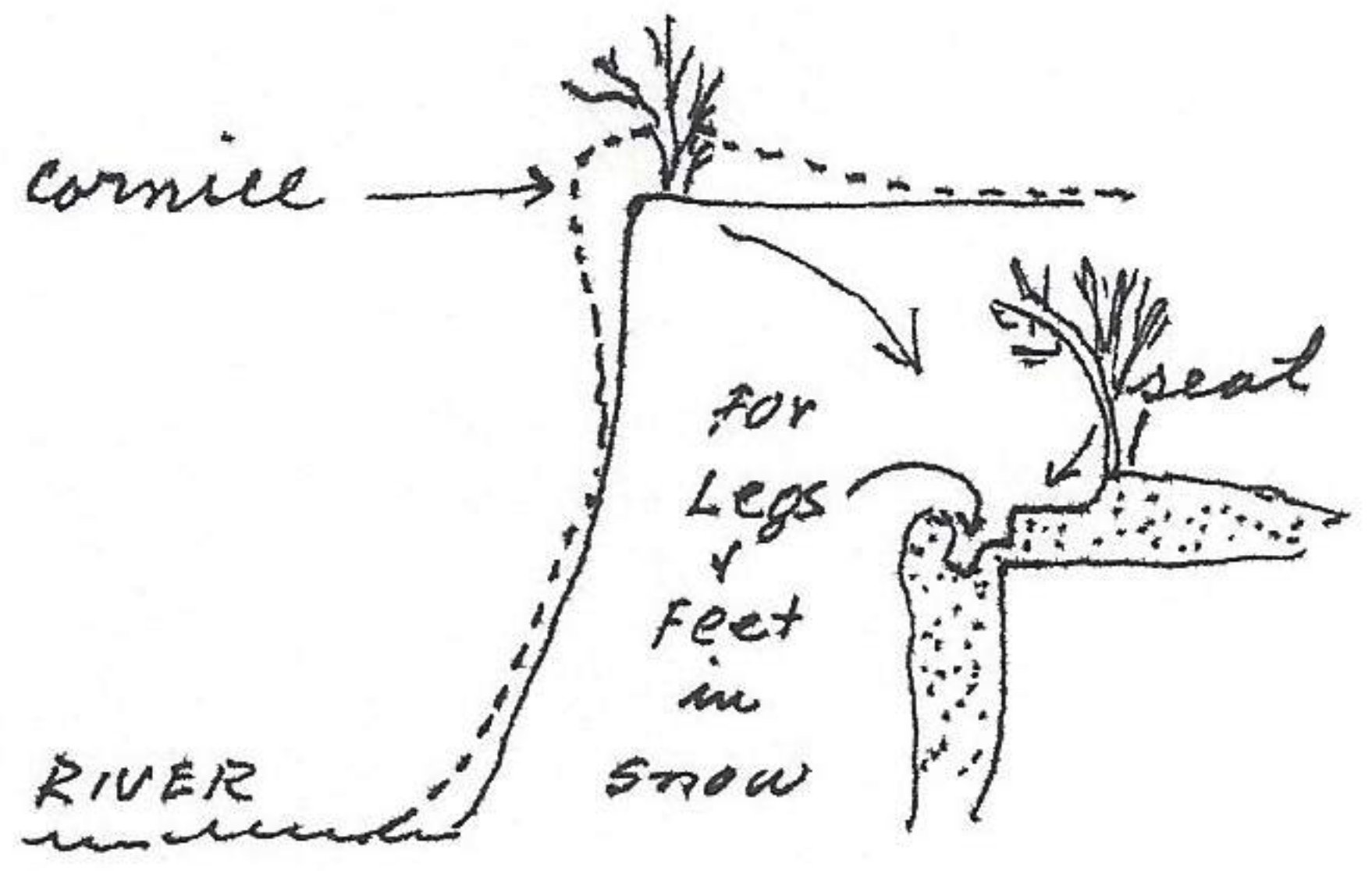


as one there years ago. Used by squirrels and other mammals, foggy and blowing off river three trees onto fields beyond. Last 1/10 mile at mouth of creek nice stand of cottonwoods same size 16" to 24". Arrived mouth 12:10 P.M. The west bank at mouth developed into picnic area with old trailer, used by farm people. also boat outhaul. Another recent development along river. I would predict that this sort of private facility will be all up & down the river in the future. Continued on to vantage point arriving 12:15. Visibility 200'. The vantage point was on edge of river bank with almost perpendicular cliff below, small vines, shrub and ^{partially} weeds concealed my position.

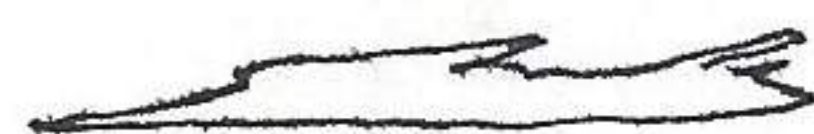
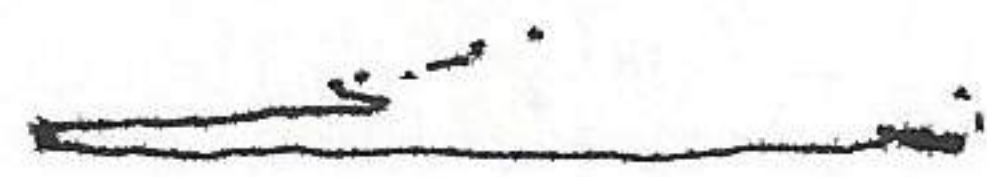
Visibility 150' and view riverwise a void except occasionally clearing to see outline of what I thought was the other side of the river both in outline and distance, approx. 1000 feet. At this time an adult bald (No. A) eagle ^{from W} circled directly overhead, trended in low glide to the S. out of sight into the fog which then way 150' visibility.



I was confident that the ^{S.} shoreline I was seeing was the other side of the river but at 12:57 the wind increased and abruptly passed N and cleared the river valley to the S. At this moment the S side of the river turned out to be a sandbar (not 1000 ft away but actually about 300 feet away). The south bank, ^{and trees} appeared as if in the sky and unbelievably large. The adult eagle had apparently glided to the tree where it was first observed at 12:57 P.M.

view in fog was so:

The view after fog cleared



River below clear at times to ice fragments 1 foot to 30' x 40' islands of floating ice. At 12:57 the valley was clear S of river with fog low in field (trees with upper branches showing only), the distant ridge at side of valley faintly discernable. The river channel was still partly foggy at lower levels or where wind from S had less effect on the channel fog. It never cleared up river to the point where one could discern detail of trees (trees a bluish haze without detail in distance say beyond 2 1/2 miles. Before listing eagle activity noted that islands of ice drifted to the north shore when wind from the south. From my position on bank I felt no wind but when I put my hand out over the edge there was considerable cold and wind pressure. Toward end of stay above fog rainclouds came over area and darkened the countryside. Some fields with patches of fog. Stay somewhat variable ^{from fog to clear.}

