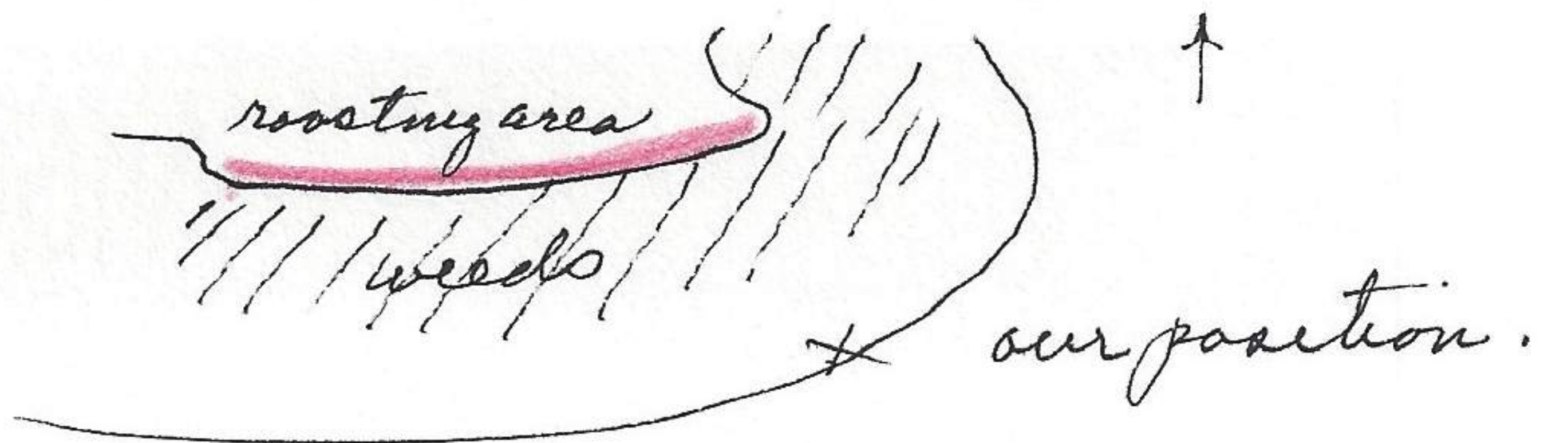


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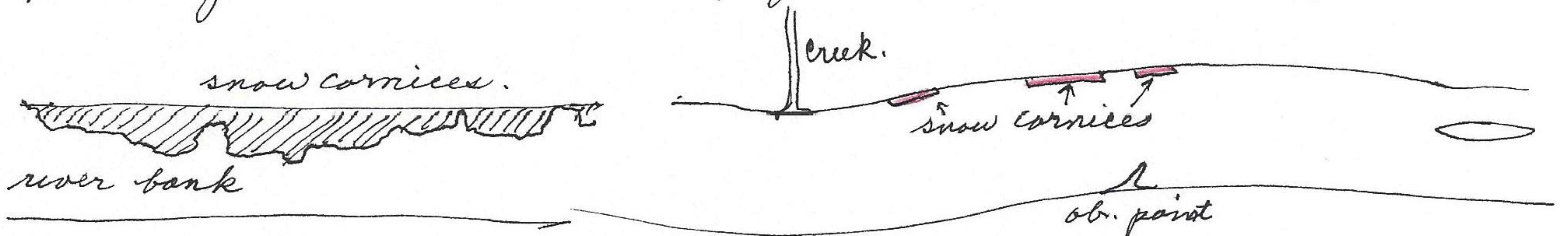
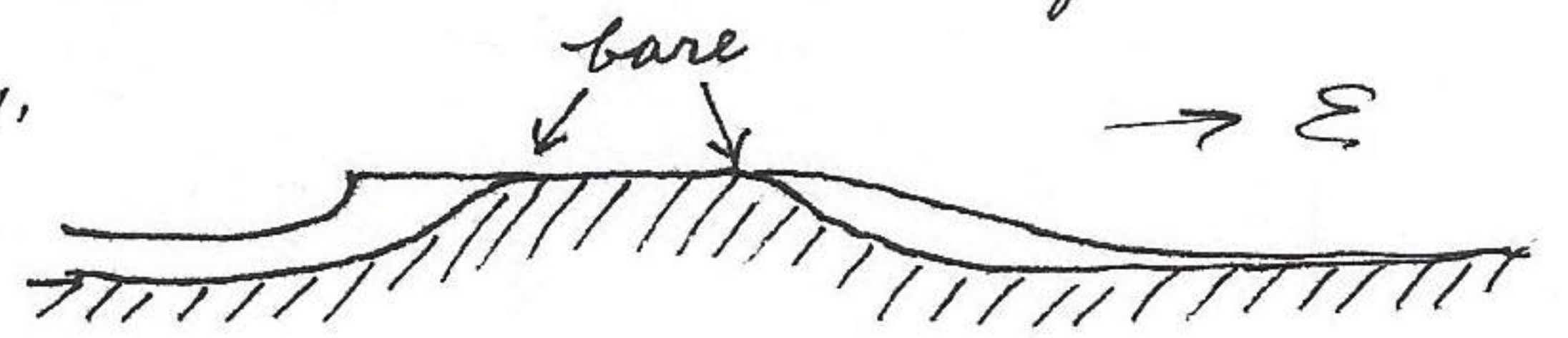
Returned to gates and observed an adult bald eagle flying NW along shore (300' above) then N to Paradise Point ridge. Continued S to Big Slough bridge and noted an adult bald eagle flying along the ridge to SW. Continued S to Leempton, then E to levee vantage point, no eagles there because river channel not open. Continued to University. Not as many redtails as previous day but small bird population about the same - rare.



Leempton, Douglas Co., Kansas
Feb. 13, 1979

Checked eagles, Left 98893.1 mileage, 9:00 A.M., sky foggy and sun trying to break thru, temp 18°F, wind from E, slight. Will keep list of all birds to and from eagle area. 96.3 3 tree sparrows, 2 cardinals, 96.4 causeway bridge at Lake View, lake still covered with solid snow, 97.2 cottontail road kill, 97.7 4 bluejays, 98.3 horned lark, 98.6 horned lark, 98.9 levee and will leave car to check on eagles. Levee with following distribution of snow.

Edges bare of snow and less snow on top than in previous years when it was deep. Abrupt ridge on west side and flat from there across the levee, lee side graded without this abrupt lip. No sign of mice trails on snow or rabbits. Continued to vantage point at rock jetty. Snow crusted in field on lee (S) side of trees but deep and soft among trees. From vantage point could not see eagles.



Snow cornices occur where the riparian forests are the thinnest and absent where thickest. On the south side of river channel the banks are sealed with snow except some parts with perpendicular walls, but in the main are solid white. There are ski trails along S bank in channel. Returned to car at 9:50. Continued to railroad creek at 00.0 and checked from mouth of this creek on W side. An adult eagle no 42 left its perch in high cottonwood tree, flew down channel to island and then returned to same perch where it remained. This was the first eagle observed. The open water is just beginning.