4A - continued cleaning of fallen slabs so that the area can be photographed and drawn. A new trench to the west is to be opened up soon. In front of the bench, perhaps the court, is a fine chalcolithic vessel.

2A - The floors of both north and south sections have been cleared, although some areas retain material that may be removed in time, when the structural character of the area is clearer. Some tiles removed.

1B - the small, long shaped object is cleaned and removed at the end of the day. The new walls appearing about the trench, have purple appears in the area. Two samples were sent off for analysis last night. Some lumps of yellow ochre appeared below the most curious pot which was brought, along with the smaetube, in the excavation silt from the site to the storeroom.

It's an extremely hot day, and a busy one for the photographer (468) since so many objects have been appearing lately and we are also down to a number of important levels.

Material is now accumulating in Pitsidia. B.C. has been working hard to prepare the place for the arrival of the material. J. Hayes, J.W., and P.D. are in constant consultation concerning the pottery which is accumulating very quickly now. Soon — perhaps within a week — the basic system of handling will be clear. P. Warren writes that he will arrive on 1 August, which is most pleasing.
18. With the usual speed, proceed to the house to the right, where a unique, unoccupied house is located. This house is an architectural gem, with a distinct style and charm. The surroundings are serene, with lush greenery and a beautiful garden. Inside, the house is spacious and well-lit, with modern amenities.

19. As you walk towards the house, you notice a large, open field in front of it. This field is a perfect spot for a picnic or a leisurely walk. In the distance, you can see a small pond, reflecting the clouds in the sky. The air is fresh and the scent of blooming flowers fills the air.

20. Continue walking around the house, taking in the beautiful views of the surrounding area. The house is surrounded by tall trees, providing shade and privacy. The location is ideal for a quiet retreat, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.
to be parallel to these in 4 A, although there is no reason to suppose an intimate architectural connection between the two sets of walls. Caution must still be used however, in separating the structures before a closer definition is made. The intervening space will certainly not be excavated during the present season.

In Pitsider a new shelter in front of the main house, as well as a paved court in the garden, are well along and should be completed within a few days. On the scholarly front, J. H., C. W., and P. B. are spending an increasing amount of time on the development of a well-researched way to handle the pottery and small finds. This will become the strong and lasting basis for much of our scholarly approach.
July 1976

A note on trenches.

One of the aims of the first season is to examine the archaeological potential of the site within the excavated area. This aims to help establish the site's history. The site is shown on the sketch on the left, with the trenches already excavated in those squares.

just begun. Further areas at least, hatched in the above sketch, covered by over 2 meters of sand will have to be avoided. This leaves two areas still to be tested 8 and 7 (above). The 'cleaning trench' for 7 was begun yesterday. It is set on what I interpret as being a modern retaining wall within which a great deal of sand has accumulated. The door-jamb base found and photographed some years ago was discovered built into the western end of this wall. It seems unlikely, however, that proper attention can be paid to more than three trenches at any one time, and as long as those being excavated presently continue it will be impossible to begin another or a complete base. On the other hand, when P. Warren comes on 1 August he could be given one already cleared to begin. Even though incomplete a partial sounding could be begun in the two weeks remaining.

After a few weeks (by 1 August?)
a few places for soundings made to headwall should also be selected. This would, hopefully, be made in those rooms already excavated. They could be filled in if they presented a hazard to people or antiquities.

There is no question that the area will have to be fenced before we leave this year. A line indicating the possible path that this fence might take is indicated on the plan on the previous page.
12 July 1996

Now, careful work in the trenches 4A. Works on disentangling rubble from actual walls and ambiguous "features" in 2A. No new walls appear, but the soil layer, less clear, makes the architectural arrangement is a bit clearer. This is the most difficult excavation in the area, requiring much careful thought and simple looking.

4A progresses. The southern compartment has a slab pavement, perhaps with a drain, but the slab pavement here being similar to what must have existed in the 2nd (and third?) floor. The central room has fallen slabs and white earth accumulation removed slowly. The northern compartment will not be excavated further until the trench is expanded to the north. The pebble pavement to the east is cleared of fallen pots (a few in 4A? i.e., well photographed). The eastern trench extension (4A E) progresses downward through accumulated white fall.

To the north, in 1B, a further clearing reveals more walls. In the area of the E-J appears more pottery, including the upper half of a female figure. All carefully photographed and recorded.

Further progress in pottery cleaning and study in Pitsidia. Z.J. brings in his financial report — we are not in trouble. I worry about complete records, reports, documentation. The staff seems to be responding well.
Vance, reporters & journalists seem to be appearing (Nat'l Geographic, Harvard Magazine) and they may be only the beginning. In any case, our main outlet will be the NY Times - I assume that the reporters will show up in the company of Michael Balco.

4A - continuation down in the central room. A marine style (in SB?) shed in the full above scene; a large false-necked amphora, presumably fallen from above, not far above the floor which still has to be reached. In western extension of same reveals a wall (triumph) and a Latin structure (? a bench?) above.

2B - floor is reached, also 3 steps of a staircase finally recognized, these seem to have been two periods of occupation here and there remain to be untangled tomorrow.

2A - finally a long wall is defined, north-south, in the trench. In a few days much should be clarified. What appeared to be a roof tile is identified convincingly by Vance as a fragment of a faunus.

When the trench situation has stabilized itself - the crew (staff & volunteers) are working well - I must begin to spend more time in Potsida, learning and working with the system. I.H. and the others are doing fine preparatory work on all fronts.
24/15 July 1976

5 A, to be run by Maria, is indicated on p. 65. As the area was being cleared of sand today, the workmen spotted a wall even with the top of the fill. Upon cleaning, this proved to be a heavy wall of cut ashlar, limestone - the first discovered at Kommos. Its quality surprised me - Kommos was not expected to produce fine architecture. The trench was moved somewhat to accommodate the newly discovered wall - it is of wedge-shaped ashlar, the facade being on the western side of the wall.

It may be a very impressive structure indeed. Note that I have seen a few ashlar blocks built into W. W. F. M. S. walls, and one jamb from back in 1970 or so, I have never seen an ashlar block of wedge-shaped design or the surface of this site. Proof on the one hand that, as I had thought, the area had never been deeply ploughed. Also that surface indications can be deceiving.

5A. A probe in the fill revealed a record (earlier) floor level with a reddish surface that lost its color almost immediately upon exposure to the sun. The trench, excavated by M. S. and H. N., is essentially finished. 4A-4, to the east of here, continues down. The eroded fill. A rounded heap of stones pressed upon careful investigation to be just that - probably a trophonios built by a farmer above the Minoan ruins. A compact mud division wall now stands high above the stone - ceiling...
stairs such as those found in 4A have not yet appeared. A fairly cut fragment of a stone vase, with spali fonde decors, embeed in the loose but rocky fill.

2A. Further clarification of the eastern 1/2 of the 5x5. After removal of great amounts of stone, placed beneath a thick mass overlying the ruins, an apparent passageway, perhaps a road, appears. Further cleaning of this narrow area, perhaps another, between buildings will proceed slowly. As I have told people here, it is not in hurry to remove material that puzzles us. As the P. did at 2A,4000, material can remain in place for years while removal as long as its interpretation remains in doubt. This policy is being applied consistently throughout the excavation.

1B. An area already complex becomes more complex even though we have already defined only 1/4 of the original 5x5. During the past few days it has become clear that on the level of the first floor discovered we are dealing with LM III B material comparable to that in tr. 2A; thus a time during 3B times. The floor deposit there seems to be 3B. My original thought was that the 3B material was the result of a 3B reoccupation of an earlier structure; indeed, there is evidence for rough-squared blocking walls that might be attributed to reuse. If the bouzouki came late—who knows when—then at any rate after a contemporary with a late phase of LM III B, and the gathering of the punica. Here P. might be placed.
with this since we are coming down close
to the 1200 date originally proposed by him
for the Amram episode. Now it appear,
however, that the main floor itself was
laid in LM II-III, (a key lie appeared
today in a sounding below the floor level).
No doubt that could be the case with the
flopping material since it was so compacted
within the clay. Moreover, there is at
present a suggestion that the LM IV (now)
wall is part of that of an earlier structure
the fill of which is soft and has a "hollow"
feeling when being sounded. Perhaps
we have here a part of LM III (LM I?) de-
tinction level - I saw small amounts of
carbon and reddish material in the fill
today. Further investigation will clar-
ify the matter.

Recent plans in the above area are to
expand first to the south (the second
by the 5x5) and then to move west towards
the scarp, where significant architectural
remains have been known for some time.

From a more general point of view,
a few thoughts. The house was first begun
our second week of a six - week excavation,
season - 13 is essentially over until a
coming season. In terms of my original
aims, the site has proven itself incredibly
quickly - it was densely settled during
the B.H. and the remains of that settlement
are well preserved, without having been
disturbed by deep plowing or by later con-
struction. The MM - LM levels are not yet
defined - perhaps they will be by the