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Sat. ~~July 31~~ Aug 1, 1970 (cont'd). Arline brought us 6 or 7 kinds of Japanese food from Yonkers. She tried my pickled radish - the only person really to appreciate it. Who really appreciates a new rose? The setting moon? My drawing of the slopes of Burnt Head? The grey surf drawings, the new large painting? And so it goes, beginning with pickles! By gaslight I worked on the new large ptg ~~[[painting]]~~ AND THEN IT RAINED! Thunder, lightning - and a heavy pour that lasted 25 minutes, coming in mightily from the South, flooding the floor upstairs. And into the night, brief flashes of rain, sometimes heavy. Around 2 am thru the slightly open windows by the bed, I felt a cold north wind blowing in.

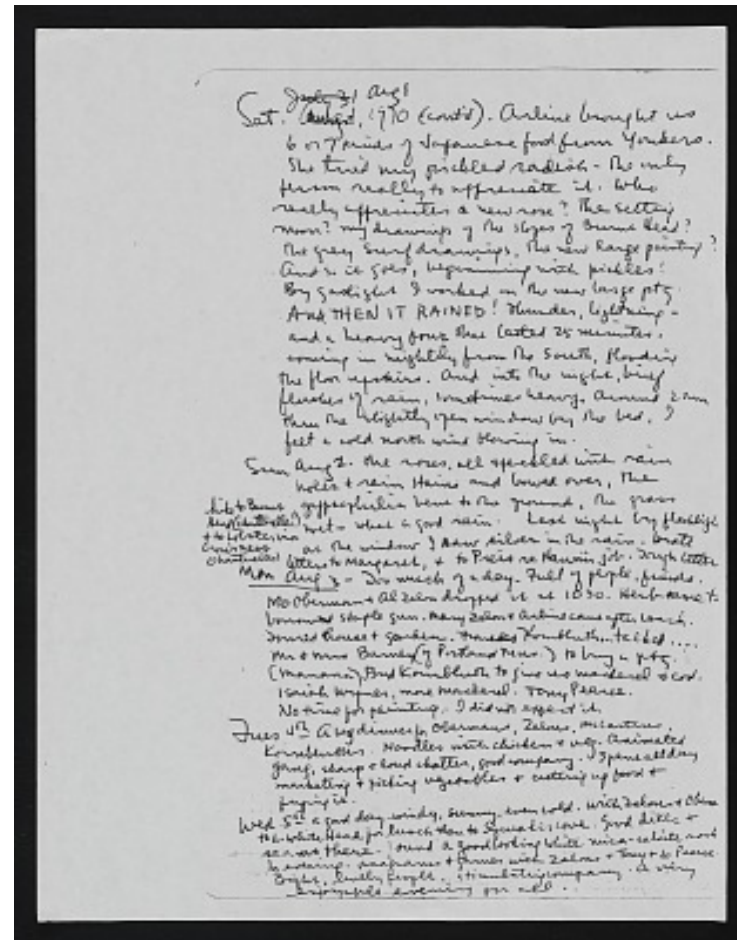
Sun Aug 2, the roses, all speckled with rain holes and rain stains and bowed over, the gypsophila ~~[[gypsophila]]~~ blew to the ground, the grass wet - what a good rain. Last night by flashlight at the window I saw silver in the rain. Wrote letter to Margaret, & to Preis re Hawaii job. Tough letter

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hike to Burnt Head (chanterelles!) & to Lobster via Crow's Nest (chanterelles)
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Mon Aug 3 - Too much of a day. Full of people, friends, Mo Oberman and Al Zelon dropped in at 1030. Herb came to borrow staple gun. Mary Zelon & Arline came after lunch. Toured house & garden. Francis Kornbluth... talked... Mr & Mrs Barney (of Portland Mus.) to buy a ptg ~~[[painting]]~~. (Manana). Bud Kornbluth to give us mackerel & cod. Isaiah Wyner, more mackerel. Tony Pearce. No time for painting. I did not expect it.

Tues 4th Aug dinner for Obermans, Zalons, McCartins, Kornbluths. Noodles with chicken and veg. Animated gang, sharp and loud chatter, good company. Spent all day marketing and picking vegetables and cutting up food and frying it.

Wed 5th a good day. windy, sunny, even cold. With Zelons and Oberman to L. White Head for lunch then to Squeaker Cove. Good dikes and seams there. Found a good looking white mica-calcite rock. In evening. anagrams and games with Zalons & Tony & Jo Pearce. Bright, lively, people, stimulating company. A very enjoyable evening for all..



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