Astrinuci has talked to Franco Giorgi, and said that he would not interfere with the fencing and had no objection to the road, even a platina. His concern, says Giorgi, is that he and Davide Iacocca come to some agreement about the property within the archaeological area. If this is true, then there will be no problem in the fencing and the road will take care of itself. We would like to put the remaining dirt on as an ornamentation as long as this is done within the next week or so while we have the use of the machine to smooth the track.

Bushes from the site are being gathered and burned. Shortly the stookines of the site, with their road will be cleaned. The machine continues to remove sand. In Pits'idea some final questions put on interior and exterior walls by Storie, he has been more thorough than usual this year.

I begin to work on coordinating Vol. IV architectural plans with new and old drawings, new that exists on the site are seemingly in order. Giuliano Biondo, who will be making the drawings, arrived today. Also Perce Ficco who will be helping with the continuing process of coordinating the excavation and preparing it for another series of seasons.
27 June 1990

MCS is sick, so MCS clears the upper level above the Green Building. GB puts in a new trench above Green Building F: we may be able to trace it south and east in order to get a sense of its size. The machine continues working well in deep sand. MCS finds it difficult to coordinate matters in Pitsidia and on the site when supervising a trench. Still much has been done in both places by willing hands.

28 June 1990

send no notice. MCS leaves on the site for most of the day to continue to define Building V. First leader moves north down slope and I become anxious that with the 15-20’ drop there could be a collapse that could possibly move back to the newly positioned road. I must refer with those who know more, but I have the vision of a busful of people sliding down the wave of sand. Perhaps two more days of steady work will complete sand removal there; then a few men will deal with landscaping, re-merging walls that we built in the past and sand that has drifted in from the season near Building J.

"Trench T2A": GB’s first major project is to start on the sterile base at the entrance into Temple C. A number of drawings, restored and actual states, must be made for the Architecture in Volume II. As the process she becomes interested in a block in the northeast corner of the temple. The block is set east-west against the northern wall of the temple: actually the northern bench where it may have served as a support for thefinal bench phase. We re-
more a stone cemented in almost and dug down along the edge between the site and the beach. There are, however, no cuttings of interest and the block is put back where it was after having been consolidated.

Paid 2:1
From +5.85m. to (slab 6cm) +5.65m.

Sheds: 2nd century A.D. sheds

Other: bone, glass, tile

Inventoried
lamp C 8893

In Piraeus, the laboratory job of transferring the LVW (Vol III) and PB (Vol II) selected deposits from cardboard to wooden boxes is begun by Sheila Whittaker and Grace Duckos. A few of these boxes will be used to consolidate the stone tools being worked on by HBW who, hopefully, will join us in a few days.

And finds a type 1 bronze nail on the surface north of the Round Building (I) – I seem to recall having found others there in the past.

I consider making a huge sign advertising the excavations, to be hung from the new fence that, presumably, will be begun formally today. This will be the first time this has been done.
29 June 1990

PC and Peter Cireon arrive, and appropriate accommodations are arranged.

On the site the end of sand clearing is in sight; perhaps a few days more in the deep sand. Shortly we will begin to dig in ballast and remove the high retaining walls built against earlier scarp. By that time the scarp will no longer exist. The stones will be put as they were in another year. MCS’s 728 progresses. It may turn out that the wall was not built all around completely with a wall, perhaps it was only an enclosure. Digging on the east along the line of the wall may confirm this possibility. ASCB Summer Session 401.

HBW arrives and leaves a 285+ page thesis, much longer than expected but, in my opinion, without much that can be trimmed. It seems the thesis was cut from 86 to 5 pages. She wants 88 plates which 40 may be the maximum plate pages that would work. Perhaps the photos can be mounted 2 per page.

GB voices on the statue base and the entrance into Temple C with its antenna.

30 June 1990

A busy day, but nothing new to report. The first major payday, women and cooks, Afghani school arrives and I gave them around (Philip Drew).
2 July 1940.

A remains is picked up from the Central Hillside, just west of the north-south road that skirts the AMI house on the west. Apparently it is in the published site plan. H. Whitham takes it back to Pitsidia.

Sandcleaning in its final stages. The edges of the high sand scarp are trimmed off to start work next year. Shorty we will trim the sand from the earth surface, after which GB will take a series of levels as a record to compare with what is actually found in the years to come. This line will appear as Level 2, within which any Greek-Roman structures should appear. Tomorrow the earlier returning walls will be removed, leaving an area almost as large as the Greek Sanctuary for exploration. I must now consider whether our finances will allow us to clean an area in the far southeastern corner of the new property. This could be done early in the season next year, but will the machine be available then?

In three I buy supplies and add a large galvanized sheet that will be hung from the new fence, with the following in large letters in Greek and in English: Kommos Excavations. Harbour town of Phaistos and Sanctuary of Zeus and Athena. Perhaps other credits will be added. All coming on the new road will be given a clear idea of what they are seeing spread out before them.

I almost in motion an unusual assignment. Since our SSHRC grant money is not
yet available -- the decision to grant the requested sum was not made in Ottawa until early this month - I am loaning to the excavations, the sum of US 10,000 in order to cover expenses. I will be repaid in Toronto. The good part of this arrangement is that we will be able to complete work here and at the same time procure our "credit eating" in the village. I do not live, however, making personal and excavation expenses on such a scale even though justified in this instance. The liability in the arrangement, moreover, is that the expenses being covered will be somewhat over budget and as a result, will cut into the small amount of discretionary money that I have been able to retain over the years. During a year when we are, in budget terms, stretching one year's budget into two years (1989, 1990), we are in a somewhat difficult but by no means precarious position.

* the cheque was sent today. Hopefully the funds will have been received by the Misraa bank by the end of the month, in time for us.

6 July 1990

SS in 2 weeks!

Sandblasting is finally complete. Our retaining walls are gone and the area is free for 1991. Most of the stones are in a great pile along the South west scarp, to be used in future walls.

(Continued)
Trench F2A 2:2

From + c. 5.85 m (sloe floor) + 5.65 m.

Beds uniformly 2nd c. A.D. Amphora, Candelari ware, nap, relief lamp (pug), possible. Join w/pad.

Otten: bone, glass

Inventoried

This is a second pail, a cleanup below the large fragmentary stone bowl found in the northeastern corner of Temple C. Draw by Bob and the excavation foreman.

McS's Trench F2 B has produced some evidence for iron working, namely slag of iron and also fragments of crucibles. Not a great amount, but a nice match with the "forge" found years ago not far from Building V, perhaps 5 meters to its southwest near After H.

F2C is begun, being set in over the southern extension of Building F, largely excavated in Trench II A in 1977 by Lucia Nixon. The aim is to determine more of its plan and at the same time to reexamine the Archaic or Late date given to it at the time. Although hidden by silt, GB's trench lines are right on target and the wall shows up as soon as the sand is cleared away. Much to our surprise and satisfaction, we find the southern wall not long afterwards, partly robbed out. Better still, a slab floor shows up along the southern wall, perhaps 4 slabs wide, and on it there is...
a generous scatter of copes which will date the
final use of the building. Thus, I.C. announces
happily, are from the turn of the 5th century B.C.
This means that there actually was habitation on
the site during what had been referred to earlier
as the "Hiatus Period". Our initial texts must
now be rewritten. Excavation of the east area, with
a thought both for the foundation date of the building, will
continue on Monday.

In the late afternoon, while I am paying the
bus workers, Epimelitria Despina Valehamou
comes by accompanied by her staff and Galatia.
As usual she is fussing about something, unhappy
with any changes and speaking in contradictory turns.
She has just returned from Greece and has not been
in touch with what has been going on (a good
thing, I know). Item: the dump on the slop is
"disfiguring the landscape"; he explains that we
have always placed it on the slope and that the
buffalo must remove 3/4 of it, spreading it
up and down the place and improving the beach.
Item: our last cleaning operation has removed
trees and sand from a large area. Mrs. ACS replies
that this must be done in order to excavate.
Actually, we are encouraged to buy the sand and
this is the only way to excavate below the
sand. Item: we are not cleaning but excavating.
Actually, we are doing a bit of excavation but
this is common in a cleaning permit. Item:
will we buy the remainder of the area to the
south? I reply that, as in the letter from
the ASCSA, we are interested but that the
excavation of sand and excavation must pro-
gress before any further purchases can be
contemplated (she also wonders how she can
be so obstructive when they hope that we
can solve the local problem by buying land).
She also mentions that a planning study is
in its second of the three stages along the southern coast and at Kommos. I reflect that you have been concerned about the archaeological zone and have not yet been consulted, that their activities may not be realized in the long run.
Fieldwork during the 1990 season has officially ended with the completion of sandblasting and the successful termination of MCS's no. 2 trenches (14 B in V) and (14 C in F). In an architectural and stratigraphic character of both V and E are much clearer and their new chronological will mean a number of basic additions to our understanding of the Greek Sanctuary, the texts of which must now be altered to accommodate new information. Photographs were taken by J.M.H. and G.B. will complete her drawings tomorrow. In the meantime, I have almost completed my cataloguing and inventory of significant Minoan and Greek architectural blocks from the southern area. These have been given separate S (now) numbers that have been painted in red on them at the site by G.B. Most of them are north of BBB and will be set shortly in line as they were before our study began. Usually, special cuttings in the blocks have brought about their being inventoried. Some will appear in Volume IV (Greek); others in V (Minoan Civic Buildings).

Manolis Akrotas, herogolos, has finally arrived to put in the fence surrounding the recent extension of the site.

Aristotelis Pasoulakis, 85 years old, of Petsas, has agreed to build a wall around Altar M and Altar H. If he had not agreed, I am not sure how the wall would have been built — now there is in the village a new technique. The cemented scarp had been cleared off — it might have had to be re-cemented.