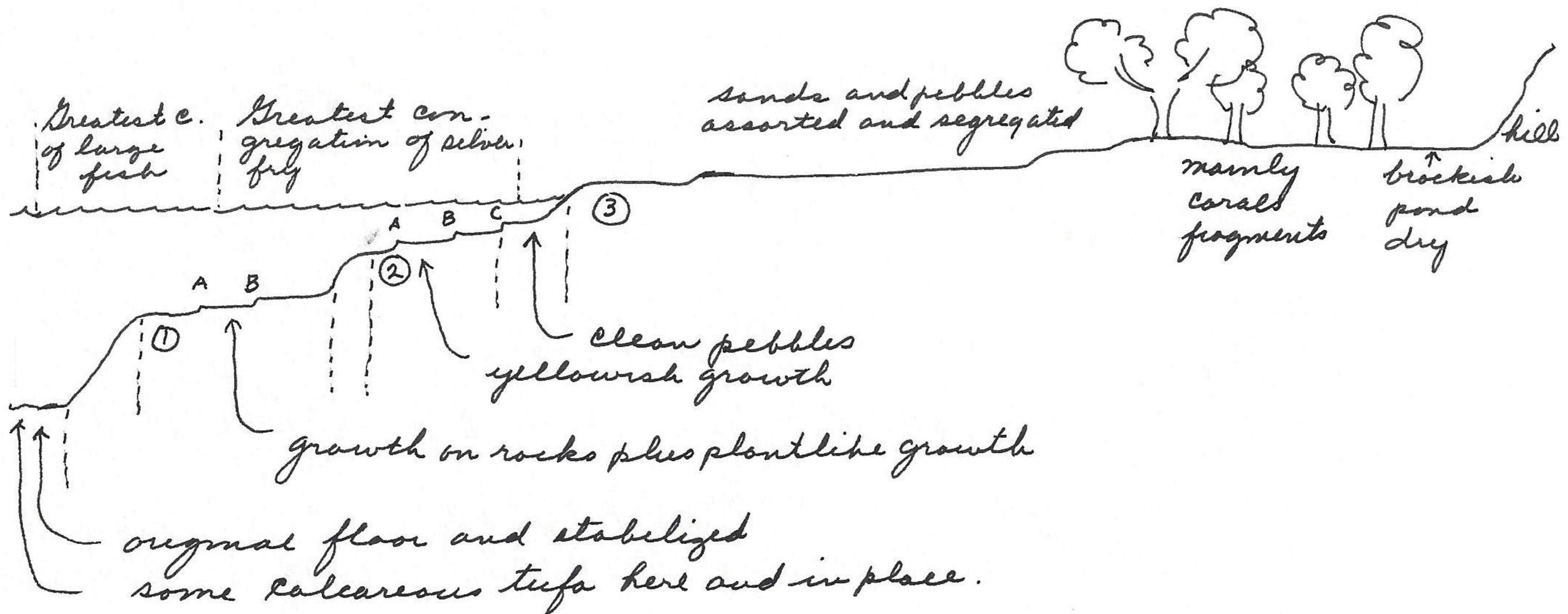


Mrs. Elias Anderson also said that when she was a girl of 8 the bay was sandy and one could wade out into the bay as far as the outlying rocks. Now corals have moved in in recent years by hurricanes (more likely warmer waters or bays have filled in thus bringing bottom nearer the warm layers above or for some other cause). In 40 years a brain coral has grown from one about the size of a basketball to one as big as a table. The nearer the surface of the water the faster they grow. The conch shells are becoming uncommon or less numerous than in older days. A hermit Crab occurs in one in a thousand of the queen conch. Colors inside the shell fade in time. Anegada is completely surrounded with conchs which live in shallow water with sandy bottoms. She knows of no other place in the Virgin Islands where the conchs are so numerous. In early days, fishermen would bring in boat fulls of the extracted conchs which are removed in a simple operation of three movements



Beach formations: Boulders below water line mainly, 98%, native rock. Boulders high and leeward to highest point of beach, coral and native rocks. ①, ②, ③ = major levels; a, b, c = minor levels. The silver fry were in the zone (indicated above) by thousands and to the extent that one could not see the bottom of the channel. They swam about 8 inches from the floor of the sunken beach and when not disturbed were arranged or oriented at random, when disturbed they immediately moved in unison. A barracuda is accepted within 2 feet of them. Several dozen species were represented, the larger ones beyond the shallow submerged beaches.