9A2 - The architecture, after some days of work, seems to be clarifying itself for the Latin levels at least. Certain walls are clear and it would appear that parallel walls to the west may indicate an earlier 'shower' road, but we have not descended far enough to find the road surface. If there, in any case, there is a road, it will probably be post LCIII and pre LM III B. Our satisfaction in that today we found more Cypriot sherds (Shilt slip) in the road fill (actually in stones under what appears to be an LC III wall and above an earlier one.

12A5. The stone floor is cleared, the most impressive one discovered so far, but essentially bare. To the south, outside the building, appears the first column base discovered in the excavation, a rather large one of white limestone. In situ, it is associated with a floor unusually high above the +1 to the north. There also appears to be a stone enclosed fire place, perhaps 2, in relation to the same floor, designed to say the least.

16A4. Round building, Prehistoric level is reached in the 90° section left without any further enlightenment concerning the function of the building. The 180° section left will be excavated next year.

4A1 Over BB4 A, a trench, to clean the wall on the east only and to probe prehistoric levels on the west. Just begun.

5B1. The pottery dump over the actual floor is removed. Goods probably industrial ware at least 4 pounds of stone.
Logistically, the apothecary work progresses as follows:

- mending proceeds well, but we are forced to select that which is most crucial from the plethora of reports, either mine or others. The mending process is slow, so there is an inevitable backlog.
- cleaning and study. While PB&VW are behind, one more thing is inevitable, although I hope all units can be studied in time.
- inventorying. As above, with BC as PB&VW. Standing the strain, well, over 350 have been inventoried, and the selection of inventoried items is cursed by about 20 per day. Not photography — about 1/3 of the items have been inventoried and photographed. Photography of groups for publication, study, etc. proceeds apace. There should be no last rush for this. With contact printing initiated this year, the first sheets are already usable. Field photography by HB keeps up with the everyday work.
- profiling with HB goes very slowly. Only with luck will we be able to complete these for the '97 report.
27 July 1977

The road surface is cleared, made of veined building slabs and: I seem to recognise a more usual round iron stone slab pavement.

With the building a final room is cleaned to the floor, which has a large basin-like pot on the floor.

To complete this present area only further clarification of the road remains, on the west

12 35

Some kilns, smeared, appear a good but unusually high floor level. Cleaning all day essentially. The fireplace, column base, and stone enclosure remain the major features of the area.

14 4

Round building essentially completed (one half) with many questions concerning use and appearance remaining unanswered.

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On the east side of Bldg. A wall appears a heavy wall at a level approximately that of the benches on the east, in front of B B B. But rough, two wide, no finished surface. A rough stone spout also appears. To the east on the other side of the wall, the potential sounding goes too slowly in soft field.

Slab floor has been cleared now, so have other walls. A small beaten area ('beach') in the centre.

Good selection of tools, few shears.

To the north, the first part of level 2 is almost clean. The area; the "cliff strip", should be readable shortly.

11 34
Chip Vincent. Trained as a lawyer, but with extensive experience on varied types of archaeological sites. C.V.'s qualities are well complemented by his interest, helpfulness, and hard work. He is most competent, socially — a good member of the group who will have spent about 6 weeks with us when he leaves.

Steven Diamant. Penn. Ph.D, with a great interest in technical processes in archaeology. At K. for a week or so, he set up the dry sieving system which was a great success; the primitive water sieving also was also a success in the dump deposit, yielding a great many seeds, small bones, etc. His contribution was basic to our efforts.
Visitors and Consultants to date (1977 only), ref. p. 60 as well.

Special Technicians

Athanasios Koososlas - potterry, restored from Archaeological Museum at Nafplion, who has been with us for almost a month. He has done excellent work, reducing at least temporarily the backlog of pots from the last season and some from this year. He has, however, been working museum hours (6 hours, seven days a week, 120 or so) and lately has been side-tracked onto restoring an only partially preserved pithos.

Helen Besi

Professor, who has worked for years at the same job at the Athenian Agora and, now, with the German Archaeological Institute. Her work is uniformly excellent due to the care she takes. Partly as a result, her three weeks' stay has left us with a gap in profile making necessary (from report on Season II).

Scientists

Nicholas Yiassoglou, Professor at the Athens Agricultural School.

A three day visit, plus coming at selected areas, has given us some idea of the erosion patterns at the site. The report should be illuminating — this soil-type report will complement that of (own).
John Gilford

About to get Ph.D. at University of Minnesota, JG spent six weeks at the site and in the apotheca. His hard work, compatibility, interest, and talents made him a natural for further intensive work on the geology of the Kommos and eastern Messara area.

still expected

James Muhly & R. Maddin
Richard Hope Simpson
Another profile (?), possibly from Athens.

Kitty Callahan - Emphasis Classical and Hellenistic pottery from Cane, who gave us valuable advice on the dating of the materials from the Burned Building Area.

Pauline Sheppard, epigraphist, who helped examine our small boxes from various parts of the site.
1 August 1937

The beginning of the final week of excavation.

During this week:

- Conservation of walls will be begun, with cement on those walls which are particularly endangered by burning, their tiles, etc.

BBB, leaning wall in 12A3. Eventually after a winter and rain, they will all be worked on in one way or another.

- The earth-moving machine will begin cleaning the piles of mud and fill piled up next to certain trenches. Also the remainder of the sand will be cleared.

- Final photographs will be taken on Thursday and Friday.

- Trenches:

McS 15A should be complete by Tuesday.

Just south of SB, at the top of the hill, a court is appearing that should be cleared fairly easily.

LN 16A, of which half will be cleared, is located due w. of Kaffernkasten.

This should clear the n. 1/2 of the building begun last year near the court of the Shop.

QEC 14A, sounding will probably continue to the end of the week.

In 17A east of 2 A3, should continue to the end of this week.
3 August 1977

Excavation is slowly terminating in order to allow for clean-up, photographs, the writing of reports.

15A. Ms. completion cleaning walls and floor of south-western cliff step. Once was a rectangular room, subdivided later (LM III?) by an east wall. A few slabs on the floor. At this moment, the leaning wall w. of the LM III B deposit 'dump' is being raised and consolidated by our mason.

14A. WC has penetrated into breccia floor next, which begins about evenly with the lowest block of the foundation of BBA (on the west), LM I-III seen by me, in assoc. with a wall of one course of cut sandstone blocks. In front of it there seems to be some sort of a rough pavement, although thin in unsure.

16A. On the south, two rooms connecting via each other, with the one excavated in 4A in 1976. Square rooms, with their floors being cleaned slowly at the moment. The architecture is rather impressive but the floors disappointingly empty.

17A. Down the corridor in completing the cleaning of the eastward extension of the large LM I-III building. This will be his final day of actual digging unless something unexpected occurs.
As noted well, B98 is being reinforced with cement at various points.
Final photos taken of the BB area along the south of the site, from the SE and N, west. The former view presently being the most impressive. It's really quite a unit, we have cleaned in a relatively short time. Work w. of A continues, however, in 14 A, where the prehistoric level is pure. W. of the 'Lot' (CMIII?) wall we are slowly going down through a fill of chips and small stones somewhat reminiscent of a packing found above the Dwell building in 24 A in 1976. I expect in any case that there will be at least one level below, even though we will have to stop the trench tomorrow before it has given the complete story for the immediate area. Some blue, painted wall plaster is found.

17A (L.M.) completed to the top of the CMIII Minoan level, with the room discovered having large slabs around its perimeter and a small enclosure of stones on the north, with the bottom of a closed (?) pot set on a small pot stand within. 16CMIII B acc. to octopus sherds on floor.

16A (L.M.) Floors of rooms with little pottery, but a # of stone rods, all being studied avidly by HB both in presently completing a study and catalog of the stone objects used as tools as well as their ancillary use.

15A (MMI) Closed. Photographed, the leaning wall to the E, we have been faced by removing all the stones and replacing them, after cleaning; an internal cement bonding has been affected.
June 1977

Work in the apothecary records today, with only a few people at the site; some workmen doing last jobs (fencing, fixing walls, etc.).

Yesterday, along with visits by Ephor Alexiou and Miss Kembges, all trenches were terminated and the 1-02 area was photographed. This week, Zacharakis, the local pundit, who wrote the useful area guide arrived in the evening, since he had heard of the exhibition that the staff put on in the early afternoon for all the women and townspeople. The show was a great success and further reinforces the philosophy that the town should be part of the atmosphere, women, history of the excavation.
10 August

Reports are being completed now, with much questioning and reevaluation of pottery, architecture. I complete and pass out an "Brief Summary" for 1997 to all the staff. Shortly I will begin sending out copies to others as well.

11 August. On above done. I continue completion of payments, arrangement of logistics for logging up the excavation, encouraging staff members to leave as soon as reports are complete. It all leaves one with a feeling of disappointment that once more the effort is coming to an end, and an understanding at the same time of how for those archaeologists who dig and dig their work becomes an end in itself.

13 August. In the midst of completing all final projects, an impromptu party in the evening with much singing and hilarity.