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1975 January 1: Watched Rose Bowl Parade; Cotton Bowl, Rose Bowl and Orange Bowl games on new portable TV. Jill and Barbara stopped by in evening. Called Mother. Barbara called from Lander. Ester Grubbs called

1975 January 2: Viewed last reels of Australian footage. Took Lynne Gauldin, Robbie and Sharon Janecsko to apartment for lunch. Saw answer print to Part II of Russia shows.

1975 January 3: Began listing show ideas. Saw answer print of Russia, Part I. Don and Lorie came over for dinner.

1975 January 4: Shopped. John and Terry Krause and boys came to dinner.

1975 January 5: Loafed. Called: Tim Donovan at Mildred Prudhomme’s. called Fran.

1975 January 6: Listed show ideas and organized system for current files. Worked on studio leads, etc. Genny picked up new suit, etc. Rec’d calls from Marlin Perkins re books. Jim Sherwin re income tax return. Called Marguerite at Mildred Prudhomme’s for Birthday but she was in bed. Rec’d two parcels mailed in Australia.

1975 January 7: Filed articles clipped in past few months. Washed windows at noon. Marlin Perkins for dinner. Rec’d two parcels mailed in Australia.

1975 January 8: In morning met with Don, Dick, Ace re show idea lists. Don and Marlin left for Montana at noon. Ruth Rodel came to dinner.


1975 January 10: Letters: Mrs. Woodford, Tryon Gallery, Nairobi re Taylor paste. UTC. Car rental, Nairobi re car rental. Tom McHugh came over for dinner.


1975 January 12: Went to John and Terry krause’s to watch Super Bowl and for dinner.

1975 January 13: Sent prints of Polaroid pix to John and Terry and Mother. Rec’d $50 check for purchase of sound effects. Listened to Judetion tapes. Worked on letter to Jack Steele. Dinner at Jill’s and Barbara’s

1975 January 14: Worked all day in program meeting with Don, Dick and Ace.
1975 January 15: Viewed first cut of Australia show. Worked on letters for next season’s shows. Tried a few phone calls but got no answers. Allan Eckert came to lunch.


1975 January 17: Spent day organizing Mother’s apartment.

1975 January 18: Attended alumni advisory board meeting at CSU, then cocktail party at Dean Cook’s. Visited George and Diane and Jack and Shirley Harvey.

1975 January 19: Waited for calls responding to ad in paper for job with Mother. One call came.

1975 January 20: Had several calls re ads. Time and Marquerite Donovan spent night with us.

1975 January 21: Took calls for Mother’s sitter.

1975 January 22: Drove to Boulder to see Margaret Altman, then to Golden for dinner with Bud and Gretchen Haller. Called Barbara re Mother coming on Sat at 10:27.

1975 January 23: Made appointments for interviews on Saturday and Sunday with Mother. Drove to Fort Collins. Saw: Harold and Marge Hagen, Gene and Sally Decker, (went to La Comida in Longmont with them). Had meeting with Ray Carlson and Chuck Teidt re CSU and Iran. Stayed with Bob and Judy Anderson; visited John and Marge Batson. Talked with Paul Linden re house; called Mrs. Pennington.

1975 January 24: Visited our house, met Mary Sorensen. Visited Les and Edna Madison; Ted and Margaret Blevins; Dr. and Mrs. Olsen; Hud and Claire Frink. Took books to George and Diane Radosevich. Heard talk by Astronaut Jack Schmidt (moon geologist), saw: Dr. and Mrs. Bill Cook; Tom Sutherland; Harold Hagen, Clark Livingston; Bruce and Carolyn Frye. Called on Dr. Pettas and Fran Lechleitner in their offices.

1975 January 25: Met Mother’s plane. Interviewed five women for job of living in with her. Took her and Mildred Prudhomme to dinner at Writer’s Manor.


1975 January 27: Showed Irene the ropes around Mother’s house. Bought Genny two beaver coats.


1975 January 30: Wrote letters to: Judy Rudnai; thanks for reprint. Don Bruning; thanks for dissertation; Fred Harrington; show planning; John Hopcraft; planning. Called: Bill Healy re turkey imprinting; New Mexico G and F re puma tagging; Karen Altpeter re articles on Russia.


1975 February 4: Genny’s natural beaver coat arrived, as did one of boxes mailed from Launreston 9 Dec. Sent reel of tape on raccoon sounds to Newberry Award Records. Filed tapes that had been accumulating on desk for years. Had dinner with Don and Lorie at Corona.

1975 February 5: Did a little with equipment. Worked on cards for show ideas.


1975 February 7: Apartment was painted in bedroom, kitchen and den. Met with Don, Dick and Ace re programs/ called: Rod Allen re bags and lens covers; Dr. Cowger re Mother in hospital. Irene re Mother. Jack Harvey re insurance. Wrote: Daniel Sindiyo re visiting here. Pasha Belitz-Gaimes with pictures of Russia.

1975 February 8: Organized apartment after painting. Called Mother.


1975 February 11: Worked on show data cards. Met with Don re schedules. Called Mother, who is home from hospital. Lenore.


1975 February 14: Had annual checkup by Dr. Webster. Gave Genny: painting of forsythia by Irene Jarrow and cut glass vase. Rc’d from Genny: pencil holder, wine bottle holder and clock. Cheryl Schaak and Chris Snyder arrived about 9:30 pm.

1975 February 15: Stayed in most of day. Katie came to lunch. Cheryl and Chris brought there friends Robin and Tom for dinner.

1975 February 16: Cheryl and Chris left about noon. Called Mother. Had dinner with Norman, Helen, Jill Krotich and Barbara Petersen at “Old Belgrade.”

1975 February 17: Worked on show ideas, esp. rhea. Walked to Sears and Pomper with Genny at noon. John Krause called re selling lot he borrowed money for.

1975 February 18: Genny and I had eyes examined by Dr. Deutch. Both in good shape.


1975 February 20: Worked on schedule, outlined beaver show idea; worked on tripod handle. Viewed harpy eagle film brought into office by group of young guys who took it.

1975 February 21: Worked on switches for tripod handle... molded 2 boxes that weren’t good. Called Mother—she was sounding well.

1975 February 22: Fran and Katie came to dinner.

1975 February 23: Hung picture in bedroom. Worked on insurance policies.

1975 February 24: Bought plexiglass; made switch box for tripod handle.

1975 February 25: Continued with work on tripod handle. Short meeting with Don on program schedule. Took pictures at baby shower for Doreen. Cheryl Schaak called.

1975 February 26: Worked on ideas for shows and on camera switches. Lenore called Genny this morning.
1975 February 27: Calls to Clair Whitlock and Tom Dunston re eagle show. Put up new blind in bedroom.

1975 February 28: Gene and Chucky Byrd came to dinner; Gene took income tax stuff. We all went to showing at Jim and Sam’s gallery “The Perfect Touch”.

1975 March 1: Bought some old National Geographics. Went to office to work on plastic box. Converted GI insurance to 20-pay life.

1975 March 2: Ruth Rogers Mead and Fran came to dinner. Fran took home clothes Genny and I cleaned out of closets. Called Mother, Irene says she has kidney infection.


1975 March 4: Worked all day on switch boxes for tripod handles. Met Jim Mathews, who wants to go to CSU.

1975 March 5: Spent day with Don working on Montana shows; viewed film already shot. Talked with Rod.

1975 March 6: Worked on switch boxes. Don and Lorie came to dinner.

1975 March 7: Finished switch box, packed gear and shipped it off. Dick Reienauer came to dinner and to watch a special on gorillas of Zaire.

1975 March 8: Left Chicago about 1 pm, arrived Bozeman 3 pm. Stayed with Larry and Marie Egner. Took pictures of Jenny Lee’s day old baby boy.


1975 March 10: Went to airport with Bob Ream in morning, but weather not good; postponed flight until afternoon. Went to Federal Bldg. With Rod Allen, met Roger Bumstead and Dick Guth and talked over project. Called Don and Genny.

1975 March 11: Sent Rod out in helicopter on two trips. Went to Montana Univ. campus, talked with Charles Jonkel, Bob Ream and Bart O’Gara.

1975 March 12: Good day. Sent Rod in copter, followed in car. Filmed air-to-air; ground-to-air; air-to-ground parts. Took Bob Ream to dinner. Met Joe Gillan, ex SAE. Called Genny and Don.

1975 March 13: Drove to Florence and waited for word from Rod in copter. He reported no elk were in traps and too dark to film darting. We scrubbed shooting plans for the

1975 March 14: Left town about 7:30, chased elk at 3 mile refuge, then went south to Painted Rock Reservoir and filmed elk in trap. Finished program. Genny arrived today.


1975 March 16: Peter Drown arrived on noon plane. Moved to Polson, stayed in Queens Court Motel. Diane called to tell me Mother is in hospital.

1975 March 17: Filmed trapping of bighorns and helicopter involvement. Light was bad.


1975 March 19: Had a couple of hours of good light; went to Wild Horse Island to film look sees of sheep, etc. Pete drove Marlin to Missoula to catch his plane. Called Mother in Presbyterian Hospital.

1975 March 20: Took Rod and Pete to Missoula to catch their planes. Got tie racks from Roger Bumstead; gave one to him and one to Bart O’Gara.

1975 March 21: Finished packing. Departed Polson, drove to Kalispell where I gave a tie rack to Dick Weckwerth. Went on to White Mountain and stayed the night.

1975 March 22: Drove south along east shore of Flathead Lake. Stopped at Bison Refuge, Maise; St. Ignacious Cathedral; Missoula (called Roger Bumstead); Hamilton (bought painting and pewter). Stayed Stagecoach Inn, Salmon, Idaho. Called Jill and Barbara re mail. Mother still in hospital.

1975 March 23: Drove to Boise. Arrived about 7 pm. Stayed at Rodeway Inn.

1975 March 24: Called BLM but staff was in meeting. Met Tom Dunston and his assistant, Jim Herper. Called DMP.

1975 March 25: Rainy day. Went to District Office of BLM. Met with Alan Tripp, Doug Smithy, Mike Roth, Mike Kockert and Jim. Looked at apartment which we liked. Collected shipment at airport. Had dinner at Annabel’s. beaver Nelson came over for drink.

1975 March 26: Met Doug Smithy at Kuna, went with him to Snake River Canyon. Met Mr. Evans at whose ranch the research trailer is parked. Caught two boys shooting in reserve. Paid deposit on apartment. Called Don re CSU coaches.


1975 March 29: Called Fran. Visited Morley Nelson and talked about show plans.

1975 March 30: Did laundry. Called Tom Dunston but no reply.

1975 March 31: Went with Mike Kochert and Tom Dunston to field camp for meeting with contract researchers. Moved from motel to Number One Protest Road.

1975 April 1: Had phone and TV installed. Called Mother, Marie (at Hal’s in Denver) and Morley re work.


1975 April 3: Snow and rain. Stayed at apartment.


1975 April 5: Walked to historical museum.


1975 April 8: Rainy. Filmed eagle flight.


1975 April 10: Rain in morning. Went with Morley to fly birds. Tom and Maria Dunston came to dinner.

1975 April 11: Went with Morley Nelson and Dr. Clay White of BYU to Snake River Canyon to film falcons; thence to Table Rock to fly trained falcons.
1975 April 12: Genny and I went to Snake River Canyon to film ground squirrels. Then went to Table Rock to film Morley's eagle and falcons.

1975 April 13: Genny and I went out on Interstate 80 and filmed a bald eagle, then to study area near canyon to film ground squirrels. Clouds came up in early afternoon. Called Mother.

1975 April 14: Spent day at machine shop making camera bracket for flight shots.

1975 April 15: Another day of rain and clouds. Worked on camera bracket, bookends and switch boxes. Doug Smithy came to dinner. Tom Dunston called to say a son was born last night.


1975 April 17: Went with Morley up Boise River, then south of town to find eyries. Had dinner at Morley's.


1975 April 19: Called Elaine (she thinks she'll have her baby next week). Don Johnson of U. of Idaho called. Genny and Kay went to lunch. Barbra Schovanee and Rod Anderson came to dinner. Made reservations for Marlin at Rodeway.

1975 April 20: Clear day. Went to study area to film gr. Squirrels but didn't get any. Filmed eagle and peregrine. Mother called to say Elaine had girl baby.

1975 April 21: Overcast day. No filming. Worked on equipment. Sent tripod head for repair and battery to DMP.


1975 April 23: Rainy and cloudy most of day. Filmed eagle and hawk flight in evening. Rod Allen arrived this evening. Don, Kay and Laurie McCarter came to dinner. Called Jinx Cook.

1975 April 24: Rainy. Visited Rod and Marlin at Rodeway.


1975 April 26: Cloudy. Scouted for locations for eagle and hawk capture sequence with Morley and Rod.

1975 April 28: Partly cloudy. Went to canyon study area but didn’t film. Filmed Morley’s hawks.

1975 April 29: Mostly clear. Filmed Wayne Melquist’s ground squirrel research project with Tom Dunston helping him. Then filmed Morley’s eagle and falcons. Had dinner with Don and Kay. Shipped parcel with 9 rolls of film of eagle project+1-200’ roll of Morley’s stuff, +1-400’ roll of Rod’s musket footage + 400’ waste footage.


1975 May 1: Charles Swartz guided us to eyries for red-tails, swaisons and Ferugenans hawks.


1975 May 3: Went to “Bedspring site” to tell John Messick it was too cloudy to film. Got Genny a ring in Karcher Mall at Nampas. Took Morley and Pat Nelson, Don and Kay to dinner at the Churchill.

1975 May 4: Rainy. I loafed; Genny went to auction with Pat Nelson. Was on channel 2 10:00 o’clock news.

1975 May 5: Rainy. Went to machine shop to check work there; had bits sharpened.

1975 May 6: Rainy. Looked for cable; found it.

1975 May 7: Don called; re schedule. Called O’Connor re tripod head.

1975 May 8: Clear day. Went to “Otis” eyries near Marsing but light was too low. Filmed Morley’s eagle flying to trap, catching rabbit and prairie falcon catching squirrel. Genny called Jean Sears, Lenore, Jim and Marie re house.


1975 May 10: Clear most of day. Filmed Morley setting falcon trap; catching eagle and with Tom Dunston putting on radio transmitter.


1975 May 14: Clear day. Mike couldn't work as scheduled in morning so filmed portraits of eagle and prairie falcon. Met Erwin and Peggy Bauer. Filmed Mike in eagle aerie in pm. Doug Smithy came to dinner. Went to Morley's for after dinner drink.

1975 May 15: Don called. Sunny day but missed connections for filming.

1975 May 16: Filmed prairie falcon aerie at "Thirst Point" with Mike Kochert. Went to Rich and Carol Howard's for elk barbecue. Called Mother, Dick re Marlin and more film for Rod.

1975 May 17: Clear day but no filming because we've completed script. Met Marlin's plane 6 pm. Morley came to dinner with Marlin. Mildred Prudhomme called.

1975 May 18: Filmed eagle trapping sequence and hawk trapping sequence; plus Wayne's and John's participation. Genny went to Kay's graduation; then we went with Kay and Don to the Trianon Restaurant.

1975 May 19: No filming. Had dinner at Tom and Maria Dunston's.

1975 May 20: Cloudy. Maria came over, then Carol stayed for lunch then went to art galleries.

1975 May 21: Discussed with Don problems of filming Marlin in Montana. Decided to send him and Rod to Missoula tomorrow. Filmed Marlin and BLM people at Dedication Point and Snake River Canyon.

1975 May 22: Took Marlin and Rod to airport to get plane to Montana. Had tooth fixed. Saw movie "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore".

1975 May 23: Cloudy and rainy in morning, better in afternoon. Called Mother. Don called. Went to play "Girl in the Freudian Slip" with Kay and Don.

1975 May 24: Day started clear but was cloudy by the time we got to aerie. Eaglet had fledged yesterday, so took blind down. Bought digital clock radio.

1975 May 25: Clear day. Went to "Feedlot" aerie and filmed eagles. Didn't get much.


1975 May 30: Clear and hot. Talked with Don re schedules; Ghana show scrubbed, Tanzania and Iran unsettled; South Africa possible. Called Mother. Filmed Morley’s prairie falcon.


1975 June 1: Packed for leaving. Had dinner with Barbara Schavonek and Rod Anderson. Rod polished my new filling.


1975 June 3: Moved into mother’s, gave Irene time off until Thursday. Had dinner with Mildred Prudhomme.

1975 June 4: Stayed at Mother’s. Orville and Marge Meyers came down for drink.

1975 June 5: Drove to Sterling to look at property there. Lunch with Marguerite and Trish. Saw Carl and Effie. Returned to Denver.


1975 June 7: Shopped, packed gear. Fran Khedroo came to dinner.

1975 June 8: Went to office to pack. Katie came for eggs benedict breakfast. Esther, Lynn and Renee Grubbs and Renee’s boyfriend Mark came to dinner.

1975 June 9: Packed gear. Mr. And Mrs. Norman Krotech were in at noon to cut Genny’s hair. John, Terry Krause and kids came to dinner. Talked with Jack Seale.


1975 June 13: Departed Chicago with Genny and Rod on Lufthansa 6 pm. Arrived Frankfurt 8 am.


1975 June 16: Marlin and Carol Perkins arrived in morning. Went on to Zanzibar in afternoon. Checked on equipment which hasn’t arrived. Made contact with Derek Bryceson. Wrote Mother. Iranian Embassy in Cairo sent postcards.

1975 June 17: Met with Derek and Jane Goodall Bryceson. Checked on equipment again. Marlin, Carol, Derek, Jane and Rod had dinner with us.

1975 June 18: Tried unsuccessfully to: trace equipment; get filming permit; get bank credit. Called Derek Bryceson for help with permit; cabled and called office re credit. Checked air schedules and charters and car hire rates. Had dinner with Marlin and Carol at Kilamanjaro Hotel with Mr. Smith, father of kidnap victim and Michele Treudean, room mate of another victim.

1975 June 19: Rcé’d cablegram from Dick re Iran visas. Lufthansa said equipment to arrive Friday noon. Called re car hire.

1975 June 20: Equipment arrived (1 piece missing). Didn’t complete custom’s clearance. Called Dick re cablegram to bank for bond and re missing luggage. Met Hugo Van Lawrence.

1975 June 21: Didn’t complete customs clearance, but got equipment into Hotel. Saw Derek and Jane at their house. Derek hopeful re kidnap victims.


1975 June 25: Drove to Ruaha, about 3 hours, got there at noon. Took drive to scout park. Filmed Marlin at “holed” baobalo.

1975 June 26: Filmed Marlin doing look-sees from Land Rover, meeting rangers who study baboons and elephants. Wrote Don and Mother.

1975 June 27: Filmed Marlin with baboons and rangers who watch them; Marlin look-sees, etc.

1975 June 28: Marlin left for Iringa at 8 am to catch plane to Dar. Rod filmed around house. Car didn’t return.

1975 June 29: Our car didn’t return from Iringa until afternoon. Drove out to scout for film possibilities.


1975 July 1: Rod and I followed a baboon troop in morning. Saw male with dik dik it had killed. Drove along river in afternoon. Saw lion, civet and jackals.

1975 July 2: Filmed “Msembe” troop about 3 miles from camp. Watched a crocodile catch an impala that had crossed the river and couldn’t climb the bank. Drove up river to film elephants. Saw a rhino.


1975 July 4: Filmed “Msembe” troop in morning near camp. Waited by causeway for elephants to dig into sand for water but none came.

1975 July 5: Talked to Bryceson on radio in morning. He will be in Ruaha tomorrow. Followed Msembe troop along river. Went to causeway again. No elephants dug for water but some herds crossed the river.

1975 July 6: Expected Bryceson’s to fly in today so took day off. They didn’t come because pilot was sick.

1975 July 7: Filmed elephants on dry river.

1975 July 8: Took day off because we are low on film. Re’d letter from Tong Collins. Wrote Mother and Katie.
1975 July 9: Called Bryceson on radio in morning. No word on getting film out of customs. Called again in evening. Didn’t know Tong’s schedule or any more re film. I said we’d come into Dar.

1975 July 10: Genny and I left Ruaha about 8:30, arrived Iringa 11:30. Met Phyllis Lee and Juliet Oliver on their way to Ruaha. Stopped for lunch at Mikumi Lodge. Arrived Dar Es Salaam at 6:30 pm. Called Derek Bryceson and made date for tomorrow morning. Delivered mail to Tong Collins. Saw Michelle and group, including two kidnap victims who were released last week. Tong and Michelle leave Saturday.

1975 July 11: Call to Don came thru 12:30 am. Met Derek and Jane. Later met Dennis and Cathy Rasmussen and Helen Neely who are studying baboons at Mikumi Nat’l Park. Called Don, Hal, who told us Trishy died last night. Called Marquerite.

1975 July 12: Got $3,00 in shillings. Cleared film thru customs and sent my equipment to Iran. Cabled Fred Harrington.

1975 July 13: Left Dar about 9 am. Arrived Mikumi Nat’l Park about noon. Met warden, Philip Sayaleh. Also met Dr. Ray Rhine, Dept. of Psychology. Had dinner with Ray. Elephant from our front yard came in his yard last night. Lions were also here.

1975 July 14: Drove around the park in Park’s Land Rover. After lunch Ray showed me baboon sleeping sites. Rod arrived about 5 pm.

1975 July 15: Just as we left for filming, received a message that Mother was seriously ill. Filmed baboon researchers until about 3 pm. Went to Hotel and called Barbara and Don. Mother is rallying. Had researchers for dinner at Hotel.

1975 July 16: Filmed baboon research. Called Barbara and Joe; Mother is slightly better but still critical.

1975 July 17: Left Mikumi about 8:30; arrived in Dar about 12:10. saw 2 wild dogs. Kathy and Dennis Rasmussen came with us. Left Dar on EA 844 at 8:35 pm; arrived Nairobi 10:45 pm. Called Joe. Mother is better but has pneumonia. Stayed at 680 Hotel.

1975 July 18: Met Marlin at Iranian Embassy. Talked over schedule with him; he left on 5 pm plane to Dar Es Salaam. Had Bob and Jette Zerega to dinner at Japanese restaurant.

1975 July 19: Cabled arrival data to Fred Harrington.

1975 July 20: Departed Nairobi about 8:30 am on Ethiopian airline. Stopped in Addis Abba, Cairo, and Beirut. Stayed at Commodore Hotel, Beirut.

1975 July 22: Tried without success to get equipment out of customs. Met people at Fred’s office and discussed filming plans. Had dinner at Fred’s.

1975 July 23: Walked to Intercontinental Hotel to get laundry. Genny got traveler’s checks. Went to farewell party for Raul Valdez, then went to airport to meet Marlin. Called Elaine at Mother’s house.

1975 July 24: Spent morning in customs, cashed $2,500 to pay duty on film. Didn’t get stuff out. Went to Paul and Michelle Joslin’s for dinner. Called Mother at hospital; she’s much improved.

1975 July 25: This is “Iranian Sunday”, no work could be done; wrote outline of Tanzania show to send to Don; wrote Mother. Went to Fred Harrington’s for swim and dinner.

1975 July 26: Spent all morning in customs; got equipment and film out at noon. Left Tehran on train at 3:30 pm. Phil Kahl joined us.


1975 July 28: Filmed Marlin’s arrival by boat; some look-sees on shore and on hill.

1975 July 29: Went by boat to west shore by Land Rover to Reziayeh airport, filmed Marlin and Firous in plane. Taped message to Don.

1975 July 30: Filmed sheep drive – census; Marlin arriving at dock; meeting biologists, etc. moved to VIP house.

1975 July 31: Filmed Marlin in final scene. He left for airport about 10 am. Wrote Mother, sent letter and tape for Don with Marlin. Filmed from boats in pm. Swam in Lake Reziayeh, floated with water at armpits.

1975 August 1: Went to small island to see operation of banding adult flamingos. Filmed only flying birds. Genny wrote Marquerite, I wrote Mother.

1975 August 2: Filmed ringing of adult flamingos; delayed by rough lake. Finished with boat – boat shots of capture and release. Got evicted by Queen’s aunt who came to island for 2 hours.

1975 August 3: One boat driver had tooth ache, so we sent I boat and 2 drivers to town after we had filmed Phil and Francis and Esmail and Mohammed departing from dock. Spent part of day making “T” for tripod and assembling rods for a blind. Filmed flamingos in flight in pm.
1975 August 4: Repeated work on small island only emphasized Iranian crew. Queen’s Aunt arrived on ferry and had 15 minute tea; caused great ruckus.

1975 August 5: Very rough water. Didn’t film on lake, but got some footage of magpies. Set up blind near the spring for sheep.

1975 August 6: Windy morning kept us from filming until about noon. Did boat landings at dock for finish of show. Water was quiet in the afternoon so filmed ringing of flamingo chicks. Col. Bullwall and family spent day here.

1975 August 7: Had sheep drive in morning with pretty good results. Filmed ringing of pelican pull in the afternoon. Motor of one boat broke down, very late returning. Phil went to Reziayeh with game guards.

1975 August 8: Filmed wildlife of caves and from blind. Got urial, chuker eagle and wheatear.


1975 August 11: Called Genny re camel’s wool; she’s at Fred Harrington’s. Bought her some wool and found woman to spin it into yarn. Wrote Mother. Made tape report on Reziayeh show.

1975 August 12: Flew to Tehran on 8:30 Iran Air. Took taxi to Fred’s office, then Dana took me to the Sheraton Hotel. I wrote outline for show.

1975 August 13: Got equipment cleared at customs and shipped it. Had dinner a home of Esmal Kohrum.

1975 August 14: Called Dick re film shipment, etc. Bought ivory lion. Took Dana to lunch. Paul and Michelle came to Hotel for dinner.

1975 August 15: Left Tehran on ElAl. Arrived Tel Aviv, took taxi to Jerusalem. Stayed at Intercontinental Hotel.

1975 August 16: Walked through old city of Jerusalem. Took guided walk along 14 stations of the cross; saw slide show.

1975 August 17: Hired car for drive to Dead Sea Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth and returned to Jerusalem.
1975 August 18: Genny spent morning at El Al. in afternoon we went to Bethlehem. Bought bells, etc for Xmas tree.

1975 August 19: Left Ben Gurian airport 3 am on El Al; arrived Jo’burg about 1 pm. Stayed at Jan Smuts Holiday Inn.

1975 August 20: Worked on clearing equipment through customs.

1975 August 21: Made R1000 deposit with Van’s clearing agency. Got car and drove to Harlēbeespoor dam; talked with Jack Seale and Heather. Looked for a place to stay; got lost on return. Called Don re contract. He’s at home following surgery.

1975 August 22: Rc’d call re house available. Drove to Kosmos to see it. Took it.


1975 August 24: Checked out of Hotel and moved into house Kosmos. Had Jack and Lorna Brooke to dinner. Rc’d cable re parcel from DMP with camera motor.

1975 August 25: Went with Jack Seales to Pienaars farm to film ostriches nesting, not much luck. Birds didn’t accept us near nest. Wrote Ray Chamberlain re Iran; Eskandar Firous, thanks for help in Iran; Mother; marguerite. Phoned Van’s agency re parcel.

1975 August 26: Genny went to Pretoria to shop. I filmed ostrich displays, etc.

1975 August 27: Filmed male ostrich display and “roaring”; female ostriches at nest. One egg hatched while we were away from nest. Dinner guest: Jack and Heather Seale, Jack and Lorna Brooke.

1975 August 28: Filmed male ostrich getting on nest.

1975 August 29: Cloudy weather. Went to Jan Smut’s to collect parcel from DMP (camera motor and mail). Shopped in Pretoria. Stopped at Mrs. Reich’s. had dinner in town.

1975 August 30: Went to Brit’s for quick shopping trip. Andy and Inng Anderson and their kids came for lunch.

1975 August 31: Stayed at home watching birds. Had dinner with Jack and Lorna Brooke and their guests.

1975 September 1: Drove to ostrich nest, 2 more eggs than before, no hatchings; 5 of 9 young had died. Stopped to see Ann Von Dyke. Genny wrote Marquerite, Sybill Kennedy (sent Xmas sock for Ellen); Marge Coleridge. I wrote Mother. Sent Don card.
1975 September 2: Genny and I went to Pienaars and checked ostrich nest. One egg hatched yesterday but still 16 eggs. Jack didn’t show up, was in N. Trvl. To collect a civet that he found was dead. We went to Pretoria to shop and mail letters. Checked nest again on return.

1975 September 3: Went to Pienaar farm. Jack brought 3 small and 1 larger baboons, the last everted its colon and couldn’t be used. Filmed baboons in ostrich nest and carrying eggs from it. Went to Brits.

1975 September 4: Worked with ostrich chicks and adults and with baboons at nest.

1975 September 5: Jack was late getting on job, clouds foiled shooting. Genny went to Jo’burg to get transformer and leave Nikon for repair. Rc’d letter from agent re investment plan.

1975 September 6: Took Genny and Mrs. Reich to Union Hotel for Genny’s birthday dinner; gave her little books and escargot plates and battery mixer.

1975 September 7: Genny wrote letters, I worked on show structure and watched birds. Jack and Lorna came by for birthday cake.

1975 September 8: Filmed ostriches on nest. Male kicked tripod and broke it’s leg. Jack went off most of day on his own errand. Had dinner with Jack and Lorna Brooks; called John and Marge Coleridge.

1975 September 9: Tripod leg was being repaired. Went to Pretoria and ordered canvas for portable blind.

1975 September 10: Filmed Male ostrich displays. Tested eggs, most infertile. Rc’d letter from Marquerite. Sent cablegram to Don and wire to Coleridge.

1975 September 11: Cloudy morning. Went to Jo’burg to get camera that had been repaired.


1975 September 13: Cloudy day. Stayed at home doing odd jobs. Went to Jack and Heather Seale’s for braarfleiss.

1975 September 14: Genny suffered stomach pains and diarrhea. Andy Anderson brought his boys and Mrs. Reich out for lunch.

1975 September 15: Filmed ostriches with puff adder; mongoose with ostrich egg; baboon. Harry, Lotte and Mathew Stokes came to collect tape recorder and stayed for dinner.
1975 September 16: Tried to get ostrich “dances” but everything went bad – lost several ostriches. Went to Pretoria to shop. Jack and Lorna came for drinks and supper.

1975 September 17: Cloudy morning. Pit up pen for ostriches. Tried baboon with ostriches. Went with Lorna and Jack Brookes to their daughter’s (Barbara and Gene) estate in Jo’burg for dinner.

1975 September 18: Filmed jackals with ostrich egg; baboon with ostrich. Went to Harry and Lotte Stoke’s house to pick up repaired tape recorder.

1975 September 19: Tried with success to film ostrich “dance”. Met people who have game farm and got permit to film there. Tried male ostrich display. Got letters from Mother and bank.


1975 September 22: Tried to film ostrich “dance” without success. Got male relieved at nest by female; female defended nest from baboons; female with monitor lizard and small lizard and tortoise.


1975 September 24: Tried for male ostrich display but got nothing; Jack was to put up fence for hyena but didn’t get it done – a zero day.

1975 September 25: Worked with warthog in morning – with egg and ostriches. Tried hyena in pm but Jack had tranquillized it and it didn’t wake up.

1975 September 26: Cloudy with some ½ - ¾ hr. breaks. Filmed brown hyena with ostrich carcass, dead chick and egg. Had dinner with Henk and Liz Maarten; called Don.

1975 September 27: Cloudy, stayed home.

1975 September 28: Cloudy, stayed indoors.

1975 September 29: Katie to be at Tehran Hilton. Cloudy, no filming. Went to Brits. Tried to set up ostrich display but they broke out; one was killed.

1975 September 30: Tried leopard vs. ostrich but didn’t succeed. Tried for ostrich display without luck. Another zero day.
1975 October 1: Another unproductive day. Tried more of same material.

1975 October 2: Tried leopard – ostrich work, without success. Tried parents with chicks which had been bought.

1975 October 3: Filmed at Pienaar farm – tried more with leopard and other animals, very poor success. Paid for ostriches lost and for machine shop work done. Cabled Don in am. Got message to call him at night; did so from Brooke’s house.


1975 October 5: Packed equipment for shipment.

1975 October 6: Borrowed Jack Seale’s “bakkie” to haul luggage to Jan Smuts for shipment.


1975 October 8: Sent ostrich story info to Don, statement to Lorie. Got travelers checks. Left Jo’burg bout noon. Arrived Capetown about 2:30. took cable car to top of Table Mtn. Called Mother, line was not very good.

1975 October 9: Left Capetown on Aerolineas Argentina at 8 am. Arrived Buenos Aires at noon. Called our contact Andy McFarlane.

1975 October 10: Went to see customs broker to start clearing procedures.

1975 October 11: Took walk toward zoo.


1975 October 13: Saw Andy McFarlane about customs, etc. no word re equipment.

1975 October 14: Re’d word equipment not here. Sent cable to Van’s Airfreight, called Don.

1975 October 15: Got word that both the equipment and the film had arrived. Sent cables to Don and Van’s airfreight. Signed paper authorizing Kohler to act as agent.

1975 October 16: Spent day shopping. No word re luggage clearance.
1975 October 17: Packed. I picked up leather jacket bought yesterday. Left on 4:15 plane to Bariloche. Stayed at Llso Llso Hotel.

1975 October 18: Walked around Hotel grounds, then took bus to Bariloche where Genny bought hand made goat wool.

1975 October 19: Checked out of Hotel, took a launch ride on “Lego NAMUEL HUAPA” to Beatriz Peninsula, thence to Victoria Island. Rented a car and drove to ski area, thence to Bariloche where Genny bought leather jacket, cloth jacket and blanket. Caught 9:40 plane to Buenos Aires.

1975 October 20: Still no word re luggage clearance.


1975 October 22: Still waiting for luggage clearance. Sent telegrams to Maurice Rumbell and Sr. Barretto to contact me.

1975 October 23: Maurice Rumbell called in answer to telegram. Went to customs house but no satisfaction.

1975 October 24: Went to airport customs with Maurice from city service. Didn’t accomplish anything. Placed call to Don. went to museum to meet M. Rumbell.


1975 October 26: Rainy day.


1975 October 28: rc’d cable from Dick that Argentine Embassy was applying pressure. Results seemed to be coming.

1975 October 29: Went with Mauricio Sacchetti from city service to get letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dept. of Culture and delivered to customs office. Later went to airport to clear gear. Got it out in pm. Took it to Aeroparque and shipped to Trelew.

1975 October 30: Left on 6:15 am flight to Trelew. Met by agency people who took us and gear to Puerto Madryn. Met Sue, our guide who took us on tour of Valdez Peninsula. Saw first: guanaco, rhea, Patagonian hare, killer whale, wright whale, southern sea lion and elephant seal.

1975 October 31: Car was delivered. Got permission to film. Went to “Loberia” closer to town. Genny hurt her knees when car rolled away.
1975 November 1: Cloudy day. Drove to Punto Tomba to see Pinguineria. Didn’t film.

1975 November 2: Clear day but stayed home to plan shows. Wrote Mother.

1975 November 3: Met director of local research facility, Dr. Pizaro, who agreed to work with us. Cabled Don asking if that’s ok and for guys to bring films for showing and radios. Went to Pyramades and to whale beach. Got permission to film whales.

1975 November 4: Talked with scientists at local research station. Rc’d cable answering mine of yesterday. Went to New Loberia. Moved into new apartment in evening.

1975 November 5: Cloudy day. Took car to garage to get wheel fixed. Went to Trelew and called office – talked with Dick re cablegram, etc. got permission to film on Estancia visited yesterday.

1975 November 6: Rainy day.

1975 November 7: Rainy day. Genny treated Sue to beauty shop treatment.

1975 November 8: Rainy day.

1975 November 9: Rainy day.

1975 November 10: Clouds in morning, cleared early. Didn’t go out because we were advised that roads are still impassable from 2+” of rain. Lined up boats for work. Rc’d cable re arrival of Brunning and Denny next Monday.

1975 November 11: Day deteriorated from partly clear in am to cloudy in pm. Still advised to keep off roads. Rain was about 50 mm – yearly average is 45 mm. Boat we planned to use can’t be available because roads won’t be fit to take trailer over until near time driver leaves for Peru.


1975 November 14: Cloudy. Sent cable to DMP asking for show numbers. Rained in pm.

1975 November 15: Clear morning but low barometer. Went to Punto Nenfas – roads still wet in places. Clouds, rain and strong winds came up.
1975 November 16: Genny and I started toward LaCaletta. Had flat tire. Went on to Pyramedes and found they didn’t have tires that size so we started back. Clouds came in while in Pyramedes.

1975 November 17: Zulema and I took a taxi to Punta Norte and LaCaletta. Filmed whales there. Genny took car to Trelew and met plane with Don Brunning and Dick Denny.

1975 November 18: Dick, Don, Sue, Genny and I drove to Pyrmedes. Filmed whale from boat; Dick and Don getting into and out of boat. Stayed at motel there for $16.50 for all five with drinks and meals included.

1975 November 19: Filmed another boat scene. Started for Punta Norte but had flat tire, so turned back. It couldn’t be repaired at Pyrmedes so we returned to Puerto Madryn where we had 2nd flat.

1975 November 20: Went to LaCaletta, filmed scenics; went via Punta Norte to “whale camp”.

1975 November 21: Went first to Punto Norte then to whale camp; filmed fox and cuis there. Went to LaCaletta and filmed whales. Returned to Puerto Madryn.


1975 November 25: Filmed Dick and Escolaro tagging elephant seals at Punto Norte. Pretty good day, a little haze.

1975 November 26: Filmed penguins and other birds at Punto Tombo.

1975 November 27: Packed gear, left Puerto Madryn at 3 pm to check with travel agency in Trelew and catch 7 pm plane. Emelio Barretta and Mrs. Llavollul met us.


1975 November 29: Organized equipment while others looked for rhea nests. Wrote Mother.
1975 November 30: Spent day looking for rhea nests. Found several in various stages of activity.

1975 December 1: Filmed Don and Dick finding rhea nests, egg laying ritual, a peludo. Clear day but windy.

1975 December 2: Clear with haze; period of clouds. Filmed Don and Dick finding single eggs, catching molita, doing look-sees; screaming ibis.

1975 December 3: Clear. Filmed Don and Dick instrumenting rhea nest, Dick cutting into ovenbird nest, black necked swans and screamers.

1975 December 4: Clouds came up. Violent storm in pm.

1975 December 5: Rained most of night. Cloudy, barometer low. Dick and Don decided to go to Buenos Aires to shop but couldn’t get out of gate because of slick roads.

1975 December 6: Clear but unsettled. Filmed look-sees; Dick and Don meeting gauchos, egg hatching. Sent batteries to Castello for charging.

1975 December 7: Barometer low, but clear all day and less wind in evening than any other day. Filmed rheas, broken wing act, booming; caraeara, lapwing, etc.


1975 December 9: Filmed ovenbirds building nest, feeding young; chincaras on bart.


1975 December 11: Don Brunning took train from Castello to Buenos Aires. Genny and I went by truck with driver. Shipped equipment. Had dinner at apartment of Jaime Llavollul. Maurice Rumbell and Arturo Taurock and Don Brunning were there.

1975 December 12: Cashed $2000 @ 130 on black market. Paid bills. Had $300 left which Genny and I tried to spend on bags, etc. had $100 left which we gave to Arturo to give to Mauricio Rumbell. Took Pan Am to Miami at 11:30 pm.

1975 December 13: Arrived Miami about 6:30 am. Went on to Orlando to visit Bobby and John Gruener. At 4 pm went on to Greenville, N.C. to visit Lenore Jarman. Marie Egner was also there. Calls to Mother, Joe, Marguerite.

1975 December 14: Spent day in Greenville.

1975 December 15: Left Greenville on Wheeler Airline, connected to Delta in Raleigh. Arrived Chicago 2 pm.
1975 December 16: Went to office.

1975 December 17: Worked in office and at home.

1975 December 18: Shopped, went to bank and helped Genny make cookies. In pm went office for program meeting.

1975 December 19: Office in early day. Bought Xmas tree and began decoration.

1975 December 20: Shopped and finished decorating apartment.

1975 December 21: Stayed at home. Joe called from Mother’s. Fran and Susan Khedroo came by. Went to Katie’s for dinner. She was over for eggs benedict this morning.

1975 December 22: Worked on finances, time analysis. Don and Lorie came to dinner, (car was towed away). Marie Egner called to say she, Larry and Terry would arrive Christmas Eve, late.


1975 December 24: Genny came to office party. Marie and Larry Egner arrived about 8 pm.

1975 December 25: John and Terry Krause came to dinner with their boys. We all then went to their new house for popcorn. Called Mother.

1975 December 26: Marie and Larry left about noon today.

1975 December 27: Shopped and watched football.

1975 December 28: Harold Hagen stopped in for visit this morning on way back to Ft. Collins.

1975 December 29: Cleaned up filing backlog. Snowed today.

1975 December 30: Esther and Lynne Grubbs came by. Worked on Xmas cards at home. Had meeting with Don and staff re Wyo. Show and publicity stills.

1975 December 31: Worked on Wyo. Sheep show – call to Bill Crump pretty well scotched the possibility. Spent New Year’s Eve at home. Katie came in for egg nog prior to going out. Called Mother and Terry Krause.