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round and round for ten days if you ever got near it, and," he said, "nobody's ever gone down to it." "Well," I said, "I'd like to try but I don't have the equipment with me here." "Well," he said, "I couldn't authorize you to try it," he said, "the south rim headquarters has charge of the attempt to rescue them," and he said, "this is just in their hands." Well, if there was nothing I could do there was no use staying there so my wife and I started out to walk back across the canyon. We drove back with him thirty-five meals to North Rim Headquarters and then we started down. There was a young aviator and his wife who started down with us. We were going to camp down in the bottom of the canyon, and along that there are emergency phones every now and then, and this young aviator thought of something that he would like to phone up to the range about and he came to a phone, but the line was busy. There are about a dozen parties on each of those lines, so I said to him, "Go ahead and we will find a place to camp and you try to phone. So we went ahead.

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they decided it would be impossible to come from the south rim and they have decided at the south rim that they wanted to get somebody who can possibly make their way down the north rim here, and they want to try to graft you into service to see if you can make your way down there and try to get to those fellows." Well, I walked back up to the phone and talked to them and found that there was a ranger who was especially good at that sort of thing who was at an outpost a hundred and fifty miles away and they had gone off over the dirt road in the night to try to get him as there was no way of communicating with him and so the next morning he and I would try to make our way down, so we slept over night and started out,--came up to the top the next morning nearly noon, and we found that the decision to try to go down from the north rim, impossible as it seemed to be, which had been made at the south rim here, had been