along the north wall. A third course is revealed. The sherds go into a 4th sub-pail. A bit of plaster from the north wall shows traces of yellow color. It is not as soft as the pink/red plaster. A sample of carbon is kept from the NE corner of the space being excavated.

A 5th sub-pail is used for the north & east wall. In cleaning the area next to the east wall we find the north extension of wall 4. It has now been exposed for 1.80 m. It stops, some 15 cm. short from wall 1.

We have now reached the level of the central part of the trench (ca. 2.85 m) as seen in the plan. From 1/2, we shall now start a new sub-pail.

Pail 7: 82 under Pails 81 & 79
From 2.91 to 2.77 m
Sherds: 60 sh; 0.745 gr. MM IB; plastic dec. + e-on-D.

Other: shells, bone, clay lumps
Inv. C7171: five black-burn. shallow bowl.

The fill continues the same as above. Several sub-pails are being assigned.

Pail 7:83 under Pail 82
From 2.77 m to 2.60 m

Sieved:
Sands & earth
Sherds - NO READING PROVIDED
(but most likely MM IB)

Other: plaster (pink/red); bone, fossil shells
Inv. S2216: serpentine vase frag.; S2217: Breccia vase frag.

To our surprise the fill continues the same: small stones, sherds, bones. An accumulation of crushed shells is found in the NW corner. A fragment of a stone vase (a small bowl?) turns up in the fill. Another piece of a stone vase (bit of lip) is found. The wall continues down.

There seems to be a change in the fill; more sherds and stones, but the accumulation is continuing in the SE corner and we follow it. It seems to dip there. We take levels and change pails. The starting levels are 2.60 at N. 2.55 at S (except for the SE corner at 2.50).

Pail 7:84 under Pail 83
From 2.60 m to 2.50 m

Sieved:
Earth & sand
Sherds - NO READING PROVIDED
(but most likely MM IB)

Other: bones
Inv.
we change pail once again:

Pail 8:85 under pail 84
Each w. sort sand
Field c. 2.45m to 2.45m.
Sherd: 40 sh: 0.655 grs. MMIB?
(absence of Barbotine)
Other: obsidian blade, bones

Inur.

There are fewer sherds and practically no stones. There are just a few bones. We seem to have come to the bottom of the dump and perhaps a surface. The average level is + ca. 2.45m. We terminate Pail 85. A small probe along the west wall shows its construction to change. The course slightly below the "floor" projects east from the face of the upper courses.

We are now below a level that can be read with the level machine.
From now on we shall resort to string and plumb bob. The stone from which our measurements is a flat one, at the south end of the road pavement (feature 2). The level or datum point is +3.35m.

Wall 1 stands 95 cm. high, 5 courses above the level reached.
Wall 3 stands, c. 80 cm. high, 5-6 courses. The measurements of the north wall include the top course which is that of ?.

we start a new pail

Pail 8:86 under Pail 85
Field c. 2.45m to 2.38 m
Sherd (wet earth) + sand
Sherd: 164 sh: 2,230 grs. MMIB
Other: obsidian, barbotine, etc.

Inur.

We dig a few pans and arbitrarily change pail.

Pail 8:87 under Pail 86
Field c. 2.38 m to 2.27 m
Sherd (wet earth) + sand
Sherd: 81 sh: 1,865 grs. MMIB
Other: obsidian, barbotine

Inur.

There is a large canted stone near the west wall - Otherwise, no events; very few sherds, no stones and sandier earth. Walls continue down.

Time for a change:

Pail 8:88 under Pail 87
Sand w. stone earth
Field: 2.27 to +1.48
Sherd: 131 sh: 2,140 grs. MMIB
Other: obsidian, no evidence for MM II

Inur.

The large stone is removed. The sand contains many white bits - like crushed stone/grit. Some of this turns out to be a localized phenomenon. The room is full
The machine in set at level: + 6.94 m

As we start work it is too dark to go back into the mud hole. The moon is shining in the dark sky. We return to House X to do some additional minor digging to clarify some points which the pottery analysis has shown to be too clear. We return to X14 a and we shall take more of the pebble surface and the underlying fill out. Then was dug in two strata (along the north and east walls) with Paul 38. More pebbles will be used now to get a better grasp of stratigraphy.

Paul 10 : 89 – under Paul 38 (X14a)
From c. 4.71 to 4.66 N / 4.63 S.

Each and pebbles
Sherds = 29.82; 0.215 gr. L/M/B.
(on basis of fine CC)
Other: plaster
Inv. C 9772 = fine UP CC.

Two workmen are filling the sounding in X.2. and helping with removal of fill here as well. The area of Paul 89 is 1.00 N-S X 1.20 m W-E.
The starting level is some 22 cm above the level reached with Paul 138.
The fill will be taken out in thin layers to have better stratigraphic control. We remove the top layer of pebbles (rather few) and take out another thin pan underneath some stone, till and these begin to appear: the packing is the blow . we change again:

Box Paul 10 : 90 under Paul 89 X14a
From 4.66 N / 4.68 S to 4.65 N / 4.55 S
Brown earthenware sherds: 44 sh; 0.445 g. EMIBIV?

Other -

Ino.

Some small upright slabs appear in a roughly N-S line, some 38 cm. from wall 5. We stop excavation in the space between it and the wall.

Pail 10:91 under pail 70. Earthenware sherds: 92 sh; 4.13 g. EMIB

Other: cooking pot (pail 91A)

Inv. c 9407 tripod CP (join pail 92 + 93)

We find several fragments of a cooking pot at the same level as where we stopped with pail 38. Perhaps it is the same cooking pot (? c 9402). We terminate pail 91 and leave the sherds in situ for photography and drawings.

We shift to the space between wall 5 and the upright slabs. It is packed with small stones, which we shall remove.

Pail 10:92 under pail 90.

Earthenware sherds: 14 sh; 0.24 g. EMIB

Other: plaster

Inv. c 9407 tripod CP

join w. pails 91, 93
It appears that the small rough stones were packed in intentionally. Perhaps this was a little rough platform. Under the removed stone we find plaster which seems to curve to be convex. Perhaps it is the floor of the structure.

Roll 9, Fr. 10
X145 after p. 91+92

N.B. 80 cont. d

P. T. O. →
levels:  
- a: 3.29: top of west MN wall  
- b: 2.51: top of foundation of wall  
- c: base of wall c +1.48  
- d: 6.50 +1.47 j+148: bedrock  
- e: +3.13: base of R-M III wall  

We realize (actually the SWS who happen to come by) that the plaster may combine under the upright slabs. It may be a floor. We shall take the bucket down in the area of the sounding.

Pail: 19.3 under Pails 91/36

Smear: Fa 3.4cm
From 4.50 to 4.4E/4.4E East Floor
Sherd: 96 sh; 620 grs. LM18
but much earlier also present

We collect the countries with pail of 19. We proceed with pail 93 and start from slabs.

It now appears that the plaster west of the upright slabs belonged to an earlier floor - the one which we are tracing now. There are beautiful slabs one a vivid, purple schist one. On one side we find pieces of plaster which need further investigation. Perhaps we have a floor with plaster in the interstices of the slabs. We shall continue tomorrow.

Two other projects: the removal of mud from the deep sounding in P1 (808) has been carried out by a new team of workmen. Towards the end of the day it began to appear as if stones/slabs were at the bottom.

Also: Room X2 has been partially backfilled.
We continue work in XI A.
We have expanded the sounding to trace the slab floor. We have it all the way north where it disappears under the upright slabs located south of the shrine with Pail 36.
Clearly the slab pavement is earlier than the earthen floor with the sickle pit. To the latter belong the upright slabs both along the north and the edge of the sounding.

Since it is still too dark to investigate the plants and its relationship to the pavement we assign a new pail to the area east of the sounding all the way to the east wall of XI A.

Pail 10: 94 under Pail 36 XI
From +9.50 m to 4.44 N/4.38 s.
Brown earth, some rubble
Sherds: 16 sji, 0.125 yrs. LM I?
or earlier

No slabs are found in Pail 94. The ziggurat wall seems to have been built at the slab floor went out of use and its foundations necessitated the removal of a line of slabs. The base of the wall as exposed now is at +4.53 where it starts, right under where the blocking starts and at +4.41 m at the southern exposed edge, that is 1.11 m from its north end. There is a difference of 12 cm. in slope on that length the terrace joins Pail 94.

We are continuing cleaning the area.
of the sounding proper. The pieces of plaster actually seem to be on top of the slabs and probably fallen on it. Some 4/6 of the slabs are seen against one of the upright slabs—fallen or on the slab. It is not yet clear.

We also decide to dig the area immediately north of Wall 5, to see if slabs continue there. For this we assign:

- **Pail 10:95 under pail 40 X 14**

  From 4.58 to 4.44 m / 4.50

  **Brown earth**

  **Shed:** 31 shj 0.195 qrs. LNH

  **Screezy unit**

  **Inu.**

Excavation with Pail 95 reaches the level of the slab pavement but here are no slabs here. Indeed,iro cleaning of the slabs shows them to have a west edge, a N-S line beyond which starts the plaster. This is best preserved in the space between the upright slabs and i. Wall 5. Here we noted that some of the top plaster peels off with the earth being removed and reveals a lower layer with quite a smooth surface. Thus it finally becomes clear that what we have is a plaster border beyond a slab pavement. This border of plaster ends in a straight line some 6 cm E. from Wall 5. At that edge it curves up, as if it were abutting against a wall which has now disappeared. We stop excavation in X 14 a. The bits of plaster on the slabs seen earlier is debris.

The bottom of the MM walls has been reached in trench 80B. Water is removed 5/4.
It is bedrock. It becomes clear how the lower part of the wall on the west was its foundation. This is a list of changes in masonry in the west wall as well. A black fill is from just above bedrock. It represents a surface on which the walls were built.

The thick layer of sand was presumably thrown in right away to raise the level. This rose up to where the masonry changed. The higher part of the masonry was presumably exposed; unless the higher dump (small stones, sand, and M.M.I.-T. sheets) was also thrown over it. J. H. Shaw took several pictures and G. Bianco goes down in a ladder and starts making.

Architectural elevations of the west wall. She is also going to take levels. In a few days, when the ground water finds its own level, we shall take the level of that level. This will be useful in estimating relative levels of ground water in Minoan time and today.

Work has essentially finished in both trenches, 80A and 80B. A project which cannot be pursued is digging within Room XI. The clearing of XI at took longer than expected and the sounding under the floor of XI will have to wait for another year. This is the last day of excavation this season. Rooms in house X are cleaned of fallen debris and earth accumulation by my workmen. José Salazar has just found a slab floor in a corridor leading from XA east. A great day to end a great excavation season.

Final photos of XI A and detail of walls in house X will be taken next week.
JWS goes to the site in the morning and takes a number of photos. They are as follows:

**Roll 10, Frs. 2-4 - General of House X**

- Fr. 5  X14a from south
- 6  X14a, east side of east wall
- 7-8  X14a, east wall from east
- 9-10  X11 details + view from south
- 11-12  X12 details + view
- 13  P1 N. wall
- 14-15  P1 E wall
- 16-18  P1 S wall
- 19  X8 - X9: Gamma base at entrance between two rooms.

Polaroids have also been taken. This book now being filled out, they will be placed in the pocket, rather than glued on these last pages, which have been saved for and cut off rather pliny paper.