Sue Lang, 10 Sept. '87: differences between western and eastern Montana—she perceives w. MT as mysterious, closed in with its mountains; e. MT more open and welcoming. The human element predominant in e., topography in w. Horizon of the e. vs. the verticalness of w. mountains. There is a closed-in feel of w. MT, which regards itself as more intellectual and esthetic, the e. as more rube-like (my paraphrase). She finds herself liking the parts of e. that remind her of the w., that break the horizon—badlands between Chester and Fort Benton, for ex, and others near Circle.

—the cocoon (driving) of experience as you move through the landscape: do something with this as Jick et al make their trip. Capture the road experience.
en route to Billings:

stop at rest area on Yellowstone w. of Billings, use it as site of Jick
re-meeting the Toothless Ferries and the broke young man who posts a note
in the rest room.
June 22, 1958

6 mi. west of Terry. Roll #2, pic. 30.
- geography to south of 2-34 looks like ruins or settlements.
- did you like a walk w/ chicks out of it?
- backup 'summi'; @ 9:45 a.m., terrific heat w/ windshied; Terry put mistreens said forecast in 105°.

- Miles City, Headlands Ink, round gray mounds, hill-like, like giant beehives.
- Miles City to Terry: Broad blue Y'strea; green panels of fields beside out of concrete.

Roll 2, #31 - Butler n. of Glenville or Sidney adj. entry lots he made
#32 - opp. side. Greenness of yellow, tree R.
- continuous cotton and 300 make a mass of dark green 600 mi.
- pulls of clouds appear by early afternoon
- Glenville RV m'ths who got us off a going; no shownd from Ogle.
Bago, 21 June '68

- constant rain near Y'stone R’s valley, green bottom and fields, B岭ings to Castle: fresh green of cottonwood groves

- Bago towers - gallops @ dips in freeway; fresh absorbers soft

Riley: "White line means C. white stripe along passenger edge of freeway"

- sitting up high & Bago, alt like in truck cab?

- beautiful valley of Bighorn R. joining Y'stone (Y'stone from 2 ft & Munro in mouth)

2:30: 5 mi de Colbyramp, RV bashed, then back/for; I turned around headed back to'd freeway a coup of miles before RV quiet. Mauled it! to side shoulder. 2nd count power: tried ignition, it 1s right off! Called Ranger's, it's likely some ignition wires burned switch.
rest area, m Reedpoint
- on a little rise. Y'v'pke R below, c stand of c' wood trees; n. curves around
- campus & picnics c. middle of play lot. North Amer. now lines jidling
- a few picnic tables on lawn c. num. a couple shelter areas
- pet area c fire hydrant in middle
- pine ridges 0. m. across. ruin
in men's room.
- green part in meta1 minor area under. urinal is right next to
  lat toilet stall, guys' bogs not on only a few 'from pride'.

- a commanding site, really.
- #18 Montana Historical Marker
from Bill Lang, Mont. funeral trip, Feb. 2-3, '86: the originator of the instream reservation idea that so far has saved the Yellowstone River from damming (Bill's article in autumn '85 Montana Mag of History) was a Kalispell legislator named Murphy—it became known as Murphy's law—in the late 60's(?), and it began not with the Y'stone specifically in mind, but with the highway dept's disruption of streams by construction.

—note Bill's idea that the Yellowstone's history is its protector: that the longer it is "the last free-flowing river," the harder it becomes to justify damming it.
Reed’s Pt. rest stop scene:

Riley was beside me, at the rear of the crowd, and I noticed he for once wasn’t
taking notes.
IN Billings 6/25/88 we briefly went to horse auction at Billings Livestock Commission Co., N. Frontage Road, 245-4151. Horses were hazed, by 2 ring men with light stock whips, in one gate and out the other, at rate of a horse every 30 seconds, while the auc' r did his unintelligible spiel. If I ever went to try capture it in print I likely should contact an auc'eer school and find out what sounds are taught there. But remarks amid the patter included:

---"Well, it's more than I had." (after somebody made a tiny bid; for ex, one colt sold for $15, another for $25)
---"Here we go." (to start bidding)
---"Where's the money, boys, where's the money?" (trying to encourage bidding.)
Jick may have to summarize most of mid-Sept. thru mid- or even late Oct.; the three of them have to link up with Leona about mid-Sept. and there can be only 3 or 4 story scenes, probably including the MOC dance, between then and Centennial Day.
The debris of hubris is the chassis of genesis.
Pete Steen: 16 July '88 visit, I asked him about wing window on his old pickup; he said it had wing windows, and was a '52 or '53 Dodge.
Snoose Syvertsen: add explanation that he was called that because he went through so much Copenhagen snuff?
Interesting, that Leona (showed no animus) toward Mariah when telling tales on Riley. Womanhood must be stronger than...
- mention 1st foot of train trip just after Labor Day?
- foot on windshield at top of Baguio
Roundup coal mining—Del Stark material?
incident from March '88 trip to Calif., for possible Mariah use:
at a rest area, in men's toilet was taped a handwritten sheet of paper, saying roughly:
I hope you're having a better day than I am. My wallet with $300 was stolen by a hitchhiker. If you can contribute anything so I can get home to Spokane—I'll mail the money back to you—I am in the blue Chevy pickup.

--get the culture of the road into the book: rest areas, service stations, fast food places, rv parks
Big windmills on flats east of Livingston: Mariah remarks that only one of the windmills is turning. Leona says tells her "There must be only enough wind today to turn that one."
You know how that is, though; toilet walls in a public place have a number of their own topics they're insistent on. I could not help but skim the anatomy lessons drawn there and the scenarios written under them, and in perusing around that way I at last noticed, in fairly neat small penciling directly in front of me on the stall door, one lone unillustrated epistle. Leaning forward as much as was prudent, I just could read: