



THE ARRIVAL
OF AMERICAN
(I.E., COOKED)
HAMBURGERS

GO GATER S ^{IN}

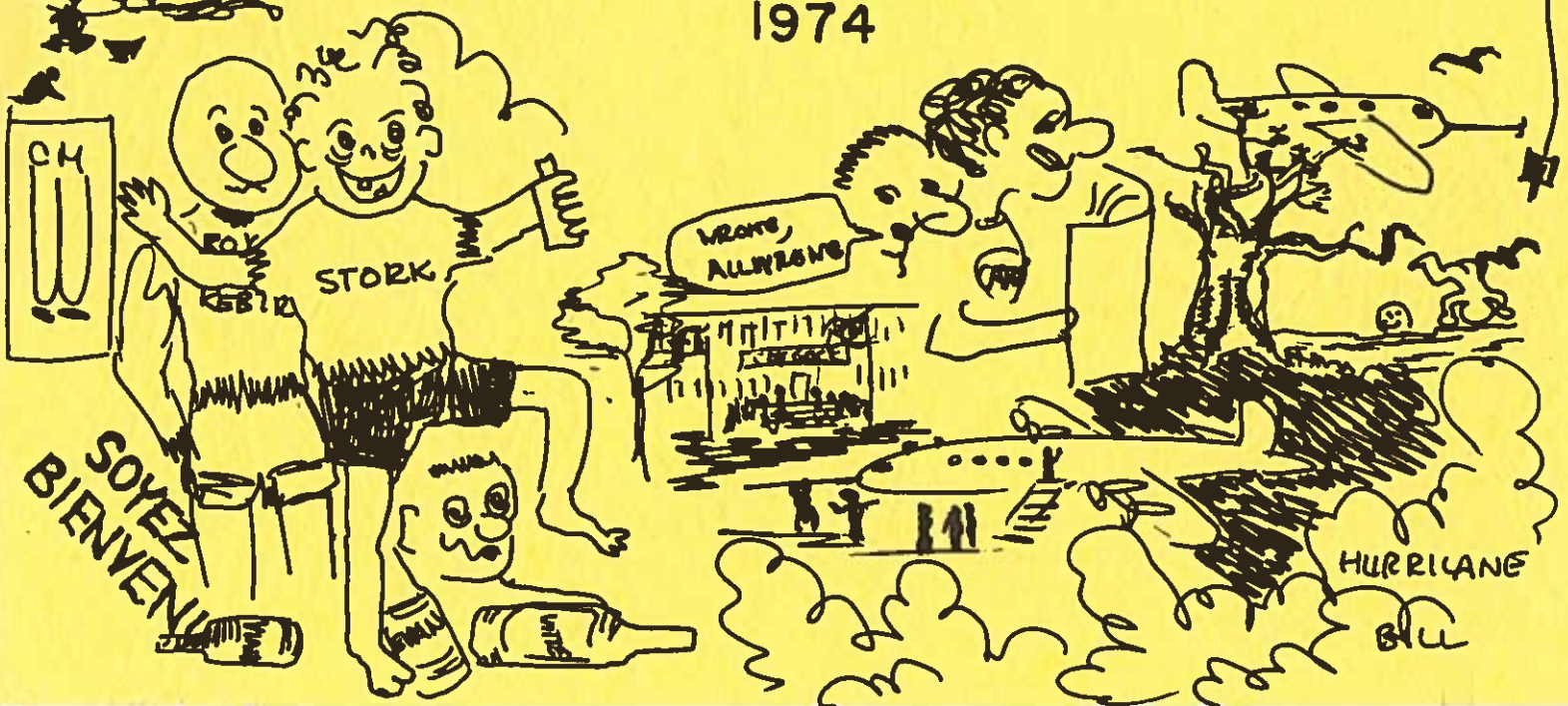
Senegal's chief ~~export~~
is ~~groundnuts~~
mosquitoes

WHICH ARE USED
TO FEED THE

AN EXPOSE ON WHAT REALLY
HAPPENED IN THE GATE
EXPERIMENT

1974

DAKAR
CLASSE DE 1974.



JULIAN DAY 181, 1975

DEAR FELLOW GATE'R,

YOU NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN, DID YOU? THAT WE WOULD THINK BACK WITH A BIT OF NOSTALGIA ABOUT THOSE SHOWERS WITHOUT WATER, THOSE TOILETS WHICH HAD ONLY ONE FLUSH A DAY (AND YOUR FRIENDS WHO ACCIDENTALLY USED YOUR ONE AND ONLY FLUSH). NOT TO MENTION THOSE 10-HOUR DAYS WHICH SEEMED MORE LIKE 24 HOUR DAYS, WAITING FOR THE BUSES FOR AN HOUR WHICH WAS IN SENEGALESE ROUGHLY TRANSLATED AS "QUINZE MINUTES." AND WAILING WALLY WAILING FROM THE TOP OF HIS MOSQUE, AT THE OH UNGODLY HOUR OF 0430 Z (WHICH WAS ALSO 0430 LOCAL) OR WHENEVER IT WAS....NOT TO MENTION THE SENEGALESE BACKFLIPS, THE SOYEZ BIENVENUES, AND THE OTHER PERILS OF THE POTTY, EXPERIENCED BY MANY.

AS WE LOOK BACK AT THIS WHOLE THING, THOUGH, ON OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY, WE ALSO THINK OF THE MANY FRIENDS WE MET THERE, THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AND DISCUSS THINGS WITH, AND BECOME FRIENDS WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND BEING IN AFRICA! WHERE OCCASIONALLY ONE COULD REALLY HERE THE ROLL OF DRUMS AND ONE COULD WATCH THE SOULFUL SENSUOUS AND RESONANT WITH OUR VERY BEING AFRICAN DANCING. WHERE EVERY NEW DAY BROUGHT A NEW SURPRISE, BE IT AN UNUSUAL CLOUD CLUSTER TO PURSUE, THE PROMISE OF A GOOD BOUNDARY LAYER FLIGHT (BECAUSE EVEN THE BOUNDARY LAYER FREAKS COULDN'T GET TOO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THESE ENDLESS L-SHAPED PATTERNS, LAST PHRASE USES A LITTLE LICENSE!), A NEW WORD TO LEARN IN WOLOF, DINNER AT THE HOME OF OUR AFRICAN FRIENDS, OR GETTING PURSUED BY A NEW BRACELET SALESMAN WHO WOULDN'T BELIEVE YOUR PROTESTS THAT YOU WEREN'T A TOURIST BUT HAD REALLY REALLY LIVED IN DAKAR ALL YOUR LIFE! AND RINGS, RINGS, RINGS! AND SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES, AND THE INTERTROPICAL FRONT!

AND DANCING AND SINGING AND EVEN DRINKING WITH THE RUSSIANS!
AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE GREAT MEALS ON THE FRENCH DC-7.

IF YOU FEEL A TOUCH, EVEN JUST A TOUCH, OF NOSTALGIA
FOR GATE AND AFRICA, YOU'LL LOVE THIS BOOK. IT WILL CURE
YOU OF IT.

SALOM MALOKOOM*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peggy' or 'Peggy Lemone', written in a cursive style.

MARIANNE DIOP
ALIAS PEGGY LEMONE

*MY OWN SPELLING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANKS ARE DUE TO THE MANY FRIENDS WHO DROVE ME TO THIS, ESPECIALLY TO R. CORMACK AND J. HOLLAND WHO WERE OCCASIONAL FELLOW CONSPIRATORS. W. T. PENNELL, E. J. ZIPSER, AND S. RUTTENBERG DESERVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR FURNISHING SOME OF THE SCOTCH UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF WHICH SOME OF THESE CARTOONS WERE DRAWN, AND TO THE INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM WHOSE DELAYS GAVE US THE EXCUSE TO SIT AND DRINK AND CARTOON. PENNELL AND ZIPSER ALSO EXPLAINED TO ME IN JOSEPH CONRAD'S WORDS HOW PEOPLE BECOME DISSIPATED IN THE TROPICS, AND IN THEIR OWN WORDS, WHY IT ALSO HAPPENS TO WEATHER SYSTEMS OFF THE COAST OF WEST AFRICA. COUNTLESS OTHERS ALSO PROVIDED ME WITH THE INSPIRATION OR THE PER- SPIRATION WHICH I REDIRECTED IN ASSEMBLING AND/OR DRAWING.

THANKS ARE ALSO DUE TO THE OCCASIONAL AFRICAN BACTERIUM OR WHATEVER WHICH MADE ME FEEL ROTTEN ENOUGH TO STAY IN MY ROOM AND DRAW SOME OF THE THESE THINGS, AND TO THE LACK OF THE DOCTOR DURING THE FIRST PHASE WHICH IS THE MAIN REASON WHY I NEVER FOUND OUT WHICH BACTERIUM TO THANK.

PART I

THE EAGER* ANTICIPATION

*AND FEARFUL

NEWS FILTERS IN FROM VARIOUS SUNDRY SOURCES, ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE A TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, AMONG OTHER THINGS, GIVING US ALL VISIONS OF WHAT GETTING BACK AND FORTH IS GOING TO BE LIKE.....

GATE PEOPLE RIDING TO AIRPORT

(SENEGALISE NATIONAL BILD)

I GOTTA RASH!

WELL, DONT SCRATCH ME!

DRINK BEER NOT WATER!

DAKAR

WHERE IS THE BATHROOM?

I FEEL SICK.

HEAVY DUTY !!

DONT YOU DARE!

RIGHT ON!

WELCOME TO DUCKY DAKAR
POP 500000 (1+BT)
T= TIME IN DAYS
B= LARGE NO

LEMONS

GATE/1/1 MAR 74. [REVISED 1975]
300 PEOPLE, 12 CARS?
FOR US PARTICIPANTS



THE "SECHERESSE" AS THEY CALLED IT, CREATED A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WITH WHICH WE AMERICANS WOULD (WE THOUGHT) HAVE TO COPE.....

DOLIANE

REPUBLIQUE
DE SÉNÉGAL
DAKAR - VOFF

QU'EST-CE QUE VOUS
AVEZ À DECLARER?

J'AI DES SOUSVÊTEMENTS
SALES!

OÙ EST-CE QUE
VOUS LES ENVOYER?

AUX ÉTATS-LINIS

NON, C'EST SEULEMENT
POUR LES PRESIDENTS!

BIEN!

VOUS AVEZ DE
L'ARGENT À LAVER?



LeMone

DUE TO THE SENEGALESE
WATER SHORTAGE, GETTING
CLEAN CLOTHES IS NOT A
TRIVIAL PROBLEM.....

WORST OF ALL, THOUGH, WERE STORIES OF THE VARIOUS AND
SUNDRY DISEASES OF WEST AFRICA, THE WHITE MAN'S GRAVE*.
DAILY, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD COME IN OF MORE PERILS TO
EXPECT, AND THESE WE FOUND EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING ALMOST
ALL THE LITERATURE WE COULD PICK UP ABOUT WEST AFRICA.

*ACCORDING TO LATER REFERENCES, THE NON-AFRICAN
BLACK COULD TAKE NO COMFORT FROM THIS TITLE.

NUMEROUS "HELPFUL" REFERENCES DIDN'T ALLAY OUR FEARS MUCH, EITHER:

"QUITE APART FROM THE SAILORS AND THEIR MISERABLE LIVES ON TRADING STEAMERS, I THINK THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MILES ALONG THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA UNFIT FOR ANY WHITE MAN TO LIVE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. AS FOR A WHITE WOMAN, IT IS WHAT THE AMERICANS CALL MENTAL CRUELTY TO ASK HER TO RESIDE ANYWHERE ON THE COAST AT ALL. THE MOIST ENERVATING CLIMATE WITH ITS HIGH TEMPERATURE AND HEAVY WINDS, THE APPALLING STENCHES, THE BAD WATER SUPPLY, THE TERRIBLE MONOTONY, THE CONSTANT ASSOCIATION WITH (THE NATIVES), ALL COMBINED WITH THE INEVITABLE MALARIA TO UNDERMINE THE HEALTH AND CONSTITUTION OF ANY WHITE SETTLER. NO ONE COULD LIVE ON THE COAST AT THE TIME OF WHICH I WRITE WITHOUT HIS CHARACTER AND DISPOSITION BEING SERIOUSLY MODIFIED FOR THE WORSE. I ONLY HEARD OF OF MAN THEN, A DOCTOR, LIVING THE REGULATION TWENTY YEARS - HALF OF WHICH WERE SPENT IN EUROPE - TO QUALIFY FOR HIS WELL-EARNED PENSION. SOONER OR LATER, THE COAST DYSCRASIA MANIFESTED ITSELF WITH THE UNMISTAKABLE SALLOW COMPLEXION WHICH IS ALWAYS A FORERUNNER OR EARLY DEATH...."

...FROM AFRICAN DOCTOR, BY DR. T. GERALD GARRY, 1939, EBENEZER BAYLIS AND SON, LTD., THE TRINITY PRESS, WORCESTER AND LONDON, P. 63.

AND IT CONTINUES....

"OF COURSE IN THE MATTER OF TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS, MANY ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO TROPICAL DISEASES OF RECENT YEARS, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO CONVERT ANY STATION ALONG THE WEST AFRICAN COAST INTO A SUFFICIENTLY HEALTHY PLACE FOR EUROPEANS TO LIFE WITHOUT RUNNING SERIOUS DANGERS. "

AND FROM RETURN TO LAUGHTER, BY ELENORE SMITH BOWEN (DOUBLE-DAY, NATURAL HISTORY LIBRARY EDITION, NEW YORK, 1964):

"MY MAIN TROUBLE (WITH GOING TO WESTERN AFRICA) HAD BEEN THAT I HAD NO IDEA OF WHAT I MIGHT NEED. MY OWN IMAGINATION CARRIED ME NO FURTHER THAN A TYPEWRITER, PAPER NOTEBOOKS, AND A MISCELLANY FOR READING: DETECTIVE STORIES, DESERT-ISLAND STAND-BYS LIKE SHAKESPEARE, AND THE BIBLE, AND A TERRIFYING HANDBOOK OF TROPICAL DISEASES..."

(PAGE 3)

FROM AFRICAN MAJESTY, BY F. C. C. EGERTON, THE AUTHOR DESCRIBES AFRICA IN THE SAME APPEALING (?) TERMS:

"TRAVEL IN AFRICA SPECIALLY APPEALED TO ME. NONE OF THE COMFORTS OF CIVILIZATION! NO TRAINS; A SPICE OF DANGER; SNAKES, WHICH I DETEST; RATS - WHICH I DISLIKE ALMOST AS MUCH, THE STRANGE AND REPREHENSIBLE HABITS OF THE NATIVES. WEST AFRICA, THE WHITE MAN'S GRAVE!!! I MIGHT DIE ALONE IN THE JUNGLE, AND THE JACKALS OR SOMETHING MIGHT DEVOUR MY MORTAL REMAINS.

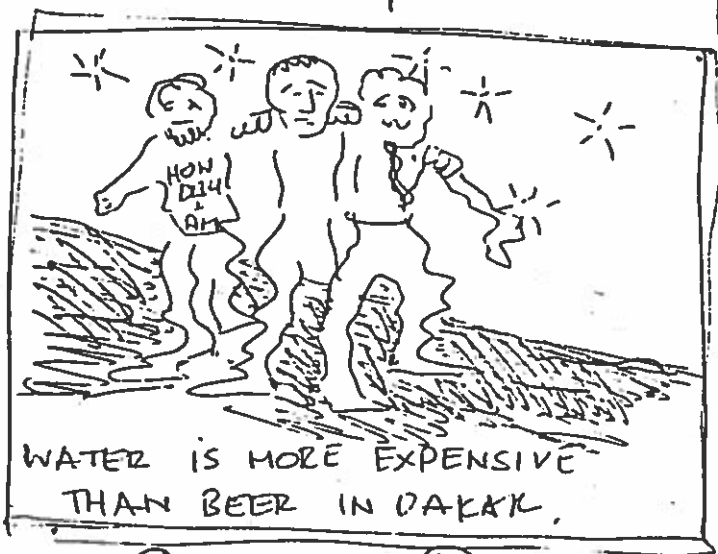
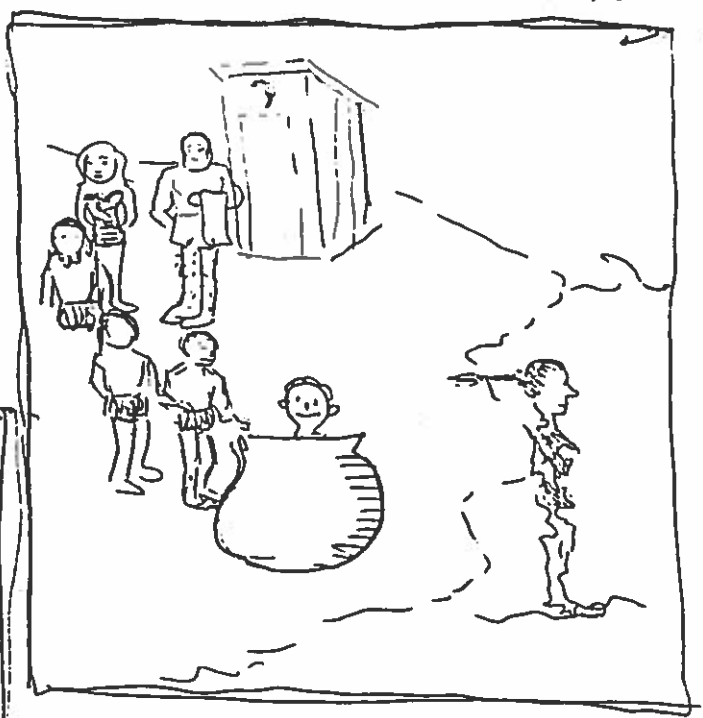
(P. XVI, AFRICAN MAJESTY, PRINTED IN THE UK, BY BUTTLER AND TANNER, LTD, FROME AND LONDON, 1938)

OF COURSE, MODERN MEDICINE HAS COME A LONG WAY.....

.....OR HAS IT?

SHOTS, VACCINATIONS, PILLS, AND SO ON, COULD GUARD US AGAINST YELLOW FEVER, MALARIA, AND SUCH, BUT THE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST BILHARZIA, OR SCHISTOSOMIASIS, OR LIVER FLUKES, WERE A BIT MORE ELABORATE, AND, TO MANY OF US, A BIT DISAGREEABLE AND EVEN FRIGHTENING.....

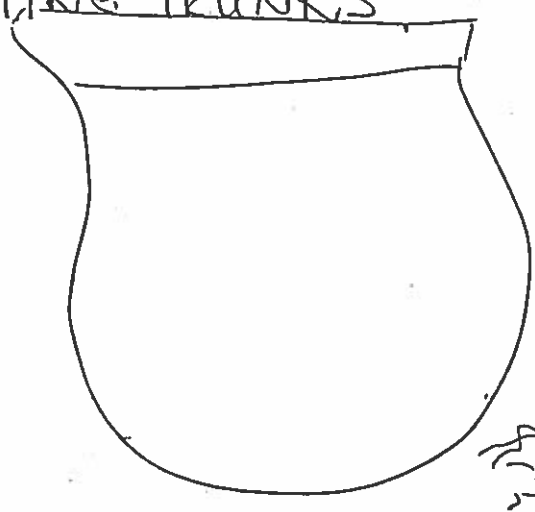
Soak in Phisohex an hour before swimming



WATER IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN BEER IN DAKAR.

SOAK IN PHISOHEX AN HOUR BEFORE SWIMMING.

CAUTION- IT DISSOLVES SWIMMING TRUNKS*



* THAT AIN'T ALL.....

FOR SOME, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT NCAR, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE AT NCAR WHO HAD TRIED TO GO TO OKINAWA FOR AMTEX, THERE WERE MOMENTS OF HESITATION, WONDERING IF OUR TRUSTY AIRPLANE WAS.....

NCAR TRAVEL POLICY (as defined by the NCAR
ad hoc last ditch travel policy committee)

Additional travel pay of \$ 5.00 will be made to anyone in an aircraft over the ocean, in which such aircraft becomes unpressurized for 8 hours or more, and such persons shall also be paid \$ 5.00 per day for each propellor not operating on that aircraft, up to \$ 20.00 per day.

ALL OF THE SURVIVAL MOVIES WE SAW BEFORE DEBARKING FOR GATE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT BEING THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH ANY AND ALL AIRCRAFT ON WHICH WE WERE TO FLY. BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE TIMES WE WOULD BE FLYING ON THE AIRCRAFT OF OTHER NATIONS (AND, OFTEN, OTHER LANGUAGES)?

SURVIVAL AT SEA

RULE #1 BE THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH A/C YOU FLY....
BAILING OUT. - O TIREZ APRES 5 SECONDES



TIREZ?
TIRER?!!

THE BANFAM
NEW COLLEGE
FRENCH
ENGLISH
DICTIONARY

NOTE
READY ACCESSABILITY
DICTIONARY...



SS...T....

tirer [tire] shoot,

SPLAT!

OH! PULL!
GLUE!



LEHDNE/15 APRIL 74/ GATE

PART II

GETTING THERE !

AND THE DAY FINALLY ARRIVED! IT WAS NOT A DREAM (OR NIGHTMARE). WE DID SURVIVE OUR SHOTS! AND WE WERE OFF TO DAKAR TO SPEND THREE TO FOUR GRUELING MONTHS TURNING PLANS INTO REALITY.

FOR THOSE OF US LEAVING FROM KENNEDY ON PAN AM FLIGHT 981 (OR WAS IT 918?) WAS PREPARED A BEAUTIFUL INDOCTRINATION FOR AFRICA - THAT ALMOST MADE US CHANGE OUR MINDS. WITHIN THE WHOLE LUXURIOUS PAN AMERICAN TERMINAL, LUSHLY COVERED WITH RUGS AND CURTAINED, THERE WAS ONE GATE WITH WATERSTAINED WALLS AND A DIRTY TAN OR GREY RUG. NEXT TO THIS ROOM WAS A MAILBOX WHICH ANYONE COULD CARRY AWAY. THE ROOM ITSELF WAS FILLED WITH FOLDING CHAIRS, DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE DISCOMFORT (OR, TO MAKE THE 707 IN WHICH WE WERE TO BE SITTING THE NEXT 8 HOURS, SEEM COMFORTABLE BY COMPARISON). THE ROOM, OF COURSE, WAS EMPTY UNTIL THE VERY LAST MINUTE: NO ONE WANTED TO SIT THERE. FOR ME, WHO CAME ALONG, THE SIGHT OF THE OTHER GATE'RS ARRIVING WAS COMFORTING: UNTIL I FOUND OUT THAT THE COMPUTER HAD ACCIDENTALLY ASSIGNED ME TO THE SAME SEAT AS ONE CERTAIN SIX-FOOT SEVEN PERSON NAMED RICHARD CORMACK.

I MUST NOT FAIL TO RECALL PAN AM'S ULTIMATE INTRODUCTION TO AFRICA: THE AIRCRAFT WAS TWO HOURS LATE IN TAKING OFF. THESE TWO HOURS WERE HAPPILY OR REASONABLY HAPPILY SPENT SPECULATING ABOUT THE DISEASES WE WOULD HAVE 24 HOURS HENCE. MERCIFULLY, THE ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING OVER THE INTERCOM ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF OUR DELAY PROVIDED SOME DIVERSION

AND INSPIRED THE FOLLOWING CARTOON AND CAPTIONS. THE
CAPTIONS ARE FROM FELLOW TRAVELERS.



CAPTION FOLLOWING PAGE

(CAPTIONS, BY NCAR/GATE PASSENGERS

ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT, JUNE 13, 1974,

WHILE AIRCRAFT AT KENNEDY, WAITING
TO GO TO DAKAR.)

- ① How many six pack delay is this?
 - ② WHEN DO WE GET THERE?
 - ③ DAKAR? I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO PADUCHAH!
 - ④ IS THIS THE JFK HOME OF THE PAN AM BAR & GRILL?
 - ⑤ WHAT THE (EXPLETIVE DELETED) IS A HORIZONTAL STABILIZER, ANYWAY?
 - ⑥ College is hell!
 - ⑦ WHAT THEY OUGHTTA DO IS JACK UP THE STABILIZER MOTOR, & PUT A NEW AIRPLANE UNDER IT.
 - ⑧ "Rolling Delay"? Now they're planning on DRIVING US TO AFRICA...
 - ⑨ TECHNOLOGY REALLY SHRINKS THE WORLD, DOESN'T IT?
- ADD YOUR OWN ON THE NEXT PAGE, RETURN TO 21A. TUX!

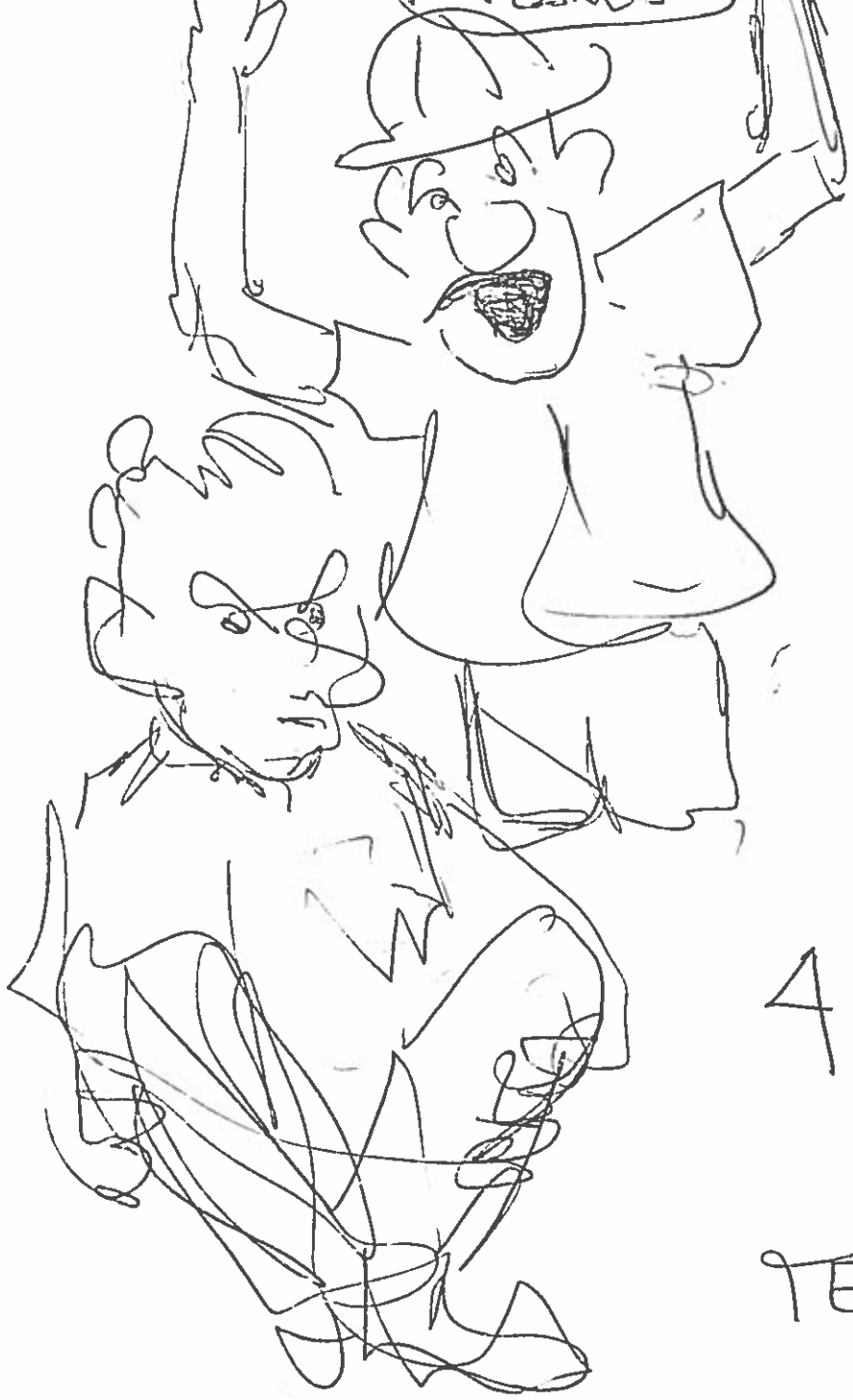
10) Is this Braille?

11) But with four supervisors working on it, how long will it work

12)

WHY THE ~~HE~~ DON'T
YOU JUST SHIT
PLANES

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LETS ORDER
A NEW STABILIZER

A SUPERVISOR
NO
TECHNICIANS

OH HELL, THE WIDGETS
BUSTED.

JUST LIKE



*KILL IN NAME OF FAVORITE
INSTITUTION.

INSTEAD OF A NIGHT IN CORMACK'S CHAIR, IT WAS A NIGHT IN HIS HAIR THAT I SPENT CROSSING THE ATLANTIC. (EDITORIAL COMMENT: HE HAS A BEAUTIFUL GIGANTIC AFRO) SLEEP WAS THUS ABSOLUTELY OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR US, SO WE TALKED ALL NIGHT AND MADE IT ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE ELSE.

SO IT WAS AN EXHAUSTED BUNCH THAT ENCOUNTERED A PHALANX OR BAGGAGE ~~BOYS~~ (PARDON, BAGGAGE PERSONS) WANTING TO CARRY AWAY ALL OF OUR LUGGAGE IN EVERY LANGUAGE EXCEPT ENGLISH.

BIENVENUE AU SÉNÉGAL



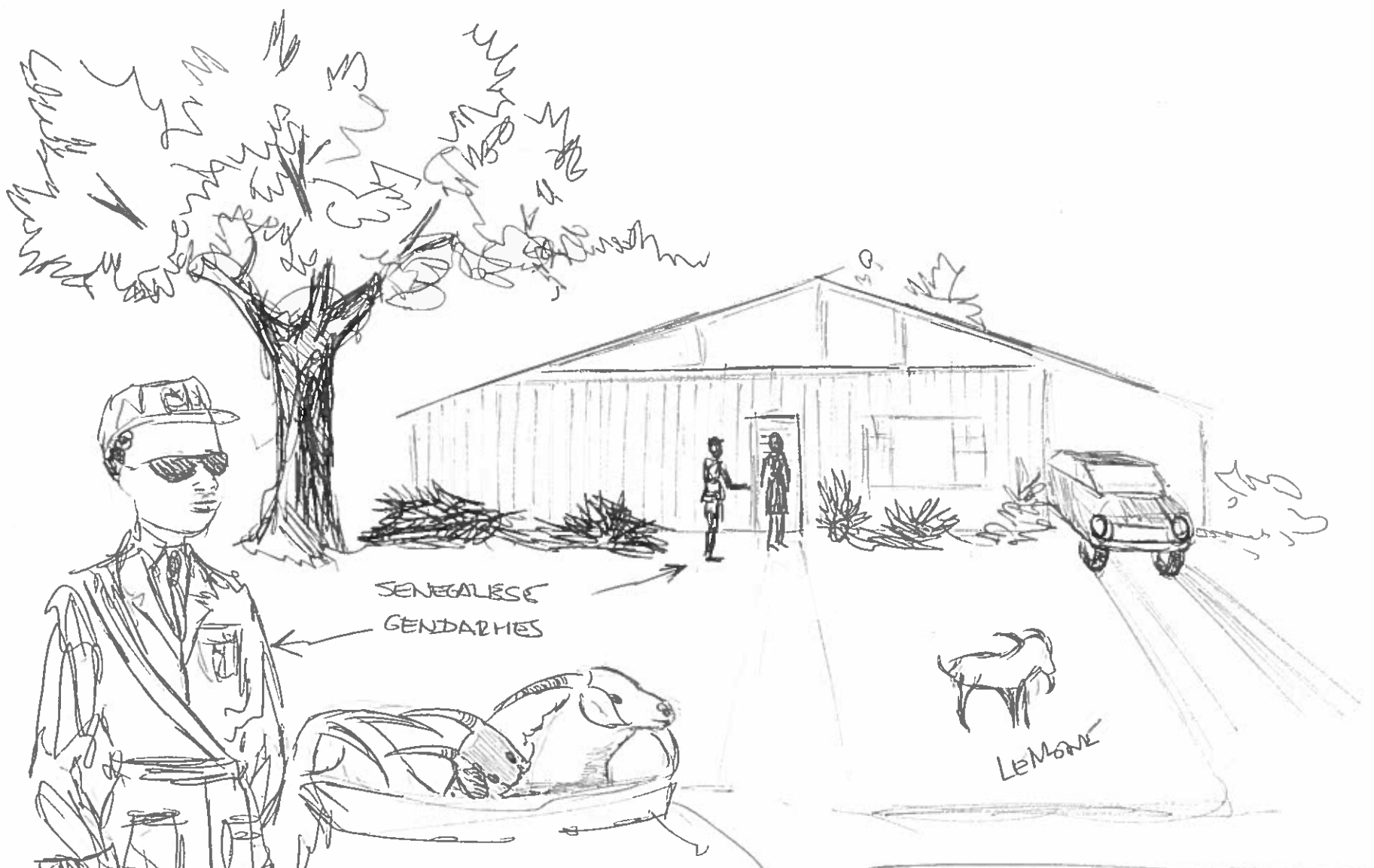
BIFA!
POW!

PART III

DAKAR, AFRICA, AND GATE

AND THEN WE WERE THERE: THROWN SIMULTANEOUSLY INTO TWO FOREIGN CULTURES: THAT OF AFRICA AND THAT OF GATE.

THAT OF DAKAR GAVE US SOME SURPRISES: BARGAINING, GOATS EVERYWHERE, THE LOCAL MARABOUT, "WAILING WALLY," AND THE WOLOF LANGUAGE. WE LEARNED THAT THE WORD "WOW" MEANT "YES" RATHER THAN SOMETHING LIKE "OH, BOY!"..... AND THIS LEAD US (OR NEARLY LED US) INTO SOME RATHER INTERESTING SITUATIONS.....



SENEGALÉSE
GENDARMES

LEMONE

DIPLOMATI POUCH

CONTENTS: 21 BILLY GOATS

MRS. LEMONE? YOUR
DAUGHTER IS IN
SENEGAL? WELL,
SHE'S NOW MARRIED!

THE WORLD OF GATE WAS AT FIRST LONG MEETINGS, WHOSE LENGTH WAS TREBLED BY TRANSLATIONS INTO RUSSIAN, FRENCH, AND ENGLISH, NOT TO MENTION POWER FAILURES AND SUCH.* THE FOLLOWING COUPLE OF CARTOONS WAS NOT ONLY INSPIRED BY ONE SUCH BRIEFING, ON FILLING OUT FLIGHT FORMS, IT WAS DRAWN DURING THAT BRIEFING.

*SUMMARIZED SO WELL BY THE FRENCH IN THEIR CLASSIC PHRASE,

"C'EST L'AFRIQUE, PATRON!"

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1st
GATE
BRIEFING

zzzzz

zzzzz

AND THEN HE SAID!

zzzzz



N.B., E. ZIPSER,
N.B., E. ZIPSER



' I WAS SO BUSY
GETTING THE FORMS
FILLED IN I COULD TAKE
ONLY 1 OBSERVATION;

ONCE THE BRIEFINGS WERE OVER, WE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO GO ANYWHERE ELSE, ONLY THIS WAS A NONTRIVIAL PROBLEM. THE DEPARTURE OF A GIVEN VEHICLE FROM THE GOCC WAS GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING FORMULA:

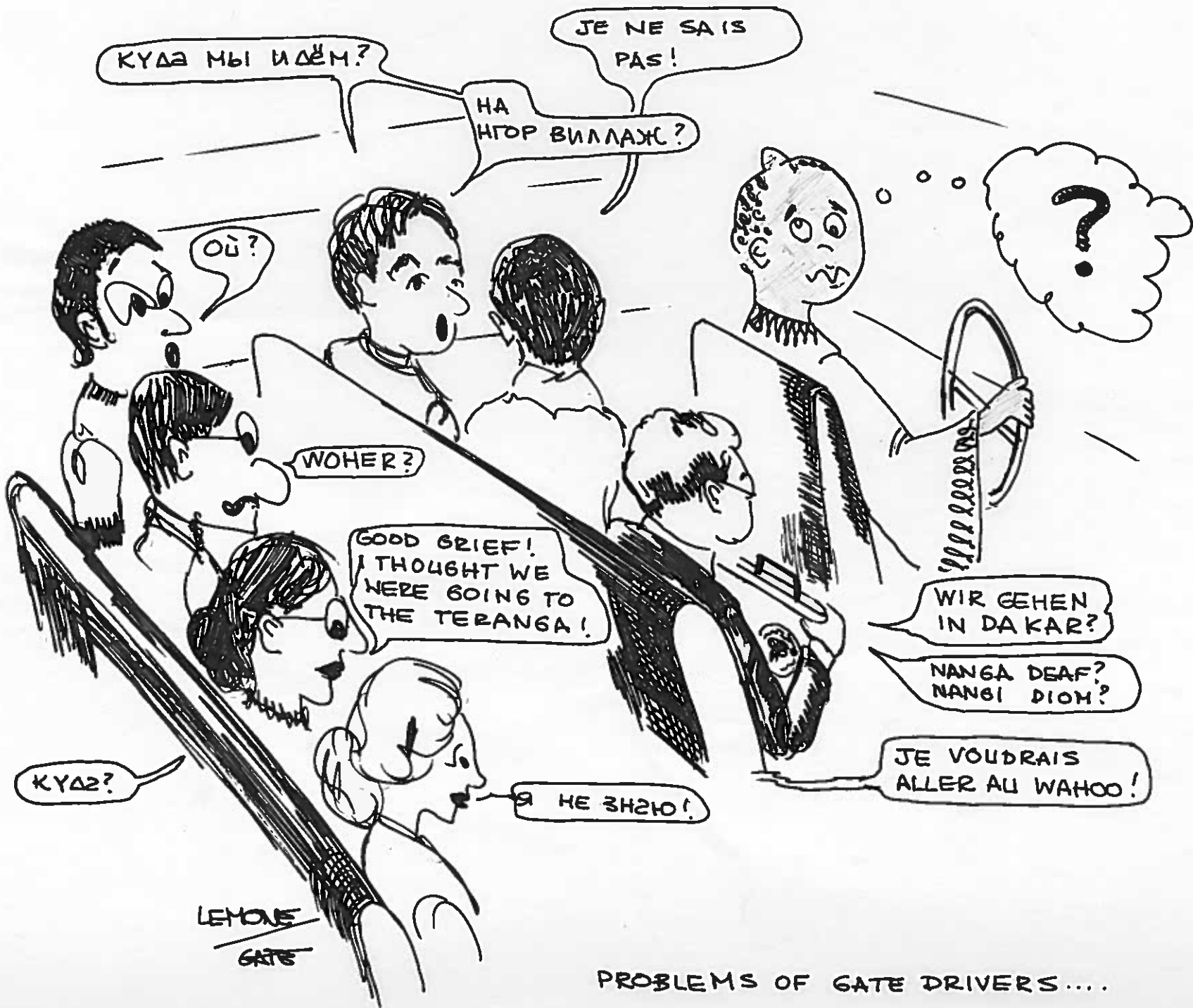
$$T_{\text{DEPARTURE}} = T_0 + T_p + 15 + U$$

WHERE

- T_0 IS THE TIME AT WHICH THE CAR WAS FILLED TO TWICE CAPACITY (INDEPENDENT OF SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, WHICH DOESN'T ENTER THE FORMULA)
- T_p IS THE TIME REQUIRED FOR A PRAYER, WHICH REGULARLY OCCURRED AT TIME T_0 , AND WHICH INCREASED WITH OUR HUNGER.
- 15 IS THE TIME IN ARBITRARY UNITS WHICH VARY FROM TWO MINUTES PER UNIT TO ONE HOUR PER UNIT (GIVEN IN FRENCH AS "QUINZE MINUTES.")
- U IS THE URGENCY FACTOR, VARYING LINEARLY TO EXPONENTIALLY WITH URGENCY.

AFTER DEPARTURE, THE CHANCES WERE ONE IN THREE THAT YOU WOULD ARRIVE WITHIN TEN METERS OF YOUR DESTINATION, WHICH WASN'T REALLY TOO BAD, REALLY.

ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH
OUR VALIANT DRIVERS HAD TO WORK.....



Куда мы идем?

JE NE SAIS PAS!

на НГОР Виллаж?

OÜ?

WOHER?

GOOD GRIEF!
I THOUGHT WE
WERE GOING TO
THE TERANGA!

WIR GEHEN
IN DAKAR?

NANGA DEAF?
NANGI DIOM?

JE VOUDRAIS
ALLER AU WAHOO!

KYDZ?

Я НЕ ЗНАЮ!

LEMONS
GATE

PROBLEMS OF GATE DRIVERS....

AND THE OPERATIONAL PHASE OF GATE HAD BEGUN, BEGINNING WITH FABULOUS FEATS LIKE TOWER FLY-BYS, ON THE PART OF ALL NATIONS. THE SOVIETS, WHO TURNED OUT TO BE SOME OF THE BEST TURBULENCE FLIERS IN THE BUNCH (ESPECIALLY THE CLOUD PHYSICS PEOPLE) WERE AT FIRST HESITANT TO "FLY THE TOWER." "THIS IS NOTHING," SAID SKY KING ZINSER TO THE RUSSIANS, AND PROVED IT BY LETTING THEM RIDE ALONG AS HE DID SOME FANCY FLYING (SLIGHTLY EXAGGERATED HERE). WHICH THE RUSSIANS DUPLICATED BEAUTIFULLY ON THEIR FIRST DAY BY THE TOWER.

NO ONE WAS QUITE SURE WHAT THE SENEGALESE THOUGHT OF ALL OF THIS, BUT THE CHILDREN OBVIOUSLY ENJOYED IT. AND THE AFRICAN GOATS REACTED LIKE AMERICAN COWS.

MUNG GI FI
WRECK NICHT!

UPROOTED
BAOBAB

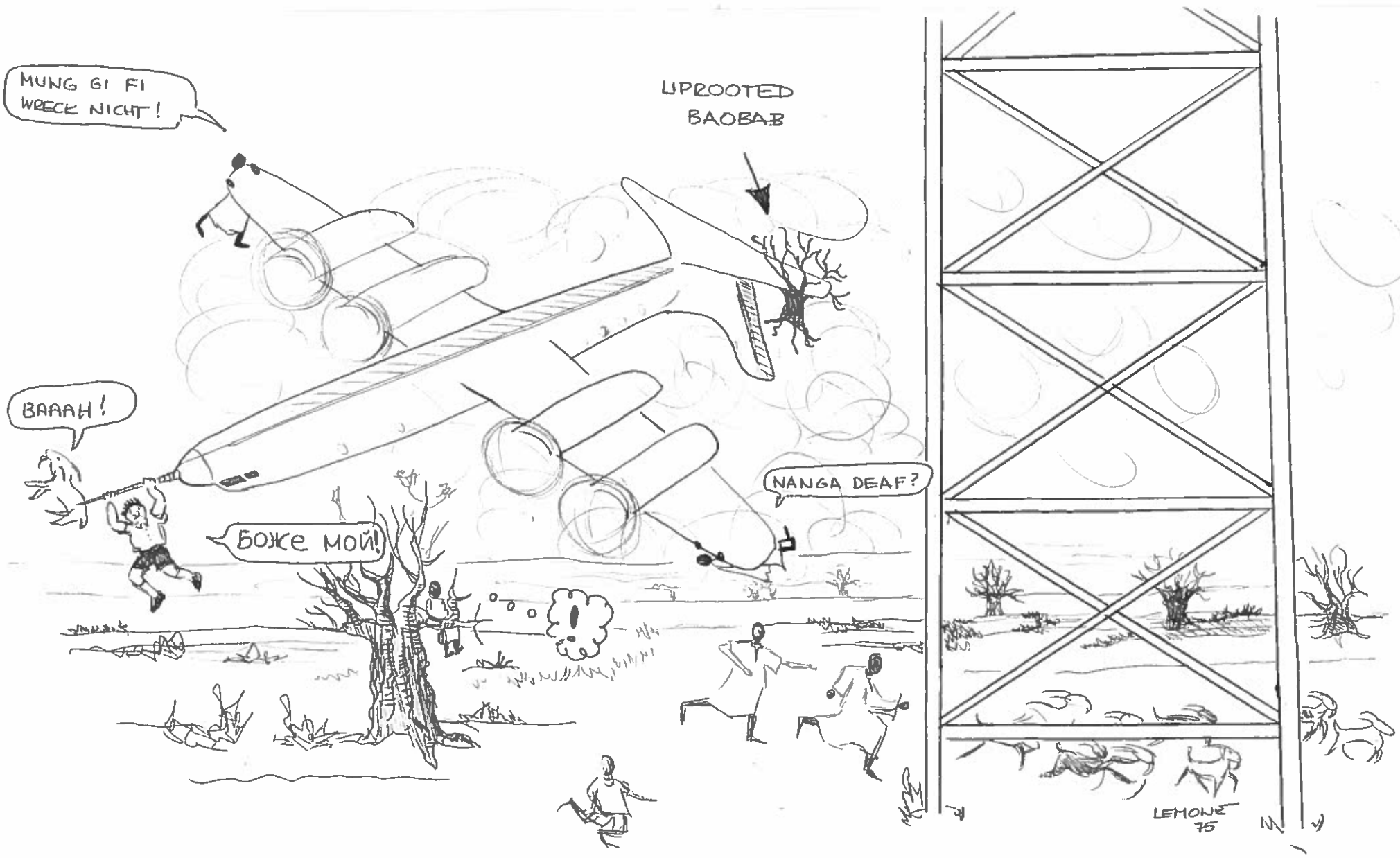
БРАААА!

Боже мой!

NANGA DEAF?

LEMON 75 IN

ZINSER ("SKY KING") DOES AN 8-POINT ROLL AT THIE'S
TOWER FOR THE RUSSKIES WITH HIS "SONGBIRD"
AT 50 FEET.



NCAR FOLKS, MORE THAN OTHERS IN GATE, SEEMED TO BE BESET BY A NUMBER OF - ONE MIGHT SAY PILES AND PILES - INTERESTING PROBLEMS AT THE BEGINNING OF GATE. KIDNEY STONES, BACKFLIPS, NOT TO MENTION JUMPS OFF CLIFFS, THE "SOYEZ BIENVENUES," AND, THE FAMOUS INCIDENT OF THE PORTO-POTTY.....*

*MORAL OF THIS STORY: WHEN IN THE BUSH, USE ONE.



C'EST L'AMÉRIQUE PATRON!

LeMons / GATE
23 JUNE 74.

"DEAR BLAIR...
OUR FIRST ACCIDENT OCCURRED
AT THIS TODAY... REQUEST
SOME MORE SAFETY ROPE,
A LIFE PRESERVER AND
EITHER A NEW "PORTOJOHN"
OR 25 BOTTLES OF LOMOTIL..."

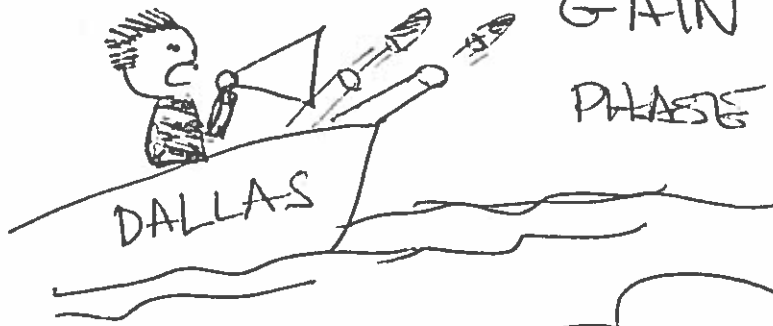
BUT, THEN, THERE WAS THE BASIC GATE MISSION, WHICH WAS TO FLY A....BASIC GATE MISSION. SO WE HAVE TO DEPICT AT LEAST ONE.

PARTICIPANTS HAVE EXALTED THE COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS....BUT DOES ANYONE REMEMBER THE WAR BETWEEN THE AIRCRAFT AND THE SHIPS? FORTUNATELY, A PEACE SETTLEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND PHASE, WHICH WAS, OF COURSE, REVISED BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD PHASE. FORTUNATELY, NEVER A SHOT WAS FIRED: BUT A "BOMB" WAS DROPPED ON THE DALLASS.*

*THE ASSOCIATED JOKE WITH IT WAS ALSO JUST THAT:
A BOMB.

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WHO WILL
GAIN CONTROL OF
PHASE III? 38



GUST PROBE AIRCRAFT'S
VIEW OF THE C-ARRAY

TICKLISH PROBLEMS OF MANEUVERING AIRCRAFT THROUGH BALLOONS, TRYING TO FIND THE WEATHER IN THE FIRST PLACE, ETC., WERE DISCUSSED IN THE BETWEEN PHASE PERIODS, WHICH WERE KNOWN AS THE INTERPHASE (NOT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH TELOPHASE, PROPHASE, AND MENOPHASE.....):

FAR

IT IS A FAR SIMPLER THING THAT
I WILL DO THAN WHAT
I THOUGHT I WOULD DO!



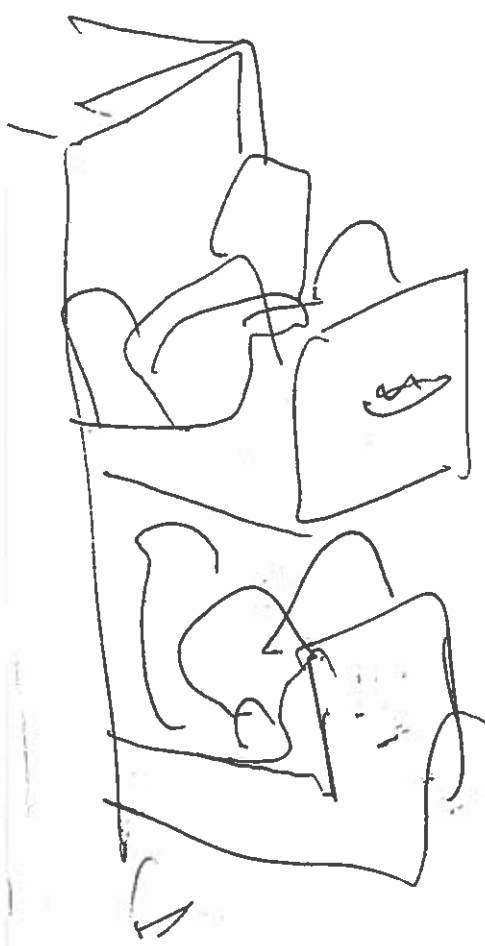
$\frac{2}{3}$ OF THE PILOTS
REFUSE TO FLY THRU
CB's AND $\frac{2}{3}$ OF THE
ATMOS.



END
PHASE I

I CAN'T FIND THEM

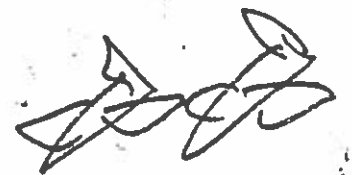
WHAT WILL I TELL THE MIST?



THEY'VE LOST THE SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES

GATE FUN PAGE

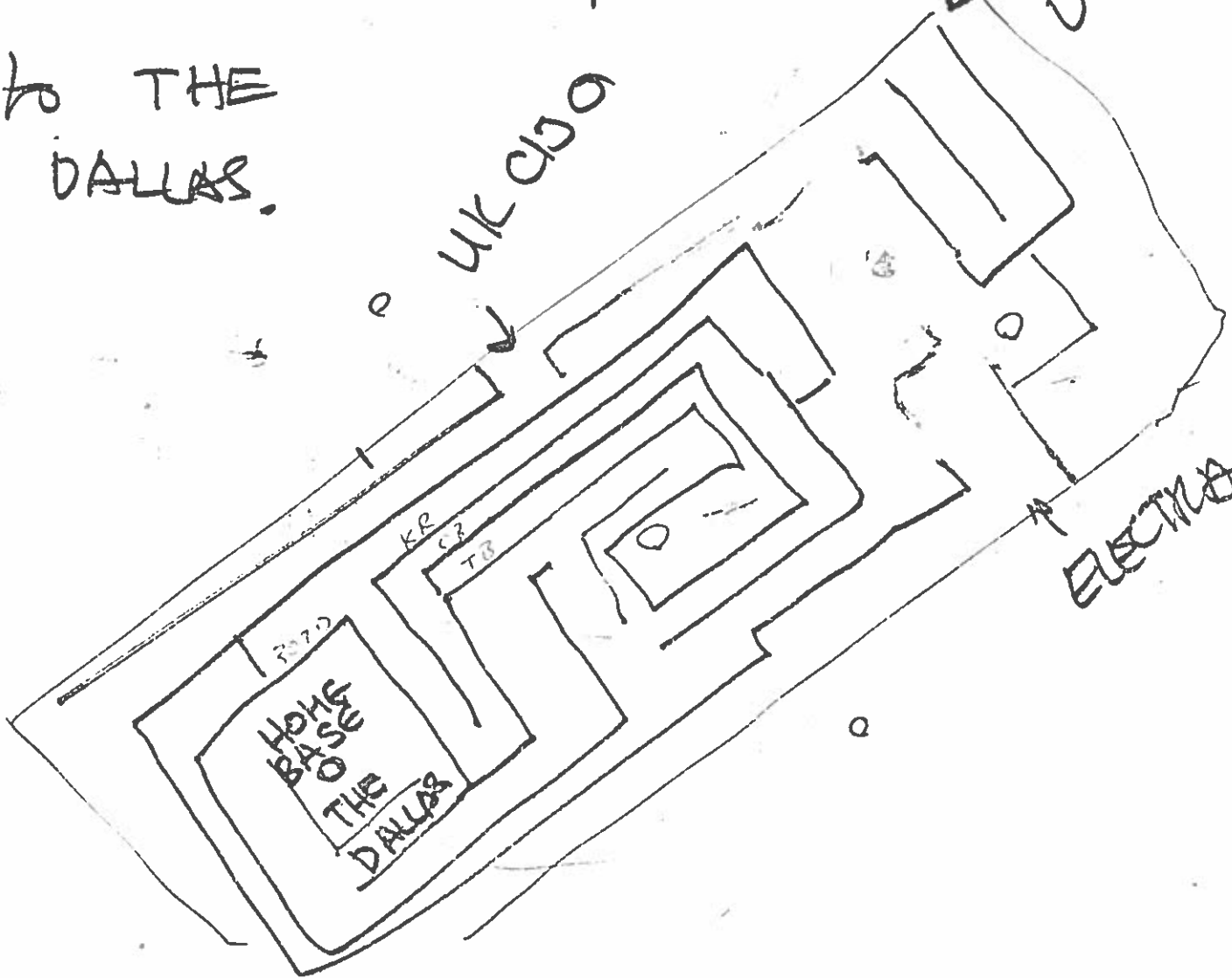
WHICH AIRPLANE
WILL MAKE IT
TO THE
DALLAS.



START
HERE
DC-8

PAA 707

4K C130



ALL OF THIS TOOK PLACE IN A BUILDING KNOWN AS THE GOCC,
AS IN GATE OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTRE, OR CENTRE POUR CONTROLE
DES OPERATIONS POUR ETGA, OR AS IN,

"BACK IN THE GOCC"



ANTENNA GARDEN

RUNWAY

GUARD

GARDEN GARDENS

(TREES EDITED OUT SO HE CAN SEE GOCC BETTER)

SHORT ORDER COOK: INTERMITTENT CARDBOARD SHELTER

FUNNY AFRICAN DOG

FOLLOW ARROWS TO GOCC

FOOT BRIDGE

CHECKERS GAME

PEANUT EATING PLACE

DRAINAGE DITCH (NO WATER, JUST GARBAGE)

SENEGAL'S DEBATING SOCIETY AND SIESTE CLUB

TO TERMINAL

THERE WAS A WRECK HERE (I.E. THIS IS A ROAD)

TO BLOC TECHNIQUES

PART IV:
PHASE IV

DESPITE ALL PROTESTS TO THE CONTRARY, AND SOME CONTRARY PROTESTS, THERE WAS AND IS A PHASE IV TO GATE. IT IS THAT CONTINUING PHASE, RIGHT NOW, A YEAR LATER, IN WHICH WE ARE PERUSING AND ~~VALIDATING EDITING~~ ANNOTATING THE DATA, AS WELL AS FLAGGING THE BAD PARTS. (WHICH IS REALLY A PART OF ANNOTATING).

THIS IS AN EXERCISE UNDERTAKEN BY PEOPLE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD (NOT TO MENTION SCATTERED ALL OVER THE OFFICE). THE PROCESS IS SO FRUSTRATING AND EXACTING THAT WE OCCASIONALLY FEEL WE COULD USE A FEW GATE LAWYERS, TO TELL US WHETHER THIS OR THAT FLAG IS "OPERATIVE." PERSONALLY, THERE ARE TIMES I WOULD JUST LIKE TO USE A WHITE ONE.

EVERYONE AND HIS CAT IS INTO

DATA VALIDATION

ACTUALLY, THIS
PRESSURE POT LOOKS
GREAT - THIS EXCURSION
IS UNDER THAT
DOWN DRAFT!

WOW!

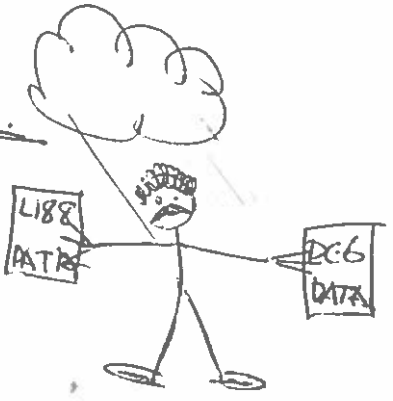


WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW IS
THAT THEY'RE LOOKING
AT A PLOT OF THE DOW-JONES
INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE!



⊗!!! WHY OH
WHY DID GARSTANG
HAVE TO CORRECT
HIS INITIAL VALUES!
SOB!

TELL ME
ABOUT IT!



THE UNCORRECTED
DATA "AGREES"
WITH OTHER DATA
BETTER THAN
THE CORRECTED!



APPENDIX I: PHRASES WE WILL REMEMBER

1. PAS DE PROBLEM
2. JE TE DONNE UN BON PRIX
3. VEUX-TU ME MARIER?
4. SKIN-COLORED BATHING SUITS
5. MONOKINIS
6. QUINZE MINUTES
7. THE GIRL WITH THE STREAMLINED EYES
8. "DON'T BOGART THAT JOINT, MY FRIEND...."
9. GROSSMAN'S LEAP
10. HAVE YOU HAD YOUR PILL TODAY
11. "JE PARLE UN PEU DE FRANCAIS ET UN PEU D'ANGLAIS. JE
SUIS AMERICAIN."
12. BONE-JOO-ER!
13. WE WENT ONE DAY
'BOUT A MONTH AGO,
TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN
IN GAMBIO.

WE ENDED UP
IN A GAMBLING SPOT
WHERE THE LIQUOR FLOWED
AND THE DICE WERE HOT.

SO HERE WE ARE,
IN THE BANJUL JAIL
AND GENE AND JANE
WON'T GO OUR BAIL.....
14. DALLAS, DALLAS, THIS IS GATE RADIO. 827.
15. ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR MISSION SCIENTIST OR AIRBORNE
MISSION SCIENTIST?

16. "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
TO THE MEAL
FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND TO THE ECONOMY
FOR WHICH IT STANDS.

ONE MEAL,
IN - FLIGHT,
INDIVIDUAL,

WITH AN INTERDENTAL STIMULATOR FOR ALL."

(ODE TO A-C-RATION)

17. THERE IS RAIN FALLING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SHOWER.

18. STREAKER SIGHTED.

19. SPEAK INTO THE MIKE!

APPENDIX II:
GATE AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN
(OR MAYBE WAS).

TERRY

AND THE PILOTS

AND HELP IS BEING RUSHED TO THE DROUGHT-STRIKEN RESIDENTS OF SENEGAL, MALI,...



MY OLD FRIEND COL. BILL BARNEY ASKED ME TO GO TO SENEGAL TO HELP WITH A PROBLEM!

I'M AFRAID IT'S CLASSIFIED YOU KNOW I CAN'T SAY!



WHAT SORT OF PROBLEM, TERRY? SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DROUGHT?

GOOD TO SEE YOU, TERRY! WE'VE A CURIOUS SITUATION. YOU KNOW I HEAD THE U.S. PART OF PROJECT GATE? WELL, WE'VE 'ENDED THE DROUGHT'!



IN DAKAR...

THAT'S A PROBLEM?!

YES, VERY MUCH! WE'VE HAD CERTAIN POLITICIANS AND JOURNALISTS SAY THAT GATE WAS HERE TO END THE DROUGHT! BUT ITS ABSOLUTELY NOT SO!



AND-THIS HAS JEOPARDIZED THE WHOLE EXPERIMENT... AND DO YOU REALIZE THAT THE WHOLE AMERICAN ECONOMY-SINCE VIETNAM-IS GEARED TO DROUGHT RELIEF!



WE HAVE TO CAPTURE THIS HEINOUS CRIMINAL! AND PUT HIM BEHIND BARS UNTIL HE ROTS!



AND SOMEONE... WE DON'T KNOW WHOM - MANAGED TO SEIZE CONTROL OF OUR MISSION SELECTION TEAM- ALL OUR AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS, AND, ASTOUNDINGLY, GET THESE RESOURCES TO COVER THE SAHARA WITH CARBON BLACK, WHICH HEATED IT, STRENGTHENED THE MONSOON, AND ENDED THE DROUGHT.

"WE FIRST HAD A HINT OF THE PROBLEM WHEN ALAN BETTS STAGGARED OUT OF THE MISSION SELECTION TEAM MEETING!"



O-O-O!

THE DOOR HAD BEEN SEALED FOR 24 HOURS UNTIL ONE OF THE SENEGALESE CLEANERS DECIDED THAT THE TAPE SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE DOOR AND DID SO. THE MST WAS INCOHERENT!"

SB2! 882! 595 KR!

D2734331! 39C CB! A1-1C2



FLOP... POP... POEFLOP... 5B1!

AND COLLAPSED!

FORTUNATELY, HENRY GERTZMAN AND TERRY DE LA MORNIERE HAD IT ALL ON TAPE.. BUT IT WAS NO MORE COHERENT!



DAMN IT, THEY DIDNT SPEAK INTO THE MIKE!



AFTER THE CONFERENCE ... THE OLD COMMANDOS SENT ... OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF THE MST.. TO THE FLOODING SAHEL TO SAMPLE THE CARBON BLACK

CRACK PILOT ZINSER RETURNED WITH SOME STARTLING OBSERVATIONS



HMMH! OBVIOUSLY, THE CULPRIT PARTICIPATED IN THE INDIAN OCEAN EXPERIMENT!

I'M SURE OF IT! THAT CARBON BLACK IS FOUND ONLY ON ISLAND X12 IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. BY THE WAY, THE NORTHERN BORDER OF BLACK AFRICA MOVED 300 MILES NORTHWARD IN THE LAST MONTH!



*HMM, THAT'S PROMISING!

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR PILL TODAY?

*TO BE FILLED IN BY READER.

IN AN UNPRECEDENTED GESTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, THE CIA AND THE KGB SEARCHED OUT THE EVIL DOER!

MEANWHILE, EXPERTS DEBATE HOW TO SAVE THE COLLAPSING ECONOMY IN THE U.S.

LETS START A DROUGHT IN THE U.S.!



OR ANOTHER FIELD EXPERIMENT!

DEDICATION

"ONCE A YEAR, A SEASON, OR IN A DAY, ONE FEELS AT ONE WITH ONE'S SURROUNDINGS..ONE FEELS A PURE LOVE THAT MAKES ONE KNOW HE IS AT HOME. TONIGHT IT HAPPENED TO ME IN AFRICA. THE SUN, ALTHOUGH TEN DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON, WAS FADED TO A SHARP, COMFORTABLY VISIBLE DISK BY THE DUST FROM THE SAHARA. OCCASIONALLY IT WAS OBSCURED BY LOW SCUD, WHICH WAS RUSHING QUIETLY IN FROM THE NORTHWEST. THE LAND AND OCEAN REFLECTED THE GRAY-TAN MOOD OF THE SKY. THE DISTANT SMALL BOXY CONCRETE BUILDINGS ON THE OUTLET SEPARATING US FROM THE BEACH SQUATTERS WERE THAT COLOR, COMFORTABLY TEPID AFTER BAKING IN THE HOT MIDAFTERNOON SUN. BOATS CARRYING TOURISTS FROM N'GOR ISLAND TO SHORE WERE SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE GRAY WATERS. MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN WALKED UNHURRIED ALONG THE SHORE. I TOO WAS UNHURRIED AND AT PEACE. I SHALL THINK OF THIS PLACE AND THIS TIME SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE WITH A FEELING OF HAPPY SADNESS. FOR HERE, NOW, THIS IS MY HOME."

FROM MY DIARY,
23 JUNE, 1974

AND THIS IS WHY I DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO AFRICA.

EPILOG

NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GATE DATA JOB, TESTING WHETHER THIS NATION OR ANY OTHER NATION CAN LONG ENDURE (AT LEAST UNTIL WE GET THE PROPER CALIBRATION COEFFICIENTS.) THE DATA LOOKS LIKE IT WILL ENDURE, DESPITE RUMORS, RUNNING EVEN PRIOR TO GATE, THAT IT MIGHT NOT.....

"SO UNTIL THE FGGE COME
WE WISH YOU GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE."

QUOTATION FROM THE GOOD SHIP QUADRA