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Ceph., June 11, 1971, II

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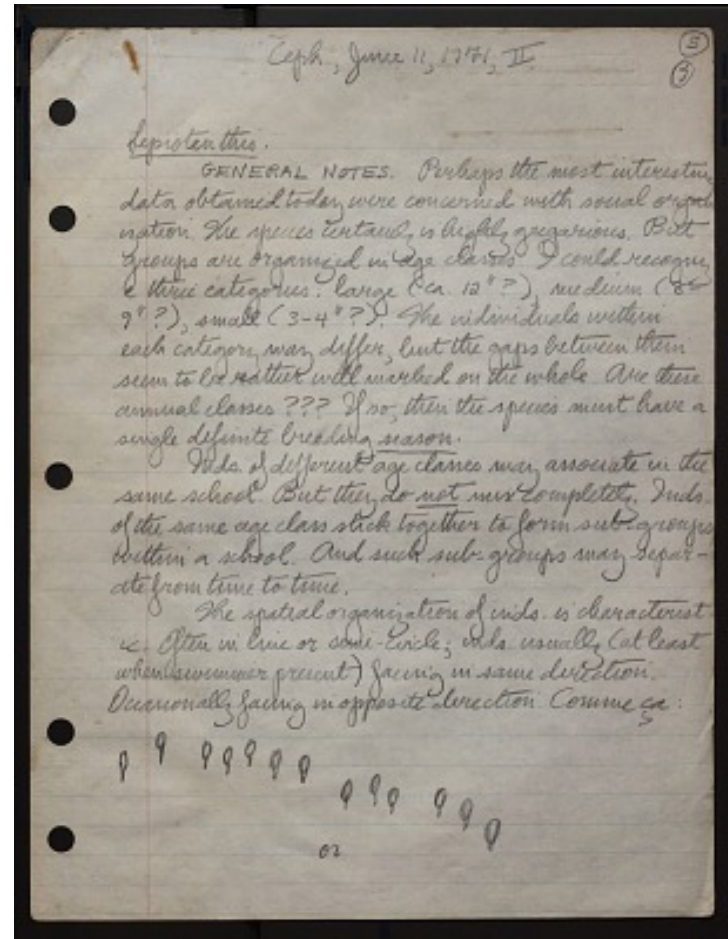
GENERAL NOTES. Perhaps the most interesting data obtained today were concerned with social organization. The species certainly is highly gregarious. But groups are organized in age classes. I could recognize three categories: large (ca. 12"?), medium (8 - 9"?), small (3 - 4"?). The individuals within each category may differ, but the gaps between them seem to be rather well marked on the whole. Are these annual classes??? If so, then the species must have a single definite breeding [[underlined]] season [[/underlined]].

Inds. of different age classes may associate in the same school. But they do [[underlined]] not [[/underlined]] mix completely. Inds. of the same age class stick together to form sub-groups within a school. And such sub-groups may separate from time to time.

The spatial organization of inds. is characteristic. Often in line or semi-circle; inds. usually (at least when swimmer present) facing in same direction. Occasionally facing in opposite direction. Comme ça:

[[image - drawing of squid spatial organization]]

or



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