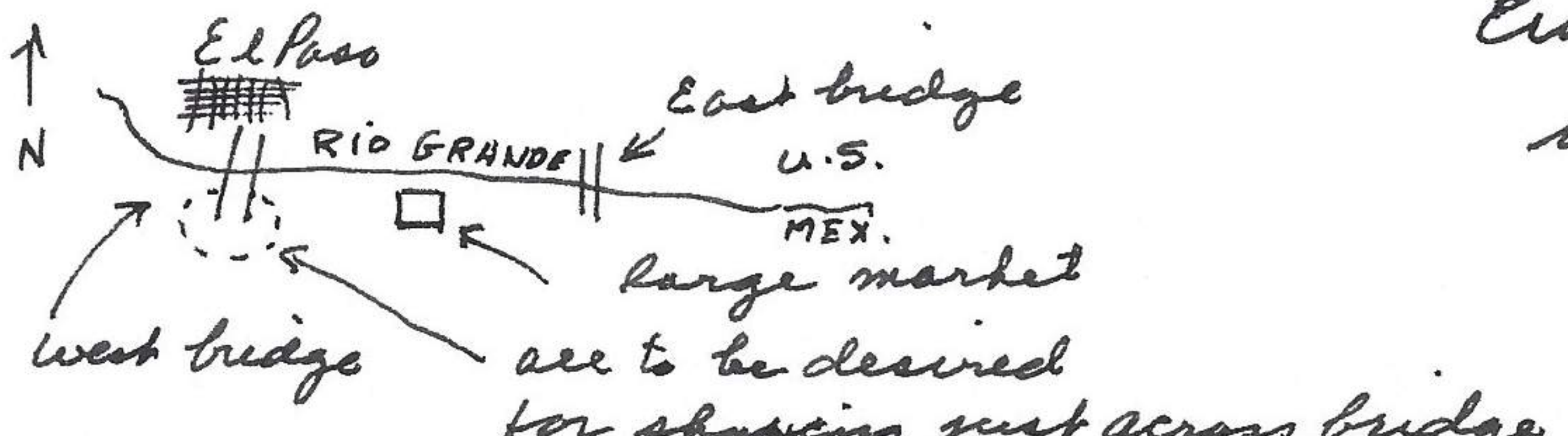


to E. 89.3 marsh hawk. 64003.4 marsh hawk. 11.4  
 marsh hawk. 10.2 Cochise Ave at San Simon. 13.3 San  
 Simon River. Cottonwood with yellow leaves and whitish in  
 general appearance and are different than our cottonwood in  
 Lawrence. Creosote are about 2 1/2 to 4' high with rocky  
 soils between, as usual for this area. 64022.9 New Mexico  
 State line at 3:40 P.M. Creosote mainly upper slopes of fans,  
 but on other side creosote down into valley and finally replaced  
 by grass and small shrubs. 30.5 striped skunk  
 road kill. 45.5 Lordsburg at exit 22. 54.0 2 roven  
 63.7 increase in number of yucca after an interval of very  
 few. 74.3 <sup>Am.</sup> roughleg hawk. 75.4 4 Am. roughlegs on 4  
 consecutive utility poles along side of road. Yucca seem to have  
 5 or 6 inflorescence stalks per base which is noticeably more  
 than those first observed in Arizona coming this way. 77.4  
 Luna County line. 94.5 6 meadowlarks. 64104.5  
 Deming. 64160.0 at 7:30 P.M arrived at Los Cruces at a  
 KOA Camp on west side of valley on benchland. Lights in  
 this valley are brilliant and clear at night and remind me of  
 the view from Mary's barn in Provo overlooking the city at night.

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Min. temp last night 34° F. Sun up at 7:15 A.M. Sky almost  
 clear with some clouds over mountains. 32.0 striped skunk  
 road kill. now travelling on road west of Rio Grande. To S.  
 trees are without leaves in this area. Valley mainly pecan  
 groves and open cottonfields. Most of the houses are either  
 stucco, stucco over adobe, adobe or brick. There are no  
 houses made of wood. The old <sup>mexican</sup> plaza of Mesilla is being reconstituted  
 and when finished will recreate an original mexican plaza and  
 market place which should be a great tourist attraction, especially  
 if they pattern it after the market places over the border in Mexico.  
 Slopes above valley are in creosote. Striped skunk road kill.  
 Continued S on this W road to El Paso. There are two bridges  
 across the Rio Grande, one strictly for car traffic and the one about  
 3 mi. W that crosses S from middle of El Paso is used mainly for  
 walk but also cars. The latter we used (2x to cross) to cross into  
 Ciudad Juárez where we shopped



in the immediate vicinity of the S  
 end of the bridge.