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Provenience: BRAZIL, Posta Indigene Heloisa Torres,
confluence of Rio Tapirape and Rio Araguaia
People or Culture: Tapirapé

Object: "Cara Grande" mask

Material: Wood, feathers, woody grass, shell, teeth,
gum, chalk, fiber, string

Description: Flat feather mask of a thick flat piece of
dark heavy wood carved into a half-circle with raised
trapezoid the vertical length of the "forehead" and
squares cut out for eyes and mouth. Eyes decorated with
border of shell, mouth with opposing teeth, trapezoid
with varicolor feathers, all affixed with black gum.

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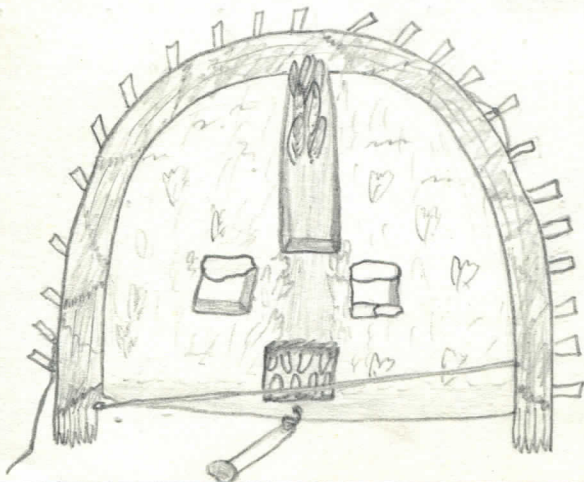
Dimensions: Face covered with yellow and some blue
(in cm.) feathers fixed in gum. Horseshoe (over)

HGHT (RADIUS): 60.0 WIDTH (DIAMETER): 73.0 LGTH of DANGLE: 16.0

Collection: purchased from Borys Malkin, collector
6 October 1961 Collected 1960-61.

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border on mask of 2 layers of woven woody grass strips sandwiching a "fringe" of fiber string and woody grass spokes. (Mask incomplete; should have feather ruff around it.) Face of this border covered with gum and chalk. Dangling from "chin" is rod wrapped in chalk covered string ending in wad of black gum. Made and used by men.



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