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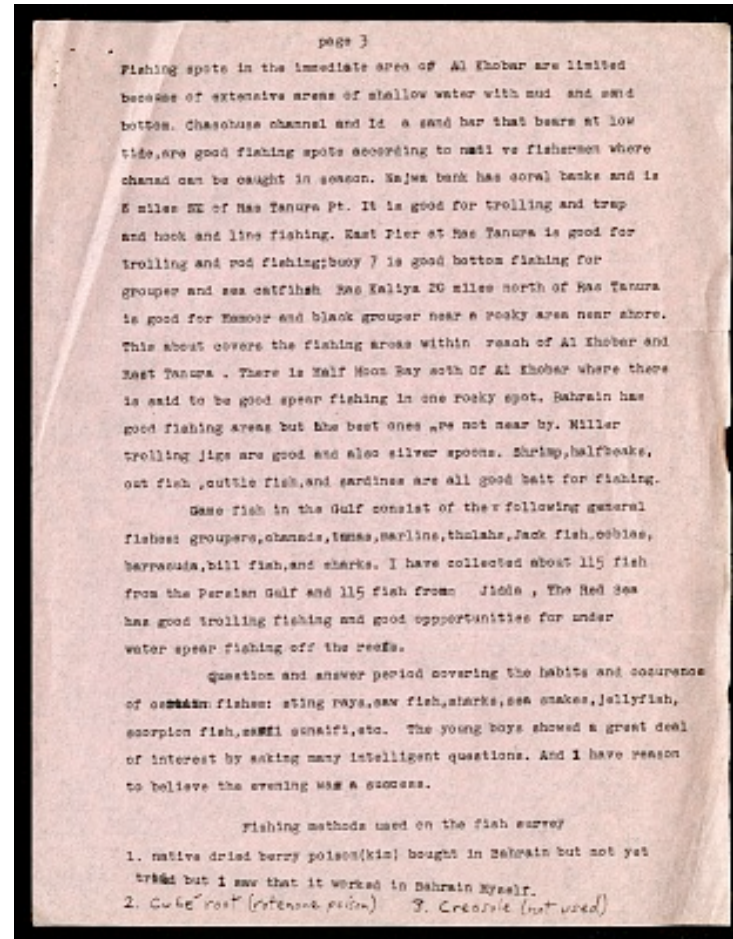
Fishing spots in the immediate area of Al Khobar are limited because of extensive areas of shallow water with mud and sand bottom. Chaschuse channel and Id a sand bar that bears at low tide, are good fishing spots according to native fishermen where chanad can be caught in season. Najwa bank has coral banks and is 8 miles SE of Ras Tanura Pt. It is good for trolling and trap and hook and line fishing. East Pier at Ras Tanura is good for trolling and rod fishing; buoy 7 is good bottom fishing for grouper and sea catfish. Ras Kaliya 20 miles north of Ras Tanura is good for Hamoor and black grouper near a rocky area near shore. This about covers the fishing areas within reach of Al Khobar and Ras Tanura. There is Half Moon Bay south of Al Khobar where there is said to be good spear fishing in one rocky spot. Bahrain has good fishing areas but the best ones are not near by. Miller trolling jigs are good and also silver spoons. Shrimp, halfbeaks, cut fish, cuttle fish, and sardines are all good bait for fishing.

Game fish in the Gulf consist of the following general fishes: groupers, chanads, tunas, marlins, thulaks, Jack fish, cobias, barracuda, bill fish, and sharks. I have collected about 115 fish from the Persian Gulf and 115 fish from Jidda, The Red Sea has good trolling fishing and good opportunities for under water spear fishing off the reefs.

Question and answer period covering the habits and occurrence of certain fishes: sting rays, saw fish, sharks, sea snakes, jellyfish, scorpion fish, sawfi sunaifi, etc. The young boys showed a great deal of interest by asking many intelligent questions. And I have reason to believe the evening was a success.

#### Fishing methods used on the fish survey

1. native dried berry poison (kim) bought in Bahrain but not yet tried but I saw that it worked in Bahrain Myself.
2. Cube root (rotenone poison) 3. Creosole (not used)



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