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Provenience: Mato Grosso, Brazil, Aldeia Camararé,
Rio Camararé

People or Culture: Nambiquara Indians, kithauhlú band

Object: wooden sword

Material: wood, split cane, Philodendron root bark,
cotton string, bees' wax

Description: A wooden sword, decorated with burned dots on the "blade" and with weaving around the "handle," in which the warp is composed of split cane and the woof is the root bark of a kind of aerial philodendron. The weaving is bound to the "handle" at both ends with cotton string painted red with Bixa orellana, interspersed with bands of cotton string blackened with bees' wax. This is solely a ceremonial implement -- for killing spirits.

Dimensions:
(in cm.) 99.8 cm long

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Collection: P. David Price, collector, 1968-1969

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