The lowest part of the cavity being here at level 20. The disturbance will eventually have to be followed in a trench further south. In the meantime we stop using pair 89. We now start digging temporarily in the area S of Room A and concentrate our attention to this Room, still using pair 88.

One more block of the west return of wall 1a is traced, as the level is lowered below it within the room there is a group of stone fragts of goblets and a few shells. Otherwise the fill in this area is producing very little pottery. Caressed stones are removed all the time. There are a few concentrations: one near wall 2a, one along the "entrance" one in the inner corner of wall 5a and 11. The fill seems to be a mixture of earth and white earth. Small fallen stones appear along the line of the south entrance to the room between walls 1a and 2a (the last return of wall 2a. The level reached in the room now is c. 16.35. We change to pair 19.52.

Pair 90. Room 16.35 19.52 c. 3
under pair 89 82
which earth
Shells, 2,000 g. - Latest date LM III B (top of bowl). Few diagnostic sherds.
Other shells
Ino.

A line of stones (slanted) along wall 9a must be the southern continuation of the drain found in the NE section of the room earlier. We are some 0.20 m above the slab floor of the room.
Excavation continues in Room A with Pail 90. We are now just above the floor. We remove various fallen stones as we go along. More of the slab floor is being exposed and more small stones always along the line of walls 11 and 29. This could be a later blocking of the S entrance into Room A or it may be the beginning of a packing for the white earth surface which extends to the south of the Room. The “blocking” will remain untouched until we bring down the level S of the Room. We reach the slab floor in all of the room and discontinue digging there. The floor is scraped and swept for photography. The slabs are sizeable but generally badly cracked. In the SW corner of the room, one of the floor slabs has sunk and it appears slanted. A cavity is created here and in it is a done, different fill, reddish brown. It should be noted that while the fill of Pail 90 has been a reddish brown, the last 5 cm. or so above the floor is a darker brown. The room has been singularly empty as far as pottery or even sherds, in its southern section.

Excavation is now resumed in the area to the south. We decide to leave a patch of white earth and what is under it along the west edge of the trench. It is a strip some 0.8 m. wide (E-W) starting directly S of wall 11 and all the way to the S. scarp. Starting at Level 19.88 (see p. 155) we start taking the level at the rest of the trench down.

Pail 91 From 19.88
Under pail 91:
Areas of reddish brownish earth
Shards: 2,570 gr. LM III B - few diagnostic
pieces (bowl frag with reserved circle inside)
Other: shells
be begin by digging south of wall 1a. Here the fill is brownish and here are stones, mostly small and rough, one slablike emerging vertically in the fill. A number of land snails is found here. In the rest of the space there are very few stones in the fill, very small ones, and scattered. The fill is lightish brown, much like the kind we found in PM 1A, but perhaps a little paler in colour. There is little pottery, most of it turning up directly east of where we previously dug with pail 89. We bring the level down roughly to 19.75 and change pail for 5.0 well 2a.

Pail 92 1.3 From 19.75
under pail 91: whitish brown
sherd: 90g. A tiny unit: LLI4-147. A thin unit: LLI4-147. A little too small a unit for dating.
other: shells, stone tool
Invo.

We start once again just south of wall 1a. Here the fill becomes definitely different from the rest of the area. It is brown and hard. We decide to use pail 92 for this area and to take down the level west of here a little farther using the old pail 91, since the fill remains the same. At level 19.70 pail 91 is replaced by

Pail 93 1.3 From 19.70
under pail 91: whitish brown
sherd: 210g. Some sherds are pink. Unit too small to be used except for jasper core.
other: piece of pumice
Invo.

Small and medium fragments of slabs occur loose in the fill of pail 93.
two upright slabs roughly parallel to each other are found south of wall 1a. The northern one is 0.16m S. of the wall, the southern one is some 0.65m beyond.
Southern sector of Trench 12A5
seen from N.E.

Arabic numerals indicate walls, as numbered:
A: slabs of 'hearth'; B: small stone blocking of south entrance into Room A; C: location of gray fill
E: fallen stones; D: 'martyr' of white earth level reached in this space generally: 19.67 m.

At the moment they are standing some 0.18 m above the dry surface and in their midst and right against the northern slab is a large fragment of what looks like the base of a cooking dish. To the south of this fragment is a small flat slab. A third stone, also upright is further west and it does not touch on the other two slabs. The two parallel slabs are 0.40 m long (E-W) the third is c. 0.44 m and narrow (c. 0.20 m)
The 'baking dish' is, at level 19.70 m.
At about the same level is a double 'stannzeh' placed near the south face of wall 29.

In the test of the room we have come upon a different fill, a hardish surface, still irregular.
A soft darkish patch appears about 2 m west of the SE corner of the trench. The soil is soft there and we dig it separately; we have now discontinued pails 92 and 93.

Pail 94  From 19.59 m
under pail 93: grey, soft fill
Sherds: 290 gr. Latest date LM IB A (one cup)
on Unit too small
other: bones
Inv. C677: LMIB cup with reeds (wall 30)

Part of C N-S wall (c. 0.55 m wide) emerges at the SE corner of the trench. Its top level is at 19.74 m. The south limit of wall 12a has been found. This wall is now long from the point at which it meets wall 7 to the north. The average level reached in the entire area being ding e. 19.67
There are two accumulations of what seem like fallen stones, one at the NW area, the other just south of the "hearth."
Under the dark earth we locate a stone structure of which the rest must continue.
under the S. scarp. It is a series of stones forming a rectangular frame the interior of which is irregular in shape and filled with fine reddish brown earth, rather firmly compacted. A hearth? Directly to its W. we expose half a stone drum the other half being under the martyr of white earth. Since there is a chance it may be a column drum we excavate the other half of it. It is now clear that the size of the martyr will have to be reduced to know more about the architectural context of the stone drum. The diameter of the box is c. 0.38 m.

Directly N. of the structure we have suggested to be a hearth (the one next to the S. scarp) we begin tracing a hard whitish surface with occasional pebbles in it. This could be the floor of the room. We begin to trace this ‘floor’ by removing earth from above it. The earth accumulation varies. In places it is some 0.05 m high, elsewhere more. The sherds from this accumulation will go into

Pail 95
under pail 93
Brownish earth with fragments of slabs
Sherds: 2820 gr. Later date: 1811131 A-B
For group of sherds collected separately see p. 166, 167
Other: shells, piece of bronze, stone tools, sandstone disc
Ino. C 709 kylix
? sherds from C 605?

Shards of C 709 in general pail as well
(a) fine wares sherds, some from C 709 (kylix)
(b) all from C 709 cc. (22 sherds)
(c) 16 sherds: all from C 709 except for 2 sherds
(d) various coarse & fine sherds

Also two sherds of medium coarse ware with incised lines on interior from ‘fusible bowl’. Part of C 605??
After further digging with pail 95 we reach the floor of the area everywhere in the trench south of Room A. The space between wall 1a and the east scarp is too narrow to really know whether the surface continued here as well. The surface is whitish, fairly hard, and has occasional small pebbles in it. The sketch on p. 166 shows the levels of the surface in various parts of the area which may well be a courtyard. To the north the surface reaches all the way to the small stones blocking the entrance into Room A. Little floor pottery has turned up. There are sherds of two to three kiloliters in the northwestern section, the dish fragment within the stone enclosure south of wall 1a and two groups of sherds in the SE section. These will be lifted and bagged separately. Their labelling is indicated on the sketch (p. 166).

The next project is to tear down the west wall of white earth along the west edge of the trench, leaving only a small section (some 0.50 x 0.50 m) standing against wall 11. The purpose is to look for more information which might explain the column drum. A new pail is assigned here.

Pail 96

Under pail B6

White Earth

Sherds: Very tiny unit, all sherds small

Latest date: PM 117 (740 gr.)

Other —

Inv.

[2-3]

Two cobbles which may be stone tools (pounders) are lying together next to a flat rectangular stone block at location e on the plan. Two more labelled f, g. The floor of the area slopes down towards the east. Near the north wall, at its west edge, it is at 19.64; at the center it is 19.60 and further east it goes down to 19.54. It is interesting to compare this surface with that found East of wall 1, i.e., west of the north wall last year in the area designated as M. Near
Sketch of Trench 12A5 showing horizontal distribution of pails

A - A' : N - S line of section (see NB pocket)
Pails 72, 75, 49, 30, 82, 84 used throughout the trench. The rest of the pails appear in plan above.
Pails 96, 98 are from an unexcavated fill (originally intended as a meter of white earth) which was dug later than rest of area M. 98; used in area S. w. wall 1a because of what appeared to be a change in soil (false column).

Summary of Chronology of Pails
Pail 42: Minaean 1 Byz. sherd
Superficial pails LM III A - B
Room A: p. 85 later LM IB B
   p. 88 LM IA IB
   p. 90 LM III B floor
Room M: p. 91 LM III B
   p. 93 small unit MA ??
   p. 95 LM III A - B floor
? Disturbed area: 86 LM III B
89  
97  
98  
Hearth: p. 94 LM IA (too small a unit)
Wall blocking: p. 99 : MM - LM
101: MM

Well & the surface was at level 19.62m, ie very close to the level of the surface under consideration there. However, it dipped down abruptly and it was conjectured last year that it simply subsided. A grum was found imbedded in the floor of area M. Area 4A could well be an extension of our courtyard.

One again near the south scarp there is an accumulation of pottery and many small stones. This contrasts with the white earth fill to the north which is practically devoid of sherds. The accumulation continues west of what appears to be a change in soil (false column).

Pail 94. From 19.92 ?

Under pail 89 whitish brown fill with many stones
Shards: 1370 gr. Latest date LM III B. Few fine grain sherds. Joints with pail 98
Other:
Inv. C 729. Octopus were & sherd from pail 98

The sherd have seem to finish at about level 19.70 upon which we introduce a new pail for the entire strip being dug.

Pail 98 from 19.70

Under pails 94 and 96
Whitish brown fill
Shards: 2,220 gr. Latest sherd LM III B
Joining with pail 97
Other: bone
Inv. C 729 sherd from this (see pail 98)
Excavation continues with tarp 98. More of the floor is being traced. Here it slopes down abruptly toward the E and becomes continuous with the floor of Area M. It is now now confirmed that Room 8 is a continuous area closed at N W by wall Y, at the North by the doorway between wall Y and 5a and further east by the blocked Rm 1A. Its E and S limits is beyond our scope. It is clear that it must have been an open area and will be labelled Courtyard M. The majority of the sherds is again from along the South Scarp so that the disturbance we located here previously may not have finished the soil. Continue here to be more brownish than further N. The sherds of tarp 98 basically still represent the disturbance for no pottery was found on the exposed floor. The dip of the level of the floor occurs just N and W of the 'column base'. It dips from 19.61 m to 19.52 m. The lowest level it was the ground which is embedded in the floor, some 1.00 m east of wall Y and right next to the S. scarp of Trench B. Here it is at 19.38 m.

We decide to tear down a section of the blocking of the entrance into Rm A. It becomes clear that the small stones were placed on top of a lower wall which has opening 15. The sherds from the packing go into tarp 99.

From c. 19.60 under tarp 1A, blocking wall of entrance into Rm 8. Brownish earth and small stones. Sherds: 140 g, latest date 2MJ (?). Mixed MM 2LM tiny unit.

We are now at the level of the slab floor. The slabs line up with the stone at the lower wall in other words the slabs are connected with the wall in their initial use. Their relationship is one of secondary use in the case of walls 1 and 5a. We shall now...
Tranch 12A4: Space X at level of bedrock and after removal of wall 26 (cf. p. 122)
A - A', line of wall 26; B: collapsed section of bedrock with oval cutting.

Wall 25 is clear along its N. face which is quite straight. Its length on the interior is now cleared to 2.65 m.
Removal of some earth from the cliff side, just west of the north limit of Room X part of the bedrock has broken off and collapsed about a metre below. In fact, a detached segment of bedrock is a deep circular hole Ø 0.35 x 0.26 m in diameter and c. 0.20 m deep. This section of the bedrock may have been exposed until recent times and still part of the projecting ledge of rock, for both of my workmen tell me they remember drinking water from it, some 5 yrs ago. A misstatement just made is that the segment was in situ. They clarify that it was already collapsed.

Under the removed wall bedrock is exposed. It slopes down steeply towards the east and has cutting as if the result of quarrying. One of the cuttings is roughly rectangular, right N. of the w. tip of wall 25. It is 0.50 x 0.45 x 0.70 x 0.70 m. Its depth is 0.15 m except on the E side where it is 0.05 m. The general formation of the bedrock can best be seen in a photograph (p. ).

In area M removal of the earth under the packing exposed bedrock. Shards from this mid layer are collected in...
Courtyard M and Rm A on E
with Lane L-G and various rooms on W. From SE.
Part of blocking wall (A-A’) has here been removed
(See phot. of courtyard before removal of packing, p. 179)
B: matrix of white earth above floor of courtyard

View of Rooms A-C with the courtyard
in the foreground and Lane L-G to the west.
From South.

Paal 101
From level of slab floor: 19.47
Unde: paal 99 brownish soft earth
Shards: 120 g
Latter date MM III (?)

Edifice is reached at level c. 19.30 m and excavation in Trend 12 A5 discontinued. The
sketch of the entrance way into Rm A from
Rm S. can be seen on p. 172.
Originally there must have been there an
earlier wall (built on bedrock) along the
line of Wall 17 and 29. Entrance through
this earlier wall was c. 1.40 m wide.
Walls 11 and 29 built over it formed a
much greater entrance 2.55 m., into
Rm A. This was done by removing any courses
of this early wall above the level of the slab
floor and building up two new entrance
planks. The east face of wall 11 is quite straight. This wall is 0.90 m long
on the interior and 1.50 m on the
exterior. Its width is 0.52, roughly had of wall 5a.
The west face of wall 30, the east flank of
the entrance, is most uneven and it may have
originally projected further west than it does as
preserved. Its interior length (E-W) is only
0.70 m. the exterior 1.52 m. Its width
contrasts greatly with that of 35 E, return, wall 7a,
which is some 0.90 m thick and very strongly
built. It is hard to believe that these two
walls were built at the same time but any
structural division or break is now concealed.
July 29

Court yard M, Room A and the walls of
Room B, lane L-G are all cleaned and
swept and a series of photographs are taken
of general areas and detailed close ups
in the sector of the excavations by the
visiting photographer Chip Vincent. The
dismantled blocks of wall 6α (to be
restored in the future) are now placed
within Room T, on wall 27. Two stones,
which have been suspected not to be
intentionally placed are taken out from
lane L-G. One was of a roughly
triangular shape and was sitting on top of
the threshold, the other a square block
was a little further N and sitting on one
of the slabs and pavement stones off
the lane. Both of these stones, now removed,
can be seen in 1976 photographs and
trench plans (by latter by exc. arch. G. Blanco).
The present photographs are taken after their
removal.

Another area to photographed is Room X
of Trench 12A4 and 12A3.