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Sat. 9/5/70. Mo Oberman arrived today. We got him to go on hike to Gull Rock climbed to top. The we 3 found a ledge near + sketched. Good day, good trip.

Sun 9/6 G & I went to below Burnt Head, (by pool), + sketched high tide, on return looked for mushrooms + picked apples + rose hips. Oberman here for supper tonight (meat loaf)

Mon 9/7

Looked to see Obermans off. flowers. Packed my 2 lg acryl [[acrylic]] ptgs [[paintings]] in a roll.

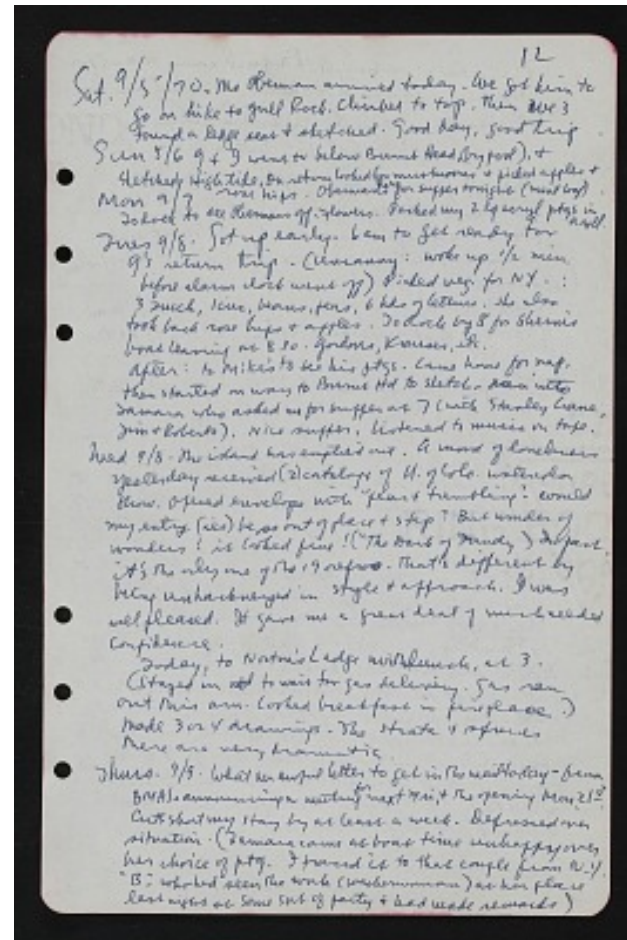
Tues 9/8 Got up early - 6 am to get ready for G's return trip. (Uncanny: woke up 1/2 min. before alarm clock went off) Picked veg. for N.Y.: 3 zucch, 1 cuc, beans, peas, 6 hds [[heads]] of lettuce. She also took back rose hips + apples. To dock by 8 for Sherri's boat leaving at 8 30. Gardens, Krauses, etc.

After: to Mike's to see his ptgs [[paintings]]. Came home for nap, then started on way to Burnt Hd [[Burnt Head]] to sketch. Ran into Samara who asked me for supper at 7 (with Stanley Crane, Jim + Roberto). Nice supper, listened to music on tape.

Wed 9/8. The island has emptied out. A mood of loneliness yesterday received (2) catalogs + of U of Colo. watercolor show. Opened envelope with "fear + trembling." could my entry(ies) be so out of place + step? But wonder of wonders! it looked fine! ("The Dark of Fundy") In fact, it's the only one of the 19 repros. That's different by being unhackneyed in style + approach. I was well pleased. It gave me a great deal of much needed confidence.

Today to Norton's Ledge with lunch, at 3. (stayed in to wait for gas delivery. gas in out [[??]] am. Cooked breakfast in fireplace.) Made 3 or 4 drawings. The strata + spruces there are very dramatic.

Thurs 9/9 What an awful letter to get in the mail today - from BMAS. Announcing a meeting for next Fri, + the opening May 21st. Cuts short my stay by at least a week. Depressed over situation. (Samara came at boat time unhappy over her choice of ptg. I traced it to that couple from N.Y. "B" who had seen the work (washerwoman) at her place last night or some sort of party + had made remarks)



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