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- A very brief interview about the procedure followed at the signing of Treaty #8.

This is Nelson Adams speaking. I'd like to make my first report on my survey. I'm speaking from John D'Or Prairie, June 23. We just arrived here and we brought Phillip Toby back with us from High Level and we will start taking our survey here and we'll go around visiting various homes and we'll visit a few of the senior citizens around here and after that we'll be heading back down to Beaver River reserve and we'll conclude this survey here at John D'Or Prairie, possibly today if not tomorrow.

We will have Phillip Toby to lead us around and introduce us so that Mr. Simon and Mrs. Burnstick can ask their questions. We are now at the home of Michelle Grand Gambie. We are going to ask him a few questions and we'd like him to make his comments.

Abraham Burnstick: In regard to the treaty, did the Indian pray or follow ceremony before he sat down to make the agreements? Why did he make reference to the sun and rivers and why didn't he give the mountains and grasses. I'd like you to tell us what you know of this.

Michelle Grand Gambie: The people prayed and followed ceremony. The white men were the ones who made reference to the sun and rivers, not the Indian. The white man made promises and

he used the sun and rivers to show that he would keep these promises. I do not know of the mountains or the grasses.

Alexis Simon: Do you know anything of the meaning of the sun and rivers used in the treaty. Of what relevance were they in the discussions?

M.G.G. I do not know. I do know the white man used them to his advantage.

A.S. & A.B. We thank you.

RY:vb (RY - Rik Yellowbird)

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