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Left 45716 at 9:00 A.M. for Monterrey. Sky 90° in clouds. Palm cacti increasing in number and size as one travels S. The sparrow hawk becomes increasingly more common and between here and Monterrey would estimate there being 80 birds. Telephone

lines were special places for perching and where present contributed to greater number of birds observed. There were approx 8 mourning doves and small birds on the average of 10 per mile. At the top of the canyon where road runs observed 6 black vultures and 18 crows. The crows were more common from here to Monterrey than elsewhere and increased in some direction. Boat-tail grackles common.

At Monterrey visited Arturo Jaiménez of the Universidad del Nuevo Leon. Also at the Univ met Dr. Philip an ornithologist from Mexico City and the Ichthyologist Sever. Bob Patterson and John Pizzimenti were also there and organizing for a field trip S of Castillo for prairie dogs. Had dinner of Arturo's father's home. Fernando is a promising student for graduate work, has grant support and good academic standing. In evening 3 Turkey vultures flew or rather sailed on motionless wings to east on way to roosting site. Release at Monterrey 45772. Slept in trailer in front of Arturo's home.

Monterrey, Mexico.

Jan 2, 1972

Crows moved N from city at daybreak to about 8:30 A.M. Boat-tailed grackles common in city. Annette recorded the following as impressions of Monterrey. "A rising middle class, but still a preponderance of poverty. There are many potentially good houses in disrepair or standing empty and disintegrating while in the same neighborhood the poor live in makeshift shacks. There are many beautiful homes in the city and on the outskirts. Many new homes and business buildings and industries are being built. Apparently there are no