least partially filled already. The character of the habitation during that period, however, still remains to be clarified.

6A 1. Looking like a squarish hole in a great mound deposit of sand upon which earth is accumulating, continues to expand downwards within the 2'x2'x4' area selected. The single wall on the south is no doubt a retaining wall, perhaps ancient; that on the north is also one — the exact use of these walls could be understood only after extensive investigation of the surrounding area through further trenching. One excavation between the walls is more than a sounding, therefore to test pre-wall surfaces and so it may turn out, the earliest habitation on the southern part of our stipulated land.

2A 2 — progress in the sounding between earlier walls on the south is completed when we reach bedrock. Levels above have produced what we interpret stylistically as MM III style. Now, as in the 1B trench, we are definitely into pre-MM III material. On the west, a final cleaning operation of the year's excavation has already exposed walls — new and continued ours — and a new room in the center of which is the older "well" excavation that led me to be fairly sure that there were both walls and deep fill in the vicinity. Two meters of fill is now a minimum estimate.

(cont).
the site will soon be fenced - the materials leave
been purchased, and some are already at the site.
"Entry forbidden" signs have also been ordered, so
that the excavated archaeological zone will be clearly
defined; except on the north and west, where 1 B is
right on the property line, and along the cliff edge
which is the natural boundary, the fencing will
enclose only those trenches excavated this year.

In the late morning a contingent from the
BSA at Knossos comes, led by N. Coldstream and
H. Seager, a pleasant surprise. V.W. and P.B.
got general confirmation of their views on the stylistic
dating of the HMIII pottery, also confirmation styling
use of the LM II - II dating for the "dump" in 2A2,
and M.C.'s Palace style sherd from 5B is confirmed.
The archeological material from the Kommos site (on
a shoulder of the s. hill, facing the northern hill
where we are digging) is confirmed by N.C.
as FB - 6th BC. PB and PB inspect the southern
hilltop in the afternoon, collecting some EM material
as well as a bit of Roman. All of the stray
finds are now being registered in terms of grid
numbers etc... in a head file and on a
separate shelf.
8th August 1976

Although each area excavated requires further probing, after a little more work in the main areas being worked on, the season will close.

4 A 2  Essentially completed now, with the final floor level cleared where the various pots were removed on Friday. A 2 banks may be removed if there is time.

5 B  (adjoining 4 A 2 on the south). Superficial construction in this area is removed with out any further understanding of these later undated (LM III late?) remains. Excavation downwards reveals more walls, compressing the area to be excavated into three small compartiments. If there is real progress, all three should be cleared by Wednesday. Fine LM III sherds.

2 B - 3 Cleanup of walls and further floor areas to the n, w, and within the "Scribe's" room. A champagne cup on this floor confirms a LM III use for the floor of the ST room. Has had been assumed earlier, but now this in sure.

5 D's sounding in 1 B. Below the lower floor, the LM II - LM I style pots are replaced, photographed, and removed. Other sherds and possibly whole pots in fragments are found along the n, s cap of the trench (25 f?) on a single large slab. We may be dealing here with a LM structure — a possible wall
Just appearing was my belief to an ear

A combined close view of the 2H-2
and 1B-1 soundings may clarify the
state of construction of the major building
at 2H-1 on the upper level. Let's do an TF-4 in
the real question.
10 August 76

2A area - not being worked on (1st writing report).

4A 2 - complete, L.N. writing.

5B - The 5x5 has become further restricted by walls, threshold, and fallen slabs from a possible stairs. This is the most complex area architecturally excavated so far. Now that the rough, superficial walls are removed, the situation is roughly thus, from memory:

![Diagram of area 5B with deep white area and entrance way]

It would seem that this area, to which I must devote more study, may ultimately be the site of a "sounding," or an exploration of earlier levels since Area A has had a good deal of 1st I associated with it in the past. On an upper level, it seems that it may have served as a dump since a great many bones, a good deal of burned material were found associated with it.

1B Sounding, P10 has gone through a series of successive layers. Today he arrived on a really quite impressive floor of enormous slabs of ironstone. Upon it was a later visible wall — this was removed after complete recording of same. Tomorrow I hope that we will remove the slabs (they will be replaced) in order to explore lower levels. A fine M.M.II polychrome cup was found above this floor—does it date it.
6 A. Just at a point where the penetration seemed pointless, 3 m down from the original upper sand surface, a n-s wall of small slabs appeared. This was cleared and soon an e-w wall connecting with it appeared. 

At the end of the day a floor may have appeared: the associated pottery seems to be MM III. A great deal of MM III pottery was found at the higher levels.

An evening visit by the mines police—a friendly conversation about excavation, security with those most responsible for the mines area.
11 August 1972

Trenches are winding down: by noon tomorrow all excavation should have stopped.

Closed (lit.: visible): 1A, 3A, 5A, 2A2, 4A4, 4A2

Being completed: 2A, 2A2

4A-4A4 baulks

4B (sounding and final cleaning)

5B, 6A

2A, 2A2. While walls and part of an L-shaped floor are being cleared to the west, a pit has been found located upsets of a floor to the east. Its clearance produces a brazier, 3 cups, a hammerstone, and a few other vessels associated with what I would interpret to be a prosaic domestic activity.

6A - Closed down when, after a good deal of penetration, a new 11m wall is reached at the lowest levels.

1B - W.J. returns for a probe below the 7m floor on the southeast corner, but no lower floor has produced. P.W. essentially completed the sounding by removing the large slab found yesterday and excavating in the sandy packing below.

5B - M.J. completes his work, soil from a bit of cleaning after the removal of a floor deposit.

4A-A2. The "baulk" remains being removed by L.N. No structures...
...are found at the higher level.

I spend much of my time photographing nowadays.

Ephor and Mrs Spylianou Alexiou visited today—an official inspection but done in an extremely free manner, and with some humor. Zacharias Spyridakis, the chief guard at Prinios, is in attendance. Shovos, Alexiou, and Pete Warren are photographed together. A apparently quite impressed by the range of material—no criticisms expressed nor specific suggestions made. We should buy more land to the north where it is clear that buildings exist. Who has the strength to go through such arrangements again, much less raise the money for the purchase of perhaps another 400 meters? Also, he suggests sending down a technician from Athens to teach a young boy here in the village (already picked out by George) for a few weeks to learn the techniques of pottery repair. He is quite satisfied with the storage arrangements in Pitho, makes no mention of transferring any material to the Athenian museum. The request, upon my suggestion, a brief report for him on this summer’s work. He clarifies the matter of digging outside our property: only by prior agreement with the landowner(s) involved. This does clarify the matter, moreover, it frees the most important parts of the southern (E12-1114) hill for negotiation and excavation.
A proposition ending for the last full weekday—
with one exception there will be no excavation
tomorrow. All trenches except 6A are closed
for the year. Happenings:

2A - the fan western wall, bordering the
scarp of bedrock Koussouras, was cleared
in the late afternoon, revealing a most
impressive series of walls bordered by the
remains of a slab pavement on the west.
Giuliano immediately christened it the "Rampa
del Lazaro" (as at Hagia Triada). I
expect that further remains of the slab
pavement (an upward-leading street?)
will come to light when, in a succeeding
season, we excavate further to the north
and south. It will probably help a project,
christened "Ta Invostra Casa" some time
ago, to build up an embankment along
the eastern side of the hill, on the so-
called "shred slope" which was one of the
main attractions of the site before exca-
vation began. Now after 4A 1, the long
north-south trench, was cleared to show
pure bedrock on the slope below the
shreds and rovey fill above (absolutely
no architectural remains, a
partly eroded slope), I felt free to
landscape it and prevent further
growth at the same time. A long
foundation trench was excavated into
the bedrock, about 6 metres downslope from
the ancient remains. The bottom
point of the trench is about 1.5 m. from
the point at which the ancient level
stopped. (cont.)
The wall is already well advanced, almost complete, except for the southern section which must wait a few months. I plan to plant the area with a series of alnus trees and eventually pave it with slabs and perhaps weave some simple benches with slats from the excavation. How pleasant it will be in the far future to sit and contemplate the site under the remaining walls of the trees: a shade denied to the excavators themselves.

SB - cleared to bedrock in the SW sector in the little compartment. U.C. very busy with Alyxander Shores. Spending almost an entire day excavating pottery (these ancient pots!). His mother, who has proved to be an excellent excavator this year. A small lead measuring weight [one first, and the largest piece of iron found so far] appears in the fill below the floor level.

4 N. The bank is usual and the area cleared above the pebble pavement.