

Kantishna Roadhouse, Denali Nat'l. Park, Alaska

Sept. 10, 1990

Left 9:20 A.M. for Fairbanks and thence Lopez Island Washington
 9:40 AM 3, caribou. 9:58 ptarmigan (willow), 10:05 ptarmigan.
 10:30 AM Eielson visitor Center. 10:45 A.M. northern harrier over low tundra. 10:50 A.M. Grizzly bear. 11:02 bridge (two spanning river) 12 Dall sheep east side on hill. 11:21 Polychrome Pass, 2 Dall sheep. 11:12 6 Dall sheep, near conspicuous sheep trail up slope, 1:15 Igloo Creek. 11:57 Teklanika River. 5 caribou on hillside, now tundra and sparse black spruce. 12:26 A.M. 2 caribou on flats below bridge, 12:38 2 barren-ground caribou. 12:50 P.M. Back Creek and Nat'l Park Headquarters. Continued N on highway. 2:33 P.M. Tanana River beyond Healy. Arrived Fairbanks. Mary ^{gusen} left on flight 396 at 6:55 P.M. for Anchorage thence Seattle at 11:41 P.M. thence Las Vegas at 11:25 A.M. where Dan met Mary.

Fairbanks, Alaska

Sept. 11, 1980

Annette and I, leave on 727 plane, flight 1708 at 6:45 P.M. Jay to drive yellow car to Homer. Actually left 6:58 P.M. clouds full sky. From right side of plane the full Alaska Range and specifically Denali Nat'l Park, and McKinley mountain can be clearly viewed above the clouds. The sunrise lights produced a very colorful sight. The route followed the east limb of the Alaska Range, but not exactly knowing the route along the range. From the plane the east was comparatively low and covered with clouds, the right or south side was always mountainous and covered with glaciers. A direct flight to Juneau would have taken us E of Wrangell mts and St. Elias mts whereas a more southern route would be more in the center of the range and approach NW of Glacier Bay extension. In any event the route is all alpine and one of the greatest mountain areas in N. America. The extensiveness is impressive. Observed several impressive fault valleys trending NW-SE. One should check these mts by small plane or helicopter. Right side of plane this trip is best. Left side for Mt McKinley. Sharp pointed peaks on approach to Juneau. Arrived 8:30 A.M. Left Juneau 8:53 A.M. Green algae in compacted in streaks against narrow channel at head of Gastineau channel 5 of airport. At 32,000' the clouds previously were smooth, now taken on a rough surface — versus ~~smooth~~. Vast clouds directly above stratified clouds ~~smooth~~. Clouds now smooth again but more finely fractured. 9:37 A.M. clouds until now,