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10-30-86 Es's ESP functioning - had inspiration to call
Documentation office re: State of Affairs Basile's Documentation.
Jan Horton said she had it in her hand. Plans for "take
off" under way.

Tuesday

11-4-86

Our journey began at 7:15 A.M. as we
departed Sonerdale with all possessions under
tow. Dragon car creating tense feelings.

Car mileage at start 38,630. Rain - roads slippery.
Stopped for lunch at Dumfries, Va. ^{phys cleared} On the road at 12:11 P.M.
We're meeting Betty Ann Corby in Smithfield N.C. for
dinner. Arrived Smithfield at 4:40 P.M. 421 miles
Great Dinner ~~at~~ Log Cabin Steak House - very very
~~intoxic~~ good. Stayed overnight at Howard Johnsons
fine accommodations. (Unique shower - one
shower head for the top of you and one for the
"nether" regions.) Car performed well.

Saw 33 different license plate locations (States, etc.)

11-5-86

Wednesday - On Road at 6:07 A.M. Rainy
and Dark. No traffic. ^{Empty} Lunch ~~at~~ in

Manning, A.C. Days Inn - Nice - sky clearing
Stopped at Thunderbolt Marina - disappointed
in ~~facility~~ facility and attitude of people. Found that
Lockheed had bought ship building facility and
it ~~was~~ ^{is} unlikely that work could be done on
private boats. Stopped at Golden Isles Marina.
Beautiful - Exactly what we wanted. Talked

to Dock Master - Kap Ferdig and his wife Robin and sweet baby Alisia. Signed contract for new slip. Facility beautiful - new pier concrete - floating - (reminiscent of Baltimore Inner Harbour Marina) Met Dock Boy (man) Reservations Mng. Dick Pipe, and given office Terry. Marina includes 2 story boardwalk affair housing 25 shops (Ice cream parlor for Jimmy included) fountains, 3 restaurants, Condo ~~to~~ mid rise. (Interesting point - Wind was blowing water in marina was placid?) Spent night in Apt. 207B of Condo - Dinner at Emmeline and Hessie's Great oysters - great seafood Jumbo - and a supe piece of Blue fish w/ capers. Pretty Restaurant. First slip A Dock met Catamaran owner + son, ^{Bert Wilson} Bud Wilson + Travis - age 9 -

Thursday 11/6/86 Breakfast at Food Show at Emmeline & Hessie - also a deli that serves Hot Corned Beef Sandwiches. On road at 8:30 - Marina about 15 minutes from Exit 8 of I-95 [to Marina - Rt. 17 South - Hang left at (Oyster Boy Rest. on Right) Causeway to St. Simons Island over second High Bridge (ICW) make quick rt. into marina complex]. Lunch at Stuckie's en route and gassed up. Made Lauderdale about 6:00 P.M. People at Days Inn - Lauderdale Surf - seen ^{La Vegas + Sea Breeze} very nice. Large no smoking room #301 - older but very clean. Had Dinner at Coconuts across the street - Very Good. Conked out just after Dinner - Exhausted from trip.

Friday 11-7-86

Awakened early - Coffee in coffee shop - stopped in at Woods & Awitt (across street from hotel) to see Johnny Woods - girls, Laura + Barbara very "helpful" - Arranged with Barb's help for "Rupert" to houseclean boat on Tuesday. Were presented bill by "Lady Bug" the exterminator. 50 less than quoted. She said some roaches but not as bad as she thought. Met with Dockmaster, "Nilton" and arranged for slip #415 on the New River (Sailboat Bend). It is a bulkhead slip in a residential neighborhood. Very nice. We feel very handicapped without car. Since there is no place to park car + trailer on streets, we are leaving it on hotel parking lot until we move aboard. Lunched at Coconuts - (good good Chef salad.) Didn't bring enough light weight clothes (most packed in V-Haul). Temperature today in high 80's ° & Tried to buy blouses on strip. Nothing but "Talking T-shirts" and a lot of really sleazy people. Not our kind of place. Dinner at Coconuts (super) and "after dinner" at hotel patio Bar - Nancy (with the smiling face) served us. Super sweet lady - Happy under pressure. Most had restless night - (ergo so did I). Very concerned about security of trailer + car. 3:00 A.M. saw him make a trip to Check out same - All A.O.K. Dept. with Reg. painter Wednesday 8:30 A.M. (Mike Loveless)

Saturday 11-8-86 Today our sea trial is scheduled. Up early - Coffee in Hotel - Stopped in at W+O to check if Sea trial still on since winds are gusting to 30 knots and there is intermittent rain. Told all is still set since wind not a problem on inter-coastal. Stopped to see Coast Guard Auxiliary to arrange for Coast Guard Inspection. Mr. Grodsky was very sweet & helpful. 1:00 Met Johnny Woods for Sea Trial. On arrival at Boat met Ron Doerr and Mike Pétourneau. Boat handled beautifully but had to be jump started (needs new battery) and when run at full tilt for ten minutes we smelled smoke. Ron Doerr, the engine purveyor, said this was normal - inside of insulation burning off from extreme heat - Said we would never run full tilt like that for such a long period of time, normally, and he said once coating burned off it wouldn't happen anymore. There are a half a dozen or so items that still could cabash the deal. We should know more ^{tomorrow} ~~tomorrow~~. Had dinner at Hesaro's Italian Restaurant on Las Olas. Very Very Good. Had restless night. Minds too active.

Thursday 11-9-86.

Late Coffee and toast this A.M. - Have all day to knock around, not knowing if we are really going to buy a boat tomorrow. We thought we might fill some time by shopping at the Galleria Mall. ~~and~~ We plan to have lunch at Jewish Deli in Mall. Had very successful shopping trip. In afternoon called Johnny Woods and he said all glitches worked out for settlement tomorrow. - Amen - We watched Eagles loose to Giants - Yuck - and then went to dinner at Coconuts. Ellie called at 10:00 P.M. to say she is well now, but that she had been in hospital for Summy virus. (one benefit Mark got emergency leave and they were together). Butterflies about settlement.

Monday 11-10-86

Today is the big day - We pray all goes well.

Saturday 11-15-86

It is now 7:35 P.M., our very first free breath since we settled on Miss Hugh's too. Much has happened since my last writing. I will be as thorough as possible allowing of course for memory lapse. We settled on Monday 11-10-
at 9:30 A.M. Much as planned and with relatively little