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Back in mid-September of 1986, the late, ever-so-great Agent 107 (Frank von Peck) and I traversed the 4,800-foot-long, crumbling stone-and-concrete breakwater from Federal Point (just south of Fort Fisher, NC) to Zeke's Island, an estuarine sand shoal near the mouth of the Cape Fear River.

The other day, lo, hi and behold, I found an old cassette tape (remember those?) in a drawer of an oaken chest that had captured the audio from our twenty-two-minute walk on that five-star day. What follows is a condensed version of the transcript.

Agent 33 (me): Well, do you think we have everything, Frank?

[the sound of a pickup truck door closing]

Agent 107 (Frank): Man, we've got enough food and drink for two days. When does high tide come in?

33: It's been going out for the last two-and-a-half hours. We'll be fine. The water level will still be going down, even when we come back.

107: You'd better be right. I don't want to be stranded on that island overnight.

33: Afraid of Blackbeard's ghost, are we?

107: No, I just have stuff to do.

[only the sound of seagull caws and splashing water for several minutes]

33: Watch your step in this breach. These rocks are slippery, especially the green mossy areas.

107: You just figured that out? Listen, I'll be fine. We just need to worry about you.

33: Are you feeling anything yet?

107: Just feeling high adventure.

33: Wow! Those clouds down the river ... they seem to be wavering ever so slightly, like on that day last year with Jimmy at Wrightsville Beach.

107: Oh, not already. We've just started this rock-hopper.

33: Rare coinage, dude. That's definitely what we're doing.

107: I wonder when this jetty was built.

33: It's a breakwater, Frank. A jetty just juts and a breakwater breaks ... the water.

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