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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF A NEW INDIAN
GROUP IN LAWTON, OKLAHOMA
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1968
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REMARKS:

The above Tape # T-320, covers the proceedings of a meeting held in Lawton, Oklahoma, on September 16, 1968. This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the organizing of dedicated men and women who are interested in helping all Indians in the community who really need help - young and adult - and no certain tribe. The need could be in many categories, health, school, clothing, employment, emotional, or just general guidance to those who just do not know where or how, or to whom to turn for help of any kind. The assembled group consisted of representatives of the B I A, the different Indian Affairs committees, employment, minority groups, and others.

Mr. Boyce Timmons and Mr. Bob Miller from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, were there to help in any way that they could. Among the people who spoke out at this meeting were:

Herschel (Ace) Sahmaout - he was the chairman of the meeting
Oma Lee Blackerby, Ft. Sill in the Finance Division
Sandra Chestnut, with the Cache Public Schools
Joyce Harper
Jerry Sahmaout, and Joe Sahmaout
Florence Stephenson
Victor Palmer, of the Job Corp
Bob Cannon, with N Y C
Bonnie Turner, Contracting Office for Ft. Sill
Earl Yeahquo, Ft. Sill Indian School
Bud Sahmaout, Community Action Progress

This was a very interesting meeting and the group seemed very enthusiastic. They will meet again in two weeks to evaluate the problems and perhaps will organize a permanent group at that time.