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Carole H. called yesterday to confirm our meeting at the San Diego Nat. Hist. Museum and to change the time from 9 AM to 10 AM as Hans Burch would not be in early.

Bill and I loaded the car with the shells-boxes + misc. note books last night and had everything pretty much cleaned out of the store-room. I later found a box of large gastropods I had forgotten.

Arrived at the museum at appointed time, parked + walked over to the snack bar for coffee. Bill had just brought two coffees in hand to our table when I saw Carole on her way from the parking lot. After getting together we unloaded the car with help of Barbara Myers and a custodian from the museum who brought a cart out for us to use. The loaded cart was placed in the marine invertebrate office + we proceeded to open them. I had forgotten many things I had packed away 2 years ago but as each shell was brought forth it flashed a picture in my mind of those lonely beaches with creamy warm sand. All the days of lazy wandering over sand bars with anticipation of a lucky find. The people, fun, laughter and even the various "transporters" - sand-buggy, four-wheel jeep, boat + truck, that were such an important part of the whole -

Tony D'Atillio was in the office while we unpacked and told us how the three of us could make a perfect team for working on the San Felipe material. Barbara has the experience in research + compiling data, Carole has experience in writing scientific papers, also compiling data. I have the ecological data + know all the ^{material}

We set up a weekly day + date + off we went. Numerous job was to put the material in a separate cabinet so we could keep everything together. We decided to use the Myers Keen books for our systematic guide. Had all the specimens numbered according to her ID + number system.

Oct 20, 1979 - Yesterday, Friday - not our regular day at the museum but I suddenly remembered to look at the notes I swore to keep for the duration of our San Felipe checklist project - I now see we have been at the job a year and have put in a considerable amount of free time to the collection, identification + research of material. We all have had papers published plus a joint one on Solymyadze. My typhi's paper was ^{to be} published in the Festivus in '79. It's been fun + we all agree we enjoy the learning experience. Tony has been a terrific teacher and helper in every way. Hans Burch has been cooperative and more than we probably expect as our 2 day a week disruption is apparent.