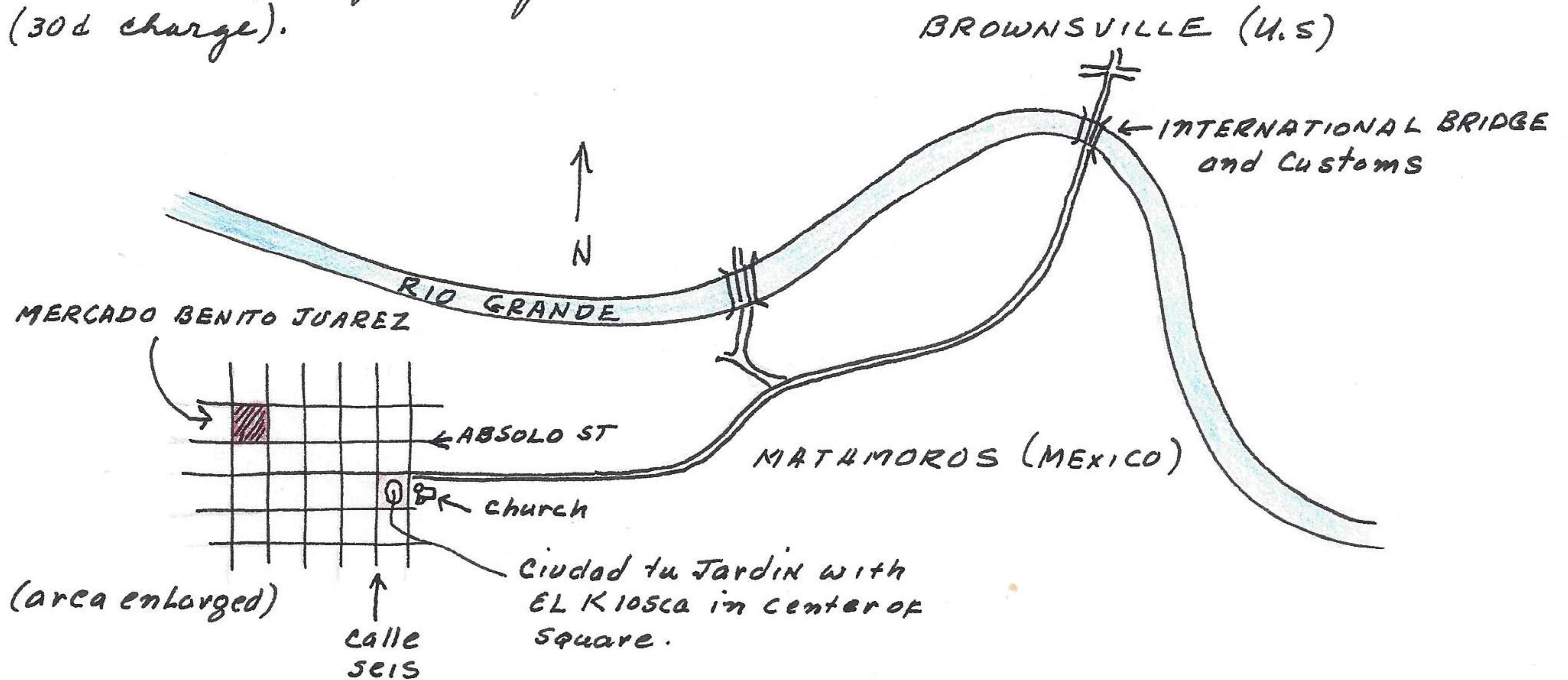


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Returned to Brownsville from camp at Olmita, parked trailer in municipal parking lot and drove car over to Matamoros (30¢ charge).



The market of Benito Juarez is approx 2 1/2 mile <sup>WSW</sup> of the International Bridge and is part of Matamoros. It consists of a square city block of inside shops and many adjacent to the market. Returned to Brownsville and prepared to leave for Corpus Christi. Approx 30 mi. were covered in the Brownsville - Matamoros area. Left Brownsville at 12:30 P.M. at mileage 96261.2, windy, cool enough for coats. <sup>43°F</sup> Destination Padre Island SE of Corpus Christi. Will return to Kingsville on same route no 77. 96273.1 first sparrow hawk. 89.1 first Harris hawk. 95.3 first redtail. 98.0 9 black vultures and first observed since Brownsville. 96313.3 Harris hawk. 13.4 Redtail. 13.8 Harris hawk 15.3 2 Harris hawks Boat-tailed grackles most common blackbird and in small flocks of 10-40. Two ponds so far and each about 100 ducks; redtail. 16.9 redtail. 17.3 sp hawk and 11 black vultures. 18.1 2 sp hawks, 4 turkey vultures, Harris hawk. 18.6 sp. hawk, Harris hawk. 19.0 Harris hawk, 150 ducks. 19.7 2 Harris hawks. 19.8 redtail. 20.6 sp. hawk, 100 ducks, Harris hawk. 21.4 Harris hawk, sp. hawk, Harris hawk. 22.0 Harris hawk. Will not record ducks from here on. There seems to be a relationship of scrubby plant communities, ponds, stabilized sand dunes with the Harris hawks & vultures. The prime consideration seems to be the small scrub trees (live oaks?)