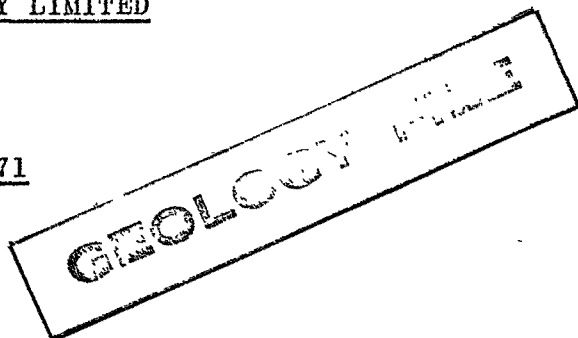


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INTRODUCTION

This report summarises the results of the micropalaeontological, palynological and stratigraphical analyses which have been carried out under Project No. ARP 689/19 on material received from the interval 1590' - 13000' of the Phillips (Norway) 7/11 - 1X North Sea Well.

This exploration well was the first drilled in block 7/11 of the Norwegian North Sea Concession Area.

The stratigraphic interval dealt with in the current report ranges from Pleistocene, through a thick and relatively complete Tertiary sequence into the Upper Cretaceous Chalk. This overlies deposits of Cretaceous - Jurassic age. The well finally bottomed in rock salt of Zechstein age.

We wish to acknowledge the co-operation and assistance received from the various members of Phillips Petroleum Company Limited with whom we have been associated during the course of this work.

A summary of the sequence penetrated in this well can be seen overleaf in Table 1.

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SUCCESSION

TABLE I

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Thickness</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>System/Subsystem</u>
A	1590' - 1650'	+ 60'	-	Pleistocene
B	1680' - 2010'	+ 330'	Scaldisian	Upper Pliocene
C	2090' - 2450'	+ 360'	Upper Diestian	Lower Pliocene
D	2500' - 2650'	+ 150'	Lower Diestian	Upper Miocene
E	2700' - 5100'	+ 2400'	-	Middle Miocene
F	5120' - 5820'	+ 700'	Burdigalian	Lower Miocene
G	5840' - 6500'	+ 660'	Aquitanian	Lower Miocene
H	6560' - 8720'	+ 2160'	-	Oligocene
I	8740' - 9220'	+ 480'	-	?Upper - ?Middle Eocene
J	9240' - 9380'	+ 140'	-	?Lower Eocene - ?Palaeocene
K	9400' - 10060'	+ 660'	-	Palaeocene
L	10070' - 10388'	+ 318'	Danian	Lower Palaeocene
M	(10390' - 11360'	+ 970'	Maestrichtian	Upper Cretaceous
	(11370' - 11390'	+ 20'	Lower Maestrichtian	
	(11400' - 11460'	+ 60'	Campanian	
	(11470'	-	Coniacian - Turonian	
	(11480' - 12266'	+ 786'	Turonian - Cenomanian - ?Albian	
N	12270' - 12460'	+ 190'	-	Cretaceous - Jurassic
O	12480' - 13000'	+ 520'	Zechstein	Upper Permian

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Under Project No. ARP 689/19 a total of 595 ditch cuttings, 16 side wall cores and 4 core pieces were analysed utilising standard micropalaeontological and, where necessary, palynological techniques.

A summary of the information obtained from the samples was forwarded in a series of letters. These contain the framework of factual information on which this report is based. The prepared samples and recorded information are now filed and curated in the confidential records section of these laboratories.

The samples received were treated utilising standard techniques and all the microfossils obtained were examined. Use was made not only of the planktonic foraminifera present but also of the benthonic forms, ostracods and where necessary miospores.

In assessing the age of the samples, reference was made to published work on this portion of the stratigraphic column from all the countries surrounding the North Sea. The age, in the cases where no diagnostic planktonic foraminifera are present, was assigned on the basis of similarity of faunal association present in appropriate sequences in the above mentioned countries. The latter method has the disadvantage that many of these faunal associations are controlled by facies changes, but the assemblages in question would still appear to provide a sound correlation between the deposits encountered in this well and those found in equivalent horizons in Northern Europe.

2 Samples from the Tertiary, 19 from the Cretaceous and Cretaceous - Jurassic sections and 14 from the Permian section were analysed palynologically.

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QUATERNARY

UNIT A, INTERVAL 1590' - 1650'; Pleistocene

General Lithology

Quite a varied lithology is present in this unit. The dominant lithotypes appear to be fine-grained sands and conglomerates interbedded with clays.

The sands comprise white to colourless, fine to very fine-grained, subangular to subrounded quartz grains, and are associated with small pebble fragments of greenish sandstone and basic to ultrabasic igneous rocks. The clays are greyish brown in colour, and increase in amount slightly towards the base of the unit. Bleached, reworked shell fragments are common throughout consisting mostly of lamellibranchs with occasional echinoids.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Poor microfaunas were encountered in the samples received from this upper section. However, the presence of Elphidiella arctica in association with Elphidium incertum and Elphidium cf. hughesi would indicate that the unit is of Pleistocene age.

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TERTIARY

(a) Pliocene

UNIT B, INTERVAL 1680'-- 2010'; Scaldisian, Upper Pliocene

General Lithology

The washed residues throughout this unit are very small, and examination of the unwashed samples indicates that the dominant lithotypes are grey and greyish brown clays. Pyrite is present in most samples, increasing in amount slightly towards the base where it is joined by minor quantities of brownish limonite. Quartz grains are present in most samples, but may have caved from the overlying unit.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

The incoming at the top of this unit of Cibicides lobatulus var. grossa and Cassidulina laevigata pliocarinata would signify that the Upper Pliocene (Scaldisian) has been encountered. This is further confirmed by the occurrence of Cibicides scaldisiensis and Polymorphina charlottensis at 1770'.

Apart from the upper sample the remainder of the interval contains a moderately rich microfauna. The major genera present include Nonion, Cassidulina and Elphidium.

The forms recorded from this interval are similar to those noted in the Coralline Crag deposits of East Anglia, England and the Scaldisian deposits of the Netherlands.

UNIT C, INTERVAL 2090' - 2450'; Upper Diestian, Lower Pliocene

General Lithology

This unit is entirely composed of dark grey clays, which are only very slightly pyritic.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Impoverished microfaunas are recorded from the upper part of this interval. However, below 2300' they become moderately rich. The faunal association present is essentially a Cassidulina - Elphidium assemblage.

The majority of the forms noted within this interval are similar to those from the overlying Scaldisian. However, the presence of Uvigerina cf. cookei, Bulimina elongata, Elphidium inflatum and Elphidium antoninum in association with the aforementioned faunal assemblage may indicate that the Upper Diestian (Lower Pliocene) is present.

(b) Miocene

UNIT D, INTERVAL 2500' - 2650'; Lower Diestian; Upper Miocene

General Lithology

Dark grey clays are again the dominant lithotype but there is a noticeable increase in pyrite. Traces of brownish, silty ironstone are present in the sample from 2600'.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

The incoming of Bolivina subspinescens, Pyrgo bulloides and Uvigerina canariensis at the top of this interval together with the subsequent appearance of Cibicides peclensis and Cibicides aknerianus would indicate that Miocene deposits have been encountered, these probably being of Lower Diestian age i.e. Upper Miocene.

Moderate faunas are recorded here belonging essentially to a Cibicides - Cassidulina assemblage. Subsidiary numbers of Uvigerina spp. also occur. These sediments differ from the Upper Miocene deposits of many parts of Northern Europe in having a moderately rich fauna. Usually deposits of this age are only sparsely fossiliferous.

UNIT E, INTERVAL 2700' - 5100'; Middle Miocene

General Lithology

Grey clays are the dominant lithotype in the higher parts of this unit, down to 3610'. They are usually strongly pyritic with occasional bands of reddish and reddish brown ironstone. Rare, thin layers of light greenish, greyish and buff to brown claystone occur below 3060', and light grey, argillaceous limestone is noted at 3300' and 3610'. Subordinate amounts of shell fragments are present in one or two samples.

Below 3650' light to medium grey shales are commonly present in the samples, and become quite abundant between 3880' and 4020'. Reddish-coloured shales and siltstones are present below 3880', often associated with reddish and reddish brown ironstones. Pyrite is observed in many samples, and grey, microcrystalline, often sucrosic, dolomite is present between 4920' - 5100'.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

A great variation in the microfaunal assemblages occurs in the samples comprising this interval. Several horizons are extremely rich in species whereas others are almost barren. Basically this interval can be subdivided into 3 sections which are outlined below.

2700' - 3350'

The fauna in this case is very similar to that recorded from the overlying Upper Miocene except that rare specimens of Uvigerina hosiusi are noted, the first appearing at 2700'. This foraminifera is usually taken to be indicative of the Middle Miocene. Other new forms noted here include the following species:

Karrerella cf. siphonella

Asterigerina staeschei

Nodosaria pyrula

Textularia gramen

Echinocythereis scabra

This association of forms would substantiate the Middle Miocene determination.

3400' - 4860'

The most important feature of this interval is the occurrence throughout of many horizons with fairly numerous specimens of Uvigerina hosiusi. Other typical Middle Miocene forms noted include:

Bolivina floridana imporcata

Virgulina pertusa

Listerella communis

Cytheropteron cf. steinmanni

"Cythere" latimarginata

4880' - 5100'

The top of this sub-unit is marked by the incoming of Radiolaria together with several small species of Globigerina including G. bradyi, G. juvenilis and G. foliata. Other forms present are similar to those already mentioned above.

UNIT F, INTERVAL 5120' - 5820'; Bardigalian, Lower Miocene

General Lithology

Greyish clays and shales are again the dominant lithotypes throughout this unit with occasional thin layers of buff to brownish shales. Hard, dense, light grey, sucrosic dolomite is common in the highest part of the interval, from 5120' - 5280'. Prepared samples are generally very small in volume due to the abundance of soft clays.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Poor to very poor microfaunas are encountered within this interval and much of the sequence may be barren, the forms noted in the samples probably being present as a result of caving.

The occurrence, at the top of this interval of Globorotalia fohsi barisanensis, Uvigerina tenuipustulata and Angulogerina var. tenuistriata would indicate that the Burdigalian stage of the Lower Miocene has been penetrated. Very little change is noted in the faunal content of the sample through the remainder of the interval and, therefore, all the section has been placed in the Burdigalian.

UNIT G, INTERVAL 5840' - 6500'; Aquitanian, Lower Miocene

General Lithology

This interval is entirely composed of soft grey clays with occasional thin bands of light to dark grey and bluish grey shales. Traces of brown dolomite are noted in one or two samples.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Again within this interval the faunas recorded from the samples are poor to very poor, and arenaceous foraminifera are noted at many horizons.

The incoming of Globorotalia scitula praescitula and Globigerinoides bisphericus at 5840' together with their continued appearance at several horizons within the interval would indicate that the Aquitanian stage of the Lower Miocene is present here. This is partially confirmed by the absence of any forms restricted to the Oligocene.

(c) Oligocene

UNIT H, INTERVAL 6560' - 8720'; Oligocene

General Lithology

Dark grey and black clays with frequent interbedded medium to dark grey and black shales are dominant in the highest interval, down to 7600'. The shales often become silty and are locally strongly-micaceous. Brown dolomitic and sideritic mudstones and siltstones form occasional bands, particularly above 7060'. Thin, brown silty dolomites occur between 7580' - 7600'. Trace amounts of very fine, white to colourless, angular quartz grains are noted in the samples from 7000', 7100' and 7320'.

There is an increase in shales at 7620' and the interval 7620' - 7880' consists of interbedded light and dark greyish brown shales. The dark grey variety is absent below 7880', where light grey shales predominate to the base of the unit. The whole interval is essentially a uniform shale sequence, with clays above 7080' and rare thin brown limestone bands throughout. The sidewall cores received from 8154' and 8288' consist of greyish brown shales.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Moderate to poor assemblages are encountered within this interval with arenaceous foraminifera being the dominant forms present throughout. At the top there is a marked change in the faunal content and in addition to the arenaceous foraminifera the following diagnostic benthonic and planktonic forms are recorded:

Asterigerina gürichi

Siphonodosaria hirsuta

Globigerina praebulloides leroyi

Catapsydrax unicavus

Globigerinita martini scandretti

This faunal association would indicate that the top of this interval is of Oligocene age. The arenaceous forms present would also appear to confirm this determination.

Other indications of an Oligocene age for this interval are the occurrences of Cibicides tenellus below 7040'; Rotaliatina buliminoides below 8260' and the common specimens of Gyroldina girandana below 8280'.

A thicker and less fossiliferous development of Oligocene deposits is encountered in this well compared to those recorded from the Northern European localities.

(d) Eocene

UNIT I, INTERVAL 8740' - 9220'; ?Upper - ?Middle Eocene

General Lithology

This interval is essentially composed of interbedded light and medium grey shales. Traces of green shale are present at 8740' and 9080', and considerable amounts of a greenish grey variety occur in the sample from 9020'. Light grey to brownish, translucent, fibrous calcite occurs in many samples below 8920', probably resulting from lamellibranch shell fragments.

Brown, slightly dolomitic limestone is present at 8800' and also forms thin bands in the interval 9060' - 9120'.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Poor faunas are again noted within this section and arenaceous foraminifera predominate. The following new forms are noted at the top of the interval the bulk of which are green stained:

Globorotalia cf. cerro-azuelensis

Globorotalia cf. centralis

Globigerina barbosa

Trochammina globigeriniformis var. altiformis

Globigerina cf. linaperta linaperta

Bathysiphon eocenicus

This faunal association would suggest that the Eocene has been encountered, possibly the Middle - Upper Eocene. However, none of the typical calcareous benthonics of Upper - Middle Eocene age, as are found in the European deposits, are noted in this well.

(e) ?Eocene - ?Palaeocene

UNIT J, INTERVAL 9240' - 9380'; ?Lower Eocene - ?Palaeocene

General Lithology

Shales are again the dominant lithotype in this unit. They are mostly light grey and greenish grey in colour, and generally associated with some purple shales, which become particularly common at 9280'. Trace amounts of brownish, silty limestone occur at 9300'.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

The incoming of purplish shale and sideritic nodules at the top of this unit may signify a break in the sequence. The faunas as a whole are poor across this boundary but the presence of Globigerina triangularis at 9240' could be indicative of a ?Lower Eocene - ?Palaeocene age. The incoming of the following arenaceous foraminifera are noted at 9320'.

Haplophragmoides cf. obliquecameratus

Cyclammina challinori

Cyclammina incisa

Trochammina pentagona

These are forms recorded by Haynes from the Palaeocene deposits of England and may indicate that the top of the Palaeocene occurs at this depth.

(f) Palaeocene

UNIT K, INTERVAL 9400' - 10,060'; Palaeocene

General Lithology

Shales are the dominant lithotype in the highest part of the unit, down to 9520'. They are light grey to greenish grey in colour, with subordinate amounts of purplish shale in a few samples which may possibly have caved. Cream to white limestone is noted at 9400' - 9430' and probably forms rare, very thin bands. Minor quantities of very fine, angular quartz grains are present at 9460'.

Sandstones appear at 9540' and are interbedded with light to medium greenish grey and grey shales. The sandstones are generally greyish to brown in colour, fine to very fine-grained and slightly calcareous.

In the lowest interval, between 9820' - 10,060', sandstones become dominant. They are again fine to very fine-grained with occasional medium, subrounded grains. Shales are still present in this interval, probably forming thin layers interbedded with the sandstones. Towards the base, below 10,000', the sandstone locally becomes greyish, and contains black, carbonized plant fragments.

A number of sidewall cores were examined from this unit. Grey shale occurs at 9457', greyish brown sandstone at 9670', greyish green shale with a trace of sandstone at 9727', and greyish brown shale at 9923'.

Three core samples were also received. Fine, medium grey, very argillaceous, slightly silty sandstone occurs at 9594', associated with some grey, micaceous siltstone. Siltstone is the dominant lithotype at 9640', together with considerable amounts of buff and light brown, very fine-grained sandstone. The core sample from 9696' is entirely composed of dark grey and greenish grey, occasionally waxy shale.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Poor faunas are noted down to 9480' but below this depth moderately rich faunal assemblages are recorded. At 9400' several specimens of Globigerina triloculinoides which are indicative of the Palaeocene are found to occur. Further diagnostic Palaeocene forms found within this section include the following :

Globigerina inaequispira

Globigerina spiralis

Involutina pyrotecnica

Glomospirella woodi

?Rzehakina sp.

Spiroplectammina spectabilis

An indication that the lower part of the Palaeocene is present can be seen with the incoming of Globigerina pseudobulloides at 10050'. Cores 9594' and 9640' were analysed palynologically but the microspores extracted from these rocks, especially from 9594' are poor. The fact that Cicatricosisporites dorogensis is present indicates that these samples are of Paleogene age (Older Tertiary). It is difficult to give a more accurate dating, on the palynological evidence available, but the general microflora and the fact that Cicatricosisporites dorogensis is relatively common suggests that these cores are of ?Lower Eocene - ?Palaeocene age.

UNIT L, INTERVAL 10,070' - 10,388'; Danian

General Lithology

The highest division of this unit, between 10,070' - 10,100', comprises white chalk (often having a pink stain), interbedded with light grey shales and white to light grey sandstones. Chalk is relatively subordinate in amount below 10,090', where the shales are the dominant lithotype. Brown translucent flint occurs at 10,080'.

Chalk is absent from the interval 10,110' - 10,150'. Slightly pyritic grey shales are abundant above 10,120', together with fine to very fine-grained silty sandstones. These sandstones are the dominant lithotype between 10,130' - 10,150'. They are white to light grey in colour, calcareous, and composed of subangular to subrounded quartz grains.

The interval 10,160' - 10,260' is marked by the re-appearance of chalk, which is the dominant lithotype. It is associated with fine-grained sandstones, as in the higher interval, and subordinate amounts of medium grey shales. Below 10,240' the chalk is light grey in colour, and locally becomes arenaceous, containing fine, white to grey, angular quartz grains. Traces of white flint occur in the sample at 10,250'.

Sandstones become dominant in the interval 10,270' - 10,340', together with white chalk and subordinate amounts of light grey shales. The sandstones are fine to very fine-grained, as in the higher parts of the unit, though locally they contain some medium, angular quartz grains. Light grey, hard, dense, brittle limestone occurs in the sample from 10,330'.

The lowest part of this unit, between 10,350' - 10,388', comprises abundant sandstones with thin bands of grey, hard, dense, brittle limestone. This limestone is the dominant lithotype at 10,390', where it is medium to dark grey in colour. A sidewall core at 10,385' comprises whitish grey sandstone, and one from 10,388' is composed of dark grey, brittle, dense, argillaceous limestone.

Micropalaeontology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Chalk is first encountered at 10070' and this is found to contain the following diagnostic foraminifera:

Globorotalia compressa

Globigerina pseudobulloides

Osangularia lens

This faunal assemblage occurring in association with the chalk lithology would suggest that the Danian has been encountered and thus this interval is probably the equivalent of the Danskekaalk of Denmark.

Reworked Upper Cretaceous foraminifera are also noted in the sample at 10,070' and these may well be derived from the base of the Palaeocene clay sequence.

The remainder of this interval differs from the typical Danian of Denmark in that here it is composed of interbedded shales, sandstones and chalk, while in Denmark it is entirely composed of chalk.

Further diagnostic Danian forms recorded from this interval include the following foraminifera

Globigerina daubjergensis

Globigerina cf. arabica

Globorotalia quadrata

Karrerria fallax

Although a similar thickness of Danian deposits are encountered here they are on the whole much less fossiliferous than those from the type section in Denmark.

CRETACEOUSUNIT M, INTERVAL 10,390' - 12,266'; Maestrichtian - ?AlbianGeneral Lithology

Very hard, light greyish limestone is the predominant lithotype between 10,390' - 10,420', and is associated with subordinate amounts of hard, dense, white chalk.

The interval 10,430' - 10,860' is essentially a uniform sequence of very hard, brittle, dense chalk, and chalky limestone, which locally become light greyish in colour. Light to medium grey, hard, brittle limestone becomes increasingly common below 10,870', and appears to be interbedded with the chalky limestone down to 11,180'.

Chalk and chalky limestone are rarely present in the interval 11,190' - 11,410', where the dominant rock is a light to medium grey argillaceous limestone. An interesting feature is the occurrence of fine-grained, light greyish, sucrosic dolomite between 11,260' - 11,270', and at 11,340'. The sample from 11,410' contains traces of light green limestone.

The interval 11,420' - 11,810' comprises a series of interbedded white chalky limestones and light grey, hard, dense limestones. A similar sequence occurs between 11,820' - 12,030', but the grey limestones are slightly granular. They are again hard and brittle, and vary in texture from microcrystalline to finely-crystalline. These rocks are occasionally very slightly glauconitic.

The section from 12,040' - 12,266' is composed mainly of light grey to white, brittle, dense limestones. White, light blue and brown flint is a minor constituent of the samples 12,040' - 12,060'. Light to dark grey calcareous shales occur rarely throughout this interval,

often as thin laminae in the limestones. Clear, colourless to white, fine to medium-sized gypsum crystals occur in some samples, particularly at 12,170' and 12,260'. This gypsum appears to represent vein, and possibly small vug, infillings.

Three sidewall cores were examined from this unit. Hard, dense, brittle white limestone occurs at 12,258', whilst the sample from 12,259' is composed of medium to dark grey, hard, brittle, argillaceous limestone. The sidewall core from 12,266' is composed mainly of medium to dark grey, calcareous shale, which locally grades into grey, very argillaceous micrite.

Micropalaeontology, Palynology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

Great difficulty was encountered in attempting to subdivide the Chalk. The extremely poor microfaunas in the upper part and at the base and the rather unusual aspect of the more abundant foraminifera in the intervening section both added to the normal problems of establishing a subdivision of the Chalk.

No evidence for the Santonian stage was found and the Coniacian rocks appear to be extremely thin.

Several thin sections were made from the upper and lower intervals of the Chalk in case these yielded any further evidence.

INTERVAL 10,390' - 11,360'; Maestrichtian

The presence of ?Globotruncana contusa at 10,390' has been used to define the top of the Cretaceous Chalk. It should be pointed out that this is a solitary, poor specimen, and it could conceivably have caved from the overlying interval (10,070') which contains reworked Upper Cretaceous foraminifera. It is at this point, however, that chalk and chalky limestone dominate the samples.

In the remainder of the interval the microfaunas are extremely sparse and poorly preserved. The only forms occurring are either of little stratigraphical value or are questionable specimens. Although the evidence is tenuous we have assigned this interval to the Maestrichtian.

INTERVAL 11,370' - 11,390'; Lower Maestrichtian.

At 11,370' there is a significant increase in the microfauna with Rugoglobigerina rugosa cf. rotundata and Rugoglobigerina rugosa rugosa being particularly common. These forms often occur in the North Sea, in abundance, in the lower part of the Maestrichtian and because of this we have placed this interval in the Lower Maestrichtian.

INTERVAL 11,400' - 11,460'; Campanian

The incoming of Globotruncana cf. marginata and the subsequent occurrence of Globorotalites micheliniana suggests that this section is of Campanian age.

INTERVAL 11,470'; Coniacian - Turonian

From 11,470' the microfaunas consist of rather unusual varieties of Coniacian - Turonian species which are normally found in the North Sea.

In sample 11,470' the presence of Globotruncana cf. imbricata suggests that rocks of Coniacian age are present whilst the incoming of Praeglobotruncana cf. hagni and Praeglobotruncana stephani signify that Turonian rocks also occur in this sample.

It may be that only the lower part of the Coniacian is present. No Santonian forms have been recorded and from this it would appear that there is a hiatus in the Chalk section.

INTERVAL 11,480' - 12,266'; Turonian - Cenomanian - ?Albian

No significant change in the microfauna occurs in this interval but Praeglobotruncana cf. hagni and Praeglobotruncana stephani occur more commonly than in the overlying section and for this reason we have assigned this interval to the Turonian and Cenomanian stages. No definite evidence of Cenomanian beds has been found and hence no boundary can be drawn to

divide these two stages from one another.

The basal boundary of this section could not be drawn on micro-palaeontological criteria due to the very poor microfaunas but it has been tentatively placed directly below side wall core 12266' on palynological evidence.

The presence of ?Baltisphaeridium hirsutum, Hystriosphera ramosa and Hystriospheridium cf. siphoniferum indicates that this core is of mid Cretaceous age (Cenomanian - Albian). The microplankton are similar to those occurring in the overlying samples and hence it may be that this core is of Cenomanian rather than Albian age.

We, therefore, consider this interval to be basically of Turonian - Cenomanian age but the possibility of Albian rocks being present cannot be entirely excluded.

VII

CRETACEOUS - JURASSIC

UNIT N, INTERVAL 12,270' - 12,460';

General Lithology

Light to medium grey, occasionally white, hard, dense, argillaceous limestones constitute the dominant lithotype. Black carbonaceous and argillaceous streaks and laminae exist in the limestone in one or two samples. Black shales are commonly interbedded with the limestones.

Gypsum/anhydrite attains an important role in this unit, occurring as an abundance of fine to very fine, colourless crystals which are often aggregated together forming small lumps. The significance of these deposits is not clear because they resemble neither typical evaporitic anhydrites nor typical vein material. They may in fact represent vug infillings in the limestones, but the possibility that they are bedded cannot be ruled out.

Examination of sidewall cores sheds some light on this problem. Two, from 12,274' and 12,276', comprise hard, black, slightly carbonaceous shales, containing considerable amounts of gypsum/anhydrite crystals. Thus it is possible that the gypsum/anhydrite occurs here as discrete crystals, or aggregates, within the shales. This mode of occurrence may be comparable with the presence of selenite gypsum crystals in the London and Oxford Clays of England.

Evidence that some of the gypsum/anhydrite may be bedded and evaporitic comes from the examination of sidewall cores at 12,282' and 12,283' which are composed entirely of massive, light grey, friable, micro-crystalline gypsum/anhydrite.

The sidewall core from 12,278' comprises medium grey, very argillaceous limestone.

Palynology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

A definite change in the microflora is apparent between side wall cores 12,266' and 12,274'. The microflora from side wall core 12,274' has more poorly preserved forms and has miospores present as well as microplankton. The microplankton consists basically of Pterospermopsis sp., and ?Pterospermopsis sp. but some forms of Gonyaulacysta sp. are also present. No definite age can be assigned to this microflora and for this reason we merely allot this interval to the Cretaceous - Jurassic. No lithological break could be found to correspond with the palynological break except that gypsum/anhydrite becomes more common in this section. The base of this interval has been drawn immediately above the incoming of the first Zechstein miospores and so this section could conceivably contain rocks which are in part older than the Jurassic.

VIII

PERMIAN

UNIT 0, INTERVAL 12,480' - 13,000'; Zechstein

General Lithology

The highest part of the unit, down to 12,500', is very similar in lithology to the overlying interval, and consists of interbedded and interlaminated grey, argillaceous limestones and black shales, with some gypsum/anhydrite.

Colourless to white salt appears at 12,510' and is associated with varying amounts of grey limestones, down to 12,610'. The limestones have probably largely caved, but some may be in situ. Gypsum/anhydrite is very subordinate in amount in this interval. Traces of pink and red shales occur in the samples between 12,540' - 12,600'.

Salt is the only lithotype present below 12,620'. It is white to colourless, and occasionally pink in the upper part, but entirely pink below 12,930'.

Palynology and Stratigraphical Conclusions

The only definite Zechstein miospores recovered from this well occur in composite sample 12,460' - 12,500'. This sample contains one specimen of Leuckisporites virkkiae and two of Protohaploxyppinus sp. as well as a few less definite forms. In order to establish where these forms first appear the three samples, which made up the composite one, were examined individually. No characteristic miospores were obtained from these samples but bisaccate grains of similar preservation were obtained from 12,480' and a single specimen of ?Leuckisporites virkkiae occurred at 12,500'. We have, therefore, placed the top of the Zechstein at 12,480' and in this we have ignored any possibility that these forms could be reworked. The first salt, and hence any supporting lithological evidence for the Zechstein, appears at 12,510'.

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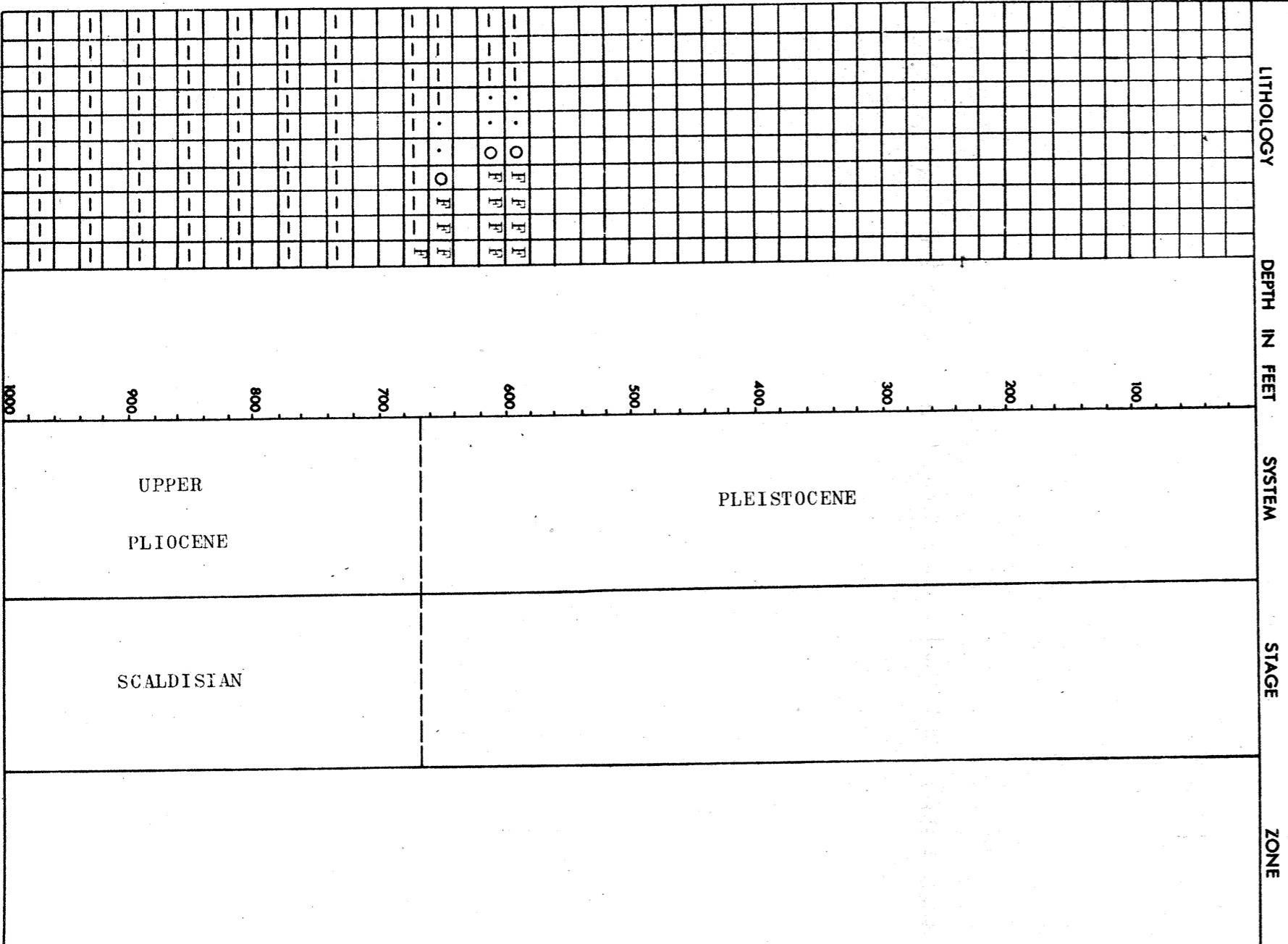
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- OOLITIC LIMESTONE CONGLOMERATE CHERT
- CLAY GYPSUM Shell fragments
- SHALE VOLCANICS
- SILTY/SANDY SHALE INTRUSIVES



MICROFOSSILS

Depth (ft)	Zone	Stage	System	Lithology	Elphidium incertum	Nonion granosum	Elphidiella arctica	Globulina gibba	Cassidulina laevigata	Elphidium cf. hughesi	Elphidiella hannai	Triloculina oblonga	Bulimina elongata var. subulata	Angulogerina angulosa	Cibicides lobatulus var. grossa	Cassidulina laevigata pliocarinata	Cassidulina oblonga	Discorbis milletti	Elphidium antoninum	Elphidium macellum	Nonion soldanii	Lenticulina sp.	Cibicides scaldisiensis	Quinqueloculina seminulum	Polymorphina charlottensis	Trachyleberis aff. dunelmensis	Bulimina aculeata	"Cythere" latimarginata	Cassidulina crassa	Elphidium inflatum
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					Cassidulina crassa
					Cibicides ungerianus
					Nonion soldanii
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					Uvigerina hosiusi
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					Asterigerina staeschei
					Textularia gramen
					Echinocythereis scabra
					Globorotaloides variabilis
					Nodosaria pyrula
					Karrerella cf. siphonella

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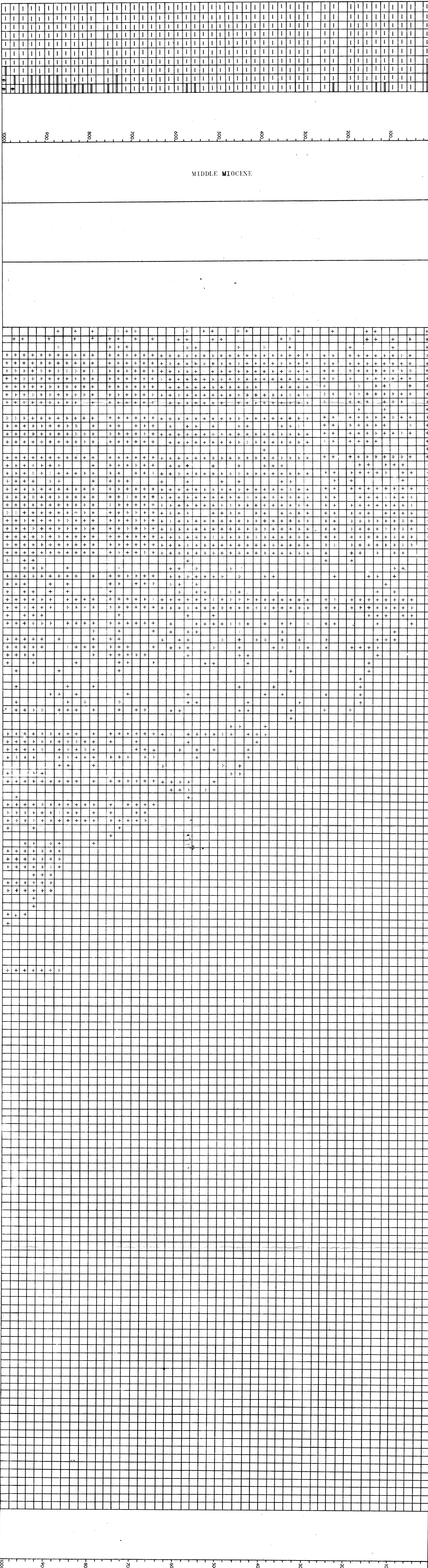
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- Fissurina laevigata
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- Lagena striata
- Sphaeroidina bulloides
- Quadracythere macropora
- Listerella communis
- Trifarina bradyi
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- Bosquetina aff. pectinata
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- Cytherella beyrichi
- Fronicularia nysti
- Guttulina problema
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- Nodosaria konincki
- Globigerina praebulloides praebulloides
- Glomospira charoides
- Lenticulina grandis
- Karreriella siphonella
- Nodosaria pyrula
- Orbulina universa
- Globigerina concinna
- Bolivina floridana impercata
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- Globigerina juvenilis
- Cornuspira involvens
- Cyclamina sp.
- Globorotaloides suteri
- Lagena gracillima
- Globorotalia scitula scitula
- Angulogerina gracilis var. tenuistriata
- Carinocythereis aff. carinata

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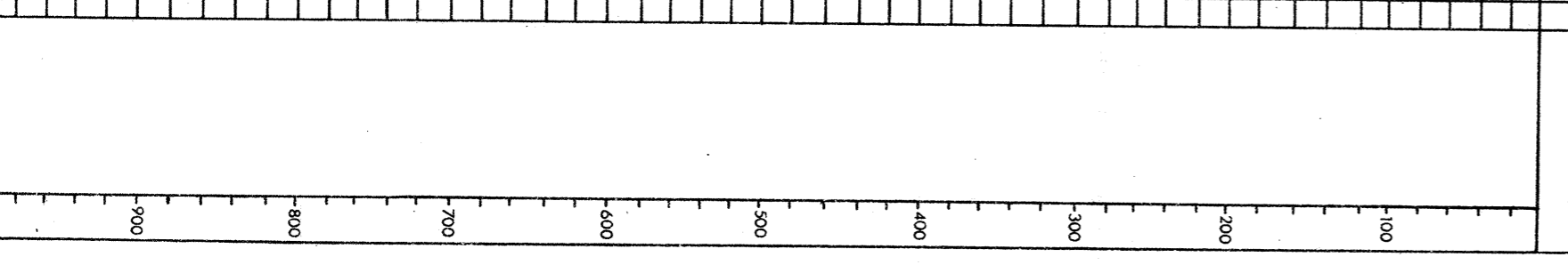
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Table with columns for Lithology, Depth in Feet (0-1000), System (Lower Miocene, Middle Miocene), Stage (Aquitania, Burdigalian), and Zone.

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- LIMESTONE
 - DOLOMITE
 - COAL
 - CLAY
 - SHALE
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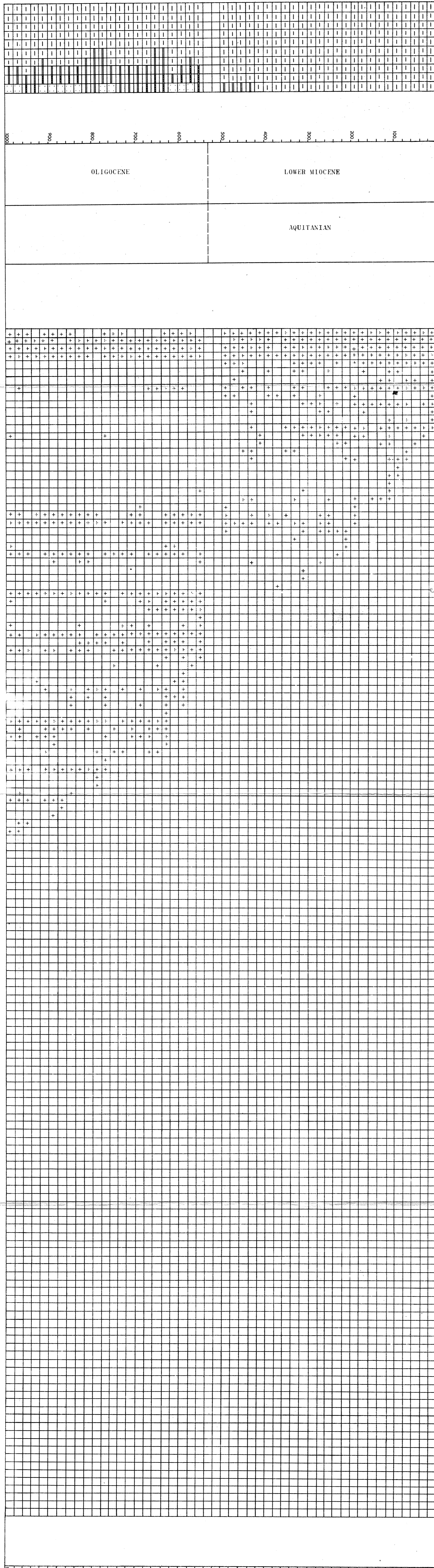
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 CLAY GYPSUM
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	300				Rhabdammina sp.
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	500				Cyclammina sp.
	600				Lenticulina grandis
	700				Cyclammina placentia
	800				Haplophragmoides latidorsatus
	900				Cribrostomoides sp. 1
	1000				Pelosina sp.
					Cytheretta sp.
					Hyperammina sp.
					Globoquadrina venezuelana
					Hormosina sp.
					Ammodiscus incertus
					Echinocythereis scabra
					Hyppocrepeina sp.
					Catapsydrax unicavus
					Globigerina praebulloides praebulloides
					Haplophragmoides sp. 1
					Gyroidina girandana
					Sigmoilina celata
					Ammodiscus dominicensis
					Pyrgo sp.
					Nonion affine
					Haplophragmoides carinatum
					Spiroloculina canaliculata
					Catapsydrax dissimilis
					Bulimina elongata
					Coscinodiscus sp.
					Glandulina laevigata
					Lagena sulcata
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					Guttulina problema
					Cibicides tenellus
					Rotaliata buliminoides
					Cytherella beyrichi
					Krithe pernoidea
					Lagena laevigata
					Triloculina tricarinata
					Gravellina cf. narivaensis
					Haplophragmoides sp.
					Pyrulina cylindroides
					Cancris auriculus
					Xestoleberis muelleriana
					Globigerina cf. ampliapertura
					Globorotalia cf. cerro-azuelensis
					Globorotalia cf. centralis
					Cribrostomoides sp. 2
					Bathysiphon eocenicus
					Trochammina globigeriniformis var. altiformis
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					Trochammina globigeriniformis

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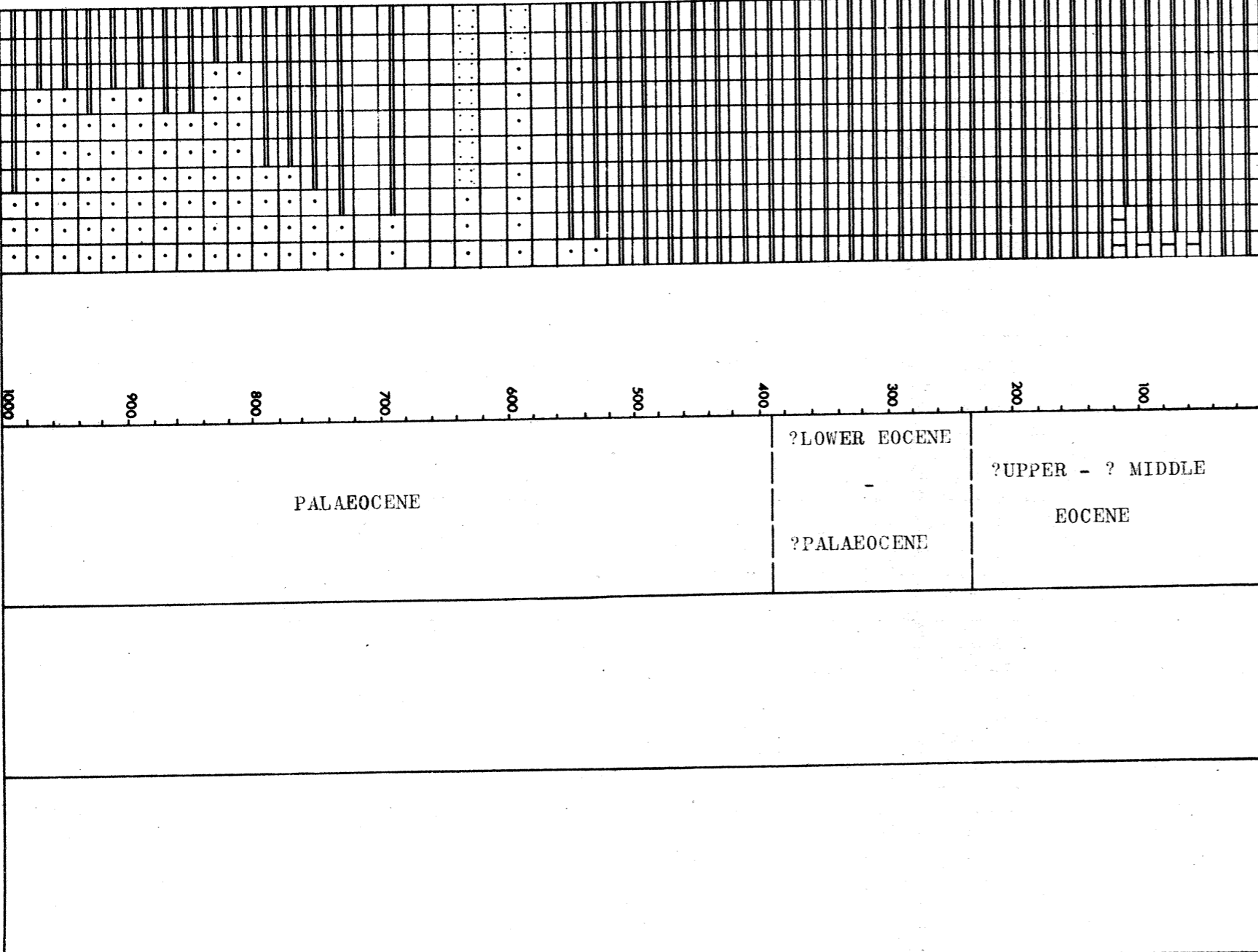
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- CLAY
- SHALE
- SILTY/SANDY SHALE
- SILTSTONE
- SANDSTONE
- CONGLOMERATE
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- SALT
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LITHOLOGY DEPTH IN FEET SYSTEM STAGE ZONE



Samples analysed palynologically

Species	1000'	900'	800'	700'	600'	500'	400'	300'	200'	100'
Bathysiphon eocenicus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cyclammina placenta	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Glomospira charoides	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rhabdammina sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hyperammina sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Trochammina globigeriniformis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Trochammina globigeriniformis var. altiformis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Haplophragmoides sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Haplophragmoides carinatum	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Haplophragmoides latidorsatus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hermosina sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cyclammina sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ammodiscus incertus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cribrostomoides sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Globigerina barbosa	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Coccolithus sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pelosina sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hyppocrepeina sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Globigerina cf. linaperta linaperta	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Krithe cf. rutoti	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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Cyclammina challinori	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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Globigerina triloculinoides	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Involutina pyrotecnica	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Glomospirella woodi	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
?Rzehakina sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Spiroplectammina spectabilis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pullenia quaternaria	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Globigerina inaequispira	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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cf. Polyadopollenites sp.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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Laevigatosporites haardti	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL ANALYSIS CHART

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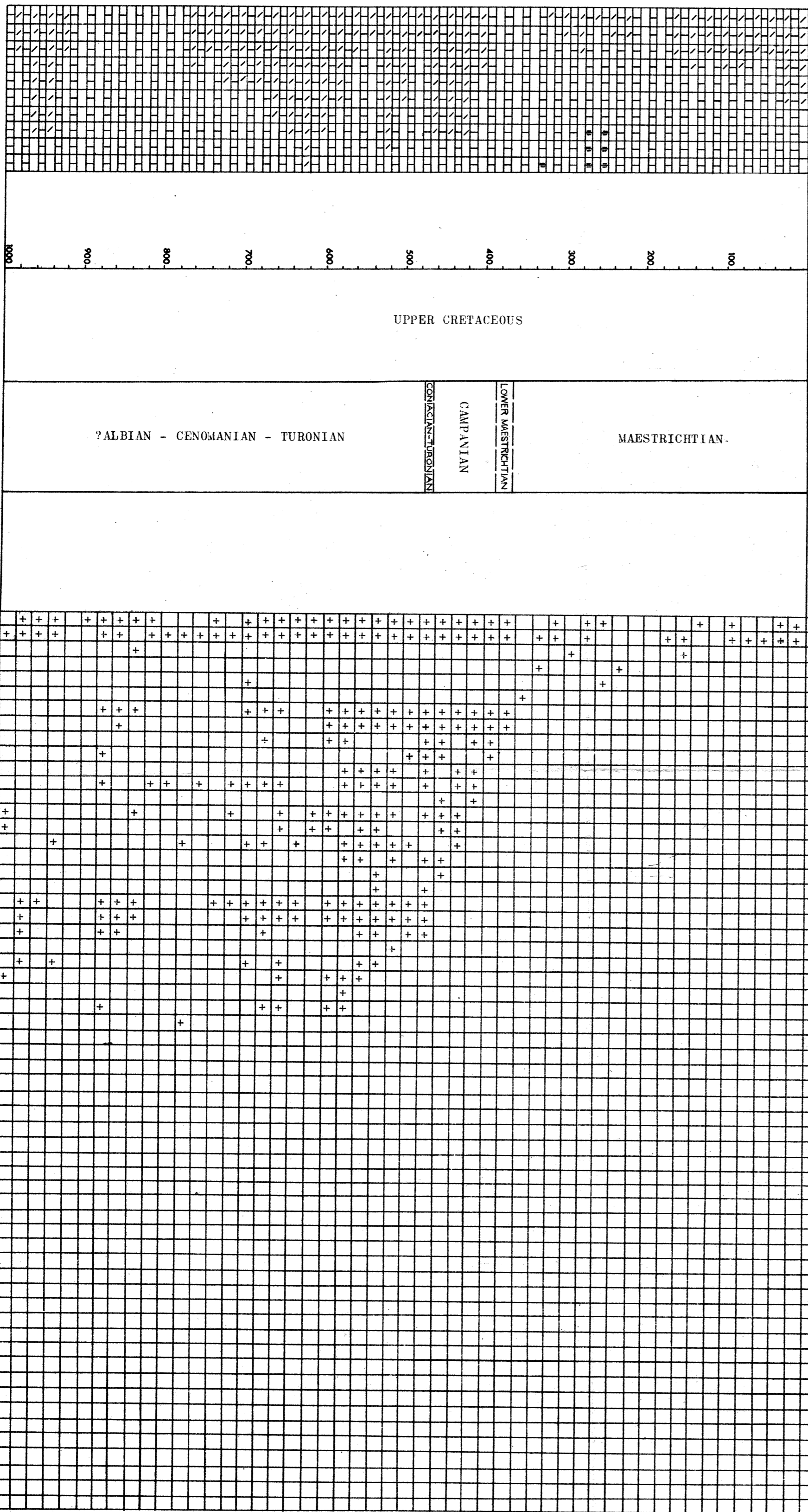
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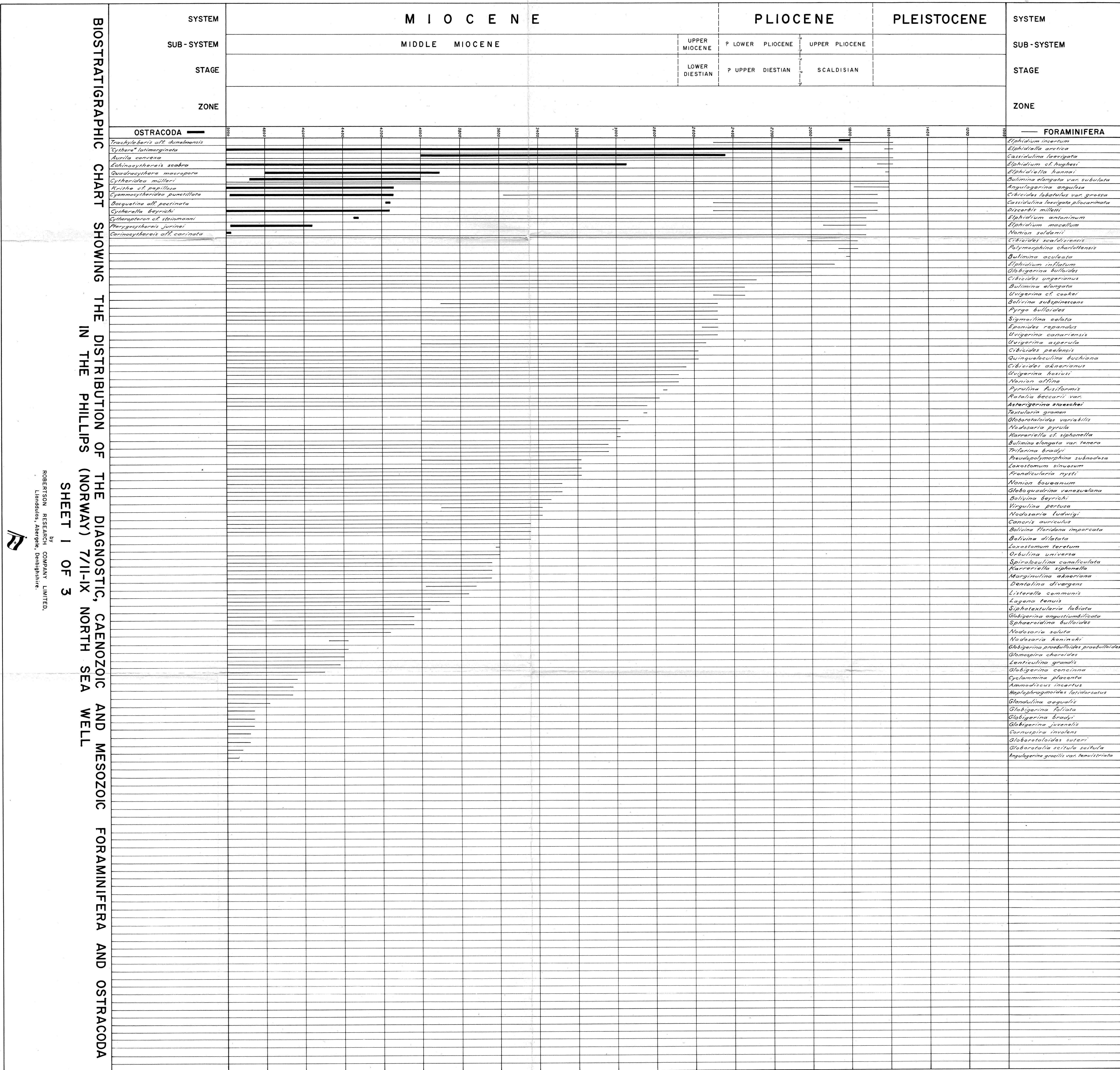
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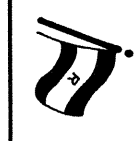
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- Rugoglobigerina rugosa cf. rotundata
- Pullenia cretacea
- Globotruncana cf. marginata
- Tritaxilina laevigata
- Gyroidinoides nitida
- Globotruncana cf. mariei
- Globigerinelloides aspera
- Heterohelix cf. globulosa
- Gaudryina sp.
- ?Globorotalites micheliniana
- Globotruncana arca
- Globotruncana cf. imbricata
- Praeglobotruncana stephani
- Praeglobotruncana cf. hagni
- Globotruncana linneiana cf. tricarinata
- Reussella cf. szajnochae
- Globotruncana linneiana cf. bulloides
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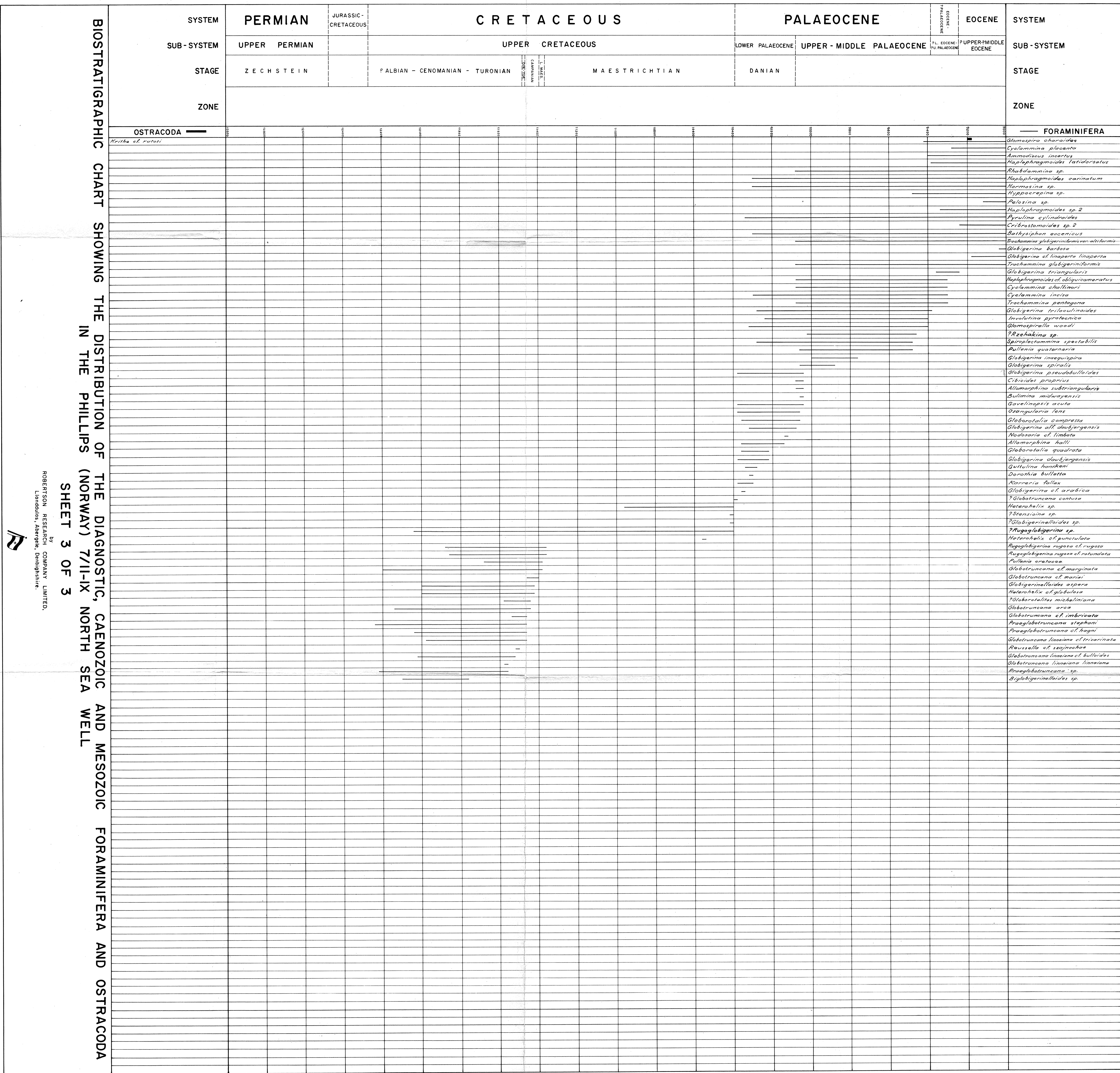
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