People will depend on you some way. Uncle John, thank you for me, my wife and my daughter. Sit here and pray--in general. At this time, there's a lot of I want to say, but I can't say them. I'm one of them guys that stays back--stays behind." At this time I'm going to use the Lord's Prayer--to cover what I want to say. There's a lot of things wrong with our country--maybe the Good Lord will fix it for us. I'm going to use the Lord's Prayer--it covers a lot of territory...(he repeats the Lord's Prayer in English in a low voice.)

At this time there is a lot of clanking and scraping in the background. Maybe it's at this time Bobby is fixing the fire--I'm pretty sure he fixed the embers and glowing coals into the shape of the bird before the water was brought in.

Chris: "Is it all right to say something?"

Abraham: "Yeah."

Chris says: "I'm a grandpa and a great-grandpa. I can't get around much any more. My nephew (Bobby Pedro) came by my house and invite me to come. I'm happy to be here. This is the way I believe. Lot of times I'm under the weather. I've blacked out three different times, and didn't know what happened. I feel all right now. I lost my appetite. . . Just wanted to say that. I'm glad to come here. Since I been around Weatherfor, I don't hardly get around. . . v. . Caddo boys, Glen, other Glen says: "In honor and behalf of our church. . . the whole world is in crisis--conflicts--troubles. One of our leaders--our senators--got killed (Robert Kennedy). He had a large family. He was for the poor people--our Indian people. He had a child that was coming. It was great loss for our country. . . heading toward peace--for our boys. . . So a ward for his family that's left behind and the new child that's coming. He p our leaders to come to better understanding, that we may have peace on earth, so our troubles will be over. Even our tribal affairs--tribal money awarded for four years and we haven't received it yet. Hope we can get it and live the way we want to. This is a great honor for my brother-in-law (Abraham) to sit here in this meeting. He's one of the leaders in the tribal tradition. We're grateful we can come together in unity and prayer. We're all brothers and sisters. I want to say this in honor of my boy that died three months ago--I took it in a good way--I didn't say nothing against my church. I sing and drum and try to fulfill my duties. I'm grateful to sit here in this meeting with my brother-in-law, etc. . . This is our Native American Church. God created us all alike--put us all here on earth. . . . Tomorrow is Father's Day. . . Glad our Caddo people could come and this old man, Harry Pratt. I'm one of the poor people that our leader (Kennedy) represented . . . etc." (When he finishes, people say, "good," "uh-huh," etc.)

Then Glen says, to Bobby: "Take it out (the water). Come around this way." Bobby walks around the tipi and out the door, taking the water out.

Abraham says: "I want to go out and pray--I'll be with you while I'm out there." He gets up and goes outside. He's wearing a red and blue peyote blanket around