

courage them, to those interests. But they don't go out and make any research or investigation of any kind up to now that I know of.

(Well, suppose that there's some group or organization that would work in this way. And send people to go out to the homes and talk to people and try to encourage them--do you think it would make any difference if the person that went was a white person or an Indian?)

No. Well, I think both of them. Now, you take if anything starts like that, I'd be glad to respond and go with them, to place that I knew where their problems are serious. Needing immediate attention. I'd take them to those places. Heretofore by reason of that recollections, when the government from Washington would come out and investigate Indians, the agency people at Concho, those people, would get--take them to good homes. They wouldn't take them to no dilapidated hovel or shack, no! They take 'em to good homes. Well, that was wrong. We exposed that.

(Suppose I was working for this organization. Some people say if you're trying to work with Indians, maybe it's better to have an Indian do the visiting. I was wondering what you would think. Could I work at this kind of job or do you think an Indian person would be better?)

No. Both white and Indian. White and Indian. Now, the other day, one of our women--that has a boy that finished high school--went out and took a job at Anadarko--I don't know what kind of a--I think it was just housing--low housing program. And he was assigned a job on his own tribe's environment to come-- He came here the other day and he said, "Jess," he said, "I'm assigned to check all Indian homes here. See what your living conditions are. What you would like to have better. What you would like to have improved. If you got a good sewer, good bathroom, restroom, good water system--I want to check on that." I said, "Just help yourself." So he went on and he measured my little rooms. So this house is good enough for me all by myself. I says, "I try to keep everything clean. I have a girl to help. It's big enough for me and just right. I don't have no exaggerated expenditure put out for unnecessary things. But I live within my own means and comfort." So when he got through, "Jess"