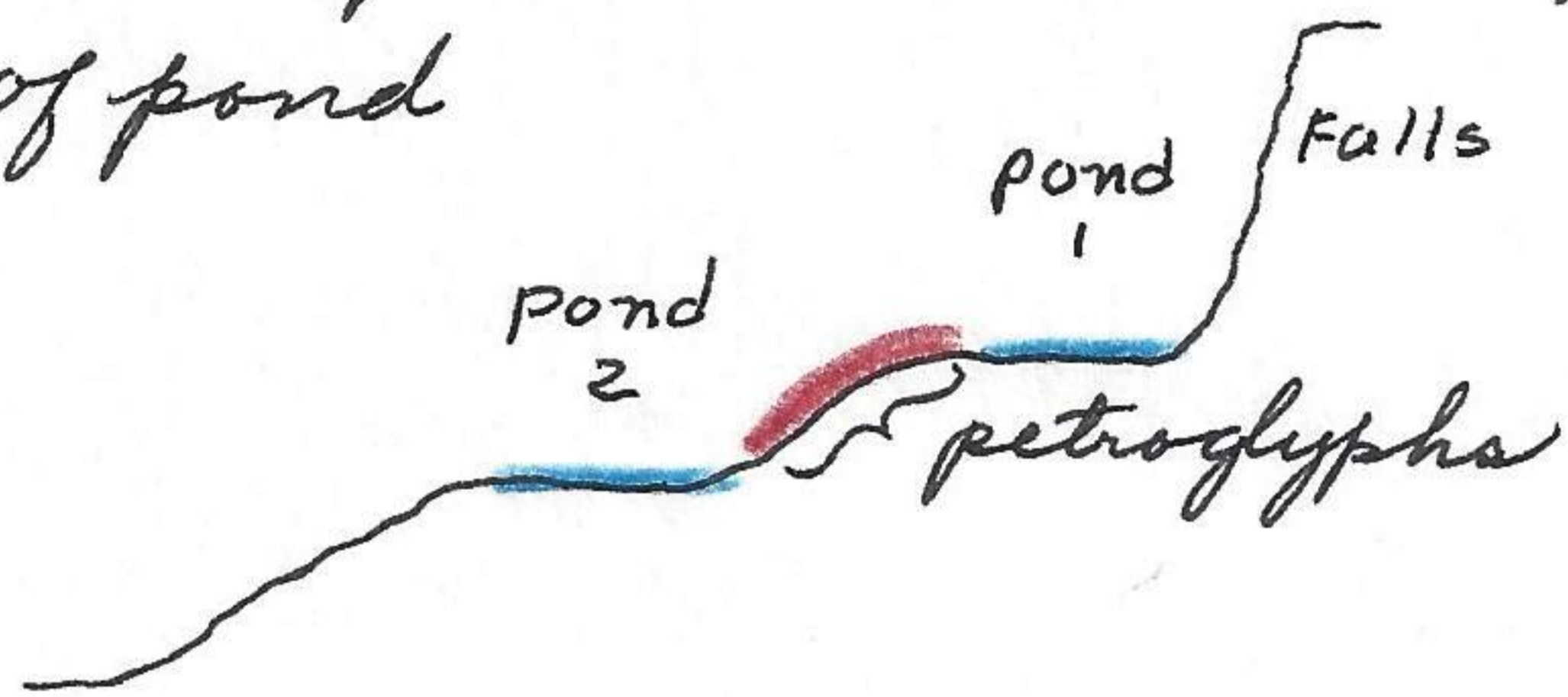


Lameshur to Reef Bay, Virgin Islands

July 9, 1957

Made trip to petroglyphs at head of Reef Bay valley or ^{floor} Canyon. At the area took the following photographs. (570709-1) of Petroglyphs (Carib in origin) NW of Reef Bay Estate House across Canyon. Photo above pond and shows most petroglyphs and adjacent area. Photo no. (570709-2) showing a few at closer range. Photo (570709-3) of 'Cross' on left hand side of pond (2nd pond below water falls. This, upon closer examination is not a cross. Photo (570709-4) a single petroglyph and above last one. Photo (570709-5) of 2 of a set of 4 glyphs, the other two are to the right and not shown. The ones not shown are indistinct. Photo (570709-5a) a composite ^{drawing of most} of petroglyphs from here and Congo Cay. These photos include all petroglyphs in area. Photo (570709-6) of pond



There was no evidence of recent carving of names by visitors. One large scatter apple tree had fallen into upper pond by erosion of side of canyon and supported green leaves so could not have fallen

too long ago. Three kinds of dragon flies were flying over the water, one a 3" green one, one 3" and purple and one 1" and red. A pair of gray flycatchers were feeding on insects above the pond. At the Reef Bay Estate House took the following photos. (570709-7) coffin and N gate of Estate House. The coffin is made to accommodate wide shoulders. It was taken from cellar to photo and then returned. Photo (570709-7a) of flower, growing in front yard. In canyon valley below house watched a Herpestes auro-punctatus, mongoose, trying to extract food from under a rock (4" across) It used its feet adeptly, first on one side of the rock and then the other side, reaching as far back under the rock as possible. It finally left and on inspection of the rock found six snails of this size. Returned to Lameshur (N.P. Ranger Station on edge of Lameshur Bay). The trail in daytime is hot except where one gets breeze from Ocean. N.P. should have only horizontal trails on this island. With exertion of walking up grade one is uncomfortably warm on the leeward ridges from the ocean breezes. (At Lameshur photographed a red hebeacue (570713-8) and a white coper flower [insert] (570713-9). The white flower appears to have stamens only.)

On the way over and back noted several birds which I did not record.