

over, that they might acquire another reservation in addition to the one they have. And so, they sent this man to Mexico to investigate the possibility of acquiring another reservation. And at the time he was down there, the president was, it was Mr. Aubignon at that time. They wanted to purchase this reservation down there. And of course there were various stories about how the things went at the time down there, and anyway they took the group of Osage to this country of Mexico. First, they went to the Mexican capitol, which they were received by the President and he told them what they would have to do and what they would have to abide by and such as that. And they were told they would have to--I don't recall if they would have to renounce their citizenship or not, all the details I don't quite remember. I'm trying to get them at a later date, but the Mexican president told them that they would have to abide by the Mexican law, at that time. And they would be granted a certain piece of land that would have to move on that reservation and establish a residence down there and so, at a later time the group went down and looked over this land that the president had offered them. And it seemed that the reservation didn't quite suit their needs. Of course it did in some ways, there was an abundance of water and game. But I think the majority of the land was in the desert and they--of course, now we could look back and say it would have been a good idea, but at the time, the Indian leaders thought that they didn't know where they could convert this desert into anything fertile which they would have to do in later years. So they spent a great deal of time down there pondering whether they should accept this land which was offered to them (not clear). But the Indians--the Mexicans were willing to buy it if needed. It seems that they came back and reported to the people that they had been down there and told them and their people and that, the Indians were pondering, thinking what it would be--if it would be a wise move to acquire this reservation. A certain amount of these Osage would have to go down there and settle, which was the problem at that time. And, so they,