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A, B, C.

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Provenience: Kenya Location Kilingu**People or Culture:** Kamba**Object:** Ritual bow and arrow (ota-bow, musingi)**Material:** Wood sticks, fibre, copper, beads

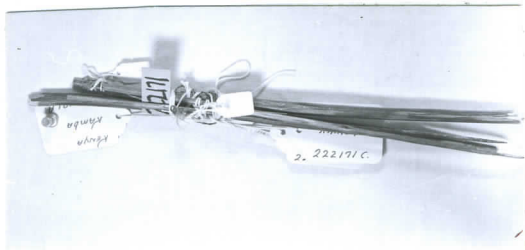
Description: Ritual bow(A) and two arrows (B,C) are used by a circumcised youth at the second ceremony. Wood is musingi and is made by the circumcision teacher. Two copper bands (mdomunys) and one each red and blue beads (maswa-supposedly from mombasa stone) are decoration. Two arrows are blunted with bands of copper like those used by many tribes. Symbolic of fighting with enemies who steal cattle. Sticks are brown. String is twisted

Dimensions: fibre. Bow is broken.

(in cm.) Bow 63 cm; W. 9 cm; Arrows 29 and 30 cm String 60cm

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