July 15, 1993

The workmen complete the pass of pail 3:20 in Area S1. Because the pass has produced so many sherd, we close pail 3:20.

The workmen are now divided into two groups. One group takes another pass in Area S1, for which pail 3:22 is opened. The other group takes a pass in Area S2, for which pail 3:21 is opened.

Tr 88A/3:21
Under pail 3:18
Levels: NE SE NW SW
Top: 4.63 4.66 4.58 4.56
Bottom: 4.43 4.35 4.4 4.32
Location: Area S2
Type of Fill: Brown soil, crumbly, with small stones and chips

Pottery: 10 buckets total (#3 not yet studied)
  total dates - LMIII A2; range AMMII - LMIII A2
  dated by fine pott. cup/kb/ix rims/handles,
  etc. rims, up and dipped

Other: plaster, bone, shell, pumice, charcoal, bronze
  slag, rounded stones (haua?)

Inventory:
  C9810 2 joining frags of TC mould
  C9829 TC wheel, pt. w/ dark bend on ext. face
  C9830 Cypriot white slip body sherd
  C9865 Canaanite jar (1/2 handle and body sherd attached)
Tr 88A/3:22
Under part 3:20
Levels: NE SE NW SW
Top: 4.46 4.55 4.41 4.51
Bottom: 4.33 4.41 4.31 4.37
Location: Area S1
Type of Fill: Brown soil, crumbly, with small stones
Pottery: 4 buckets (#2 not yet studied)

tent. date: LM III B
range: MM II* - LM III B
 dated by dunk cap with 3 thick bands

Other: plaster, bones, terracotta bull horns, shells, rounded stones (tools?)

Inventoried: C9902 closed Mk jar w/ square rim & carinated shoulder; imparts:
C9810 TE mouth fragment; C9823 UP Mk body shw impressed leaf pattern and band

Work ends with both passes in progress.
July 16, 1993

Work resumes on the passes of pail 3:21 in Area S2, and pail 3:22 in Area S1. While pail 3:22 is being dug, we notice that the fill changes at the bottom of the pass to a more clay-like soil. This may correspond to the layer of clay found in Trench 77C at the level of 4.42 - 4.30 m A.S.L.

When the pass is finished, we will close pail 3:22 and open a new one. In Area S2 we will try to determine if a similar fill change is taking place. The starting level of pail 3:21, however, was a little higher, so that the pass may not reach the clay layer in Area S2, if it extends to the north.

In area S1 we find in the fill a black painted terracotta bull’s horn at a point roughly 0.90 m from the east scarp and 4.70 m from the south. (see p. 62)

Both passes continue to yield large quantities of pottery. At the end of the day both passes are still in progress. We bring in to the apothecary 8 buckets of sherds from 3:21 and 3 buckets from 3:22.
July 19, 1993

The workmen continue to work on the passageway of the pails 3:21 and 3:22.

In Area S1, roughly 0.60 m from Wall 1 and 1.20 m from the south edge of the trench, a small upright slab of stone, like a stele, has become more and more visible. As it is clear now that it is not just a fallen slab and in fact runs deeper into the ground, I make note of it here. The width of the slab (from face to face) is 7 cm. Its length across the top is 51 cm. Its top level (preserved) is 4.66 m SW and it is currently exposed for 48 cm. Both faces of the slab are very roughly cut.

Also, in Area S2, is found a piece of bronze slag. It is found in the fill of pail 3:21 at a point 0.60 m from the east and 6.50 m from the north end of the trench.

The pass of pail 3:22 is completed and the pass is now closed. Pail 3:23 is opened for another pass in Area S1.

Tr 88A/3:23
Under pail 3:22
Levels: NE SE NW SW
Top: 4.33 4.41 4.31 4.37
Location: Area S1
Type of Fill: Brown soil and grey clay, mixed Pottery: 3 buckets, heavy worn wash, LMI-1668/8 total weights 12.67 kg total weight 12.20 kg

#1) LMI-413, pail A2 (LMI-413-2 ledge-rim pot, cup, rim cups) range from MNI - SE imports
#2) LMI-4/8 (funerary lamps, cup) from pail 3:21 range from MNI - SE imports
#3) LMI-1668 (funerary lamps) range from MNI - SE imports

1:100
Other: plaster, painted plaster, charcoal, shells, bones, iron(?), bronze sheet.

Inventoried: C9880: base fragment of burnished red-brown closed vase - like C9748 in pit 26 & C9663 in pit 25.

At this point in the morning (c. 8 AM) J. Bravo leaves the site due to illness. The rest of today's notes are based upon the notes of G. Nixon, who supervised the trench in his place.

The pass of pail 3:21 is completed and the pail is closed. The workmen then move to Area N and excavate to the same level as the bottom of pail 3:21. Pail 3:24 is opened for this pass.

To 88A/3:24
Under pail 3:19
Levels: N, S
Top: 4.58, 4.61
Bottom: 4.42, 4.43
Location: Area N
Type of Fill: Brown earth + grey clay + sand
Pottery: LM III A2/8, 107 sherds, 1.530 kg
dated by 2 pith. cup rims and 2 champagne cup feet and 1 champagne cup stem, all 3 fire deported

Other: bone

Inventoried: -

After the pass is cleared, pail 3:24 is closed.
Pail 3:25 is opened for further excavation in Area S₂.

Tr 88A/3:25
Under pail 3:21
Levels:

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Location: Area S₂
Type of Fill: brown earth and grey clay, more clay 6 E + some pebble inclusions

Pottery: 3 buckets, less than the previous, LIII A₂
1376 sherds, 15.580 kg, 3 imprints, 2 lampshades, material
1) LIII A₁ (body of bowl, wide neck, 5 cm cup rim, 2 dipper handles, body of cup w/ 2 thick lines) range from MMIB + Canaanite + Cypriot
2) LIII A₂ (Uncup rim w/ rounded lip w/ patterned s lip cup rim UP) Proven MMIB + N Canaanite, Cypriot, a unidentified import
3) LIII A₁ (UP cup rim, handle may be III A₁; rim UP cup/lip may be III A₂) + Cypriot shed

Other: charcoal, shells, bones, stone tool?, plaster

Inventoried: C9863 base frag. of burnished red/brown closed vase 1.4 C9848 in pail 26

In Area S₁, while the pass of pail 3:23 is still in progress, the south baulk is removed by machine. In addition, the area of trench 83B is cleared by machine in preparation for a future sounding.

The clay ends with the machine still clearing Trench 83B, and the passes of pails 3:23 and 3:25 still in progress.
July 20, 1993

Work begins in the morning with some workmen continuing the passes of pails 3:23 and 3:25 while others aid the clearing of the area of Trench 83B. The clearing work is completed by mid-morning, and all the workmen resume taking the passes in Areas S₁ and S₂.

In Area S₂, along Wall 1 to the north of the juncture of P and T, several small stones appear, and some even may belong to Wall 1 as they seem to be set into the wall where a large ashlar block seems to be missing.

July 21, 1993

Work on the passes of pails 3:23 and 3:25 is still in progress.

In Area S1, when the pass of pail 3:23 is completed, we begin another pass, keeping the same pail open because there has been no change of fill or other reason to change pails.

A few of the workmen have been cleaning Wall 1 intermittently. To the north of the juncture of the walls of P and T, in Wall 1, it is clear now that the small stones do belong to Wall 2, where ashlar blocks would be expected. This weak construction seems to have been responsible for the shifting of the ashlar blocks above, including the recessed block noted on pp. 42-43.

During the second pass of pail 3:23, we find what seems to be a flat sheet or blade of bronze. It was found at a point 1.0 m from the south edge of the trench and 1.5 m from the east scarp. (See p. 78 for location in diagram)

The clay seems to be disappearing from the fill of this pass; the fill is becoming purely loose brown earth. We will change pails after this pass in Area S1.
Trench 88A

showing top of pail 3:26

July 22, 1993

The workmen complete the pass of pail 3:25 in Area S2. They then turn to making an equal pass in Area N, for which pail 3:26 is opened.

Tr 88A/3:26

Under pail 3:24

Levels: N  S

Top:  4.42  4.43

Bottom: 4.04  4.05

Location: Area N

Type of F ill: clay, earth, and sand

Pottery: 116 vessels, 0.780 kg

Latest date: LM III A

range: MM III-LM I - LM III A

vessel by fine up conical cups and fine up thick vertical strap from clipper. 1 shred possibly oriental import

Other: bones

Inventoried C 9848 fine red-brown burnished closed vase (1 base)

= Foreign import, source?

By early afternoon the pass in Area N has been completed and pail 3:26 is closed. The workmen return to Area S2 and, since there has been no fill change, continue to use pail 3:25 for another pass.

In Area S1, workmen have been taking the second pass of pail 3:23 all day long.

The day ends with 3:23 and 3:25 in progress.
July 23, 1993

Work continues on the passes of pails 3:23 and 3:25.

In Area S1, as the pass of pail 3:23 progresses East toward the upright slab in the southeast corner, we discover a stone block flush against the upright block's eastern face (i.e. the face away from Wall 2). The top of this block is at 4100 m asl, so that the upright slab rises above the block for a preserved height of 66 cm. The width of the stone block, 65 cm, approximately matches the width of the stele, 60 cm, at its base. The width of the stele thus tapers towards the top (see p. 67). The thickness of the stele at the level of the stone block in front of it is 17 cm. At this point too one can see that the stele had a nicely cut surface, which has been worn away over time, one suspects, to produce the rough look of the preserved faces. The difference of 10 cm between the thickness of the bottom and that of the top may also be due in part to an original taper, and not just due to weathering.

The existing fill behind the stele, which can be seen to contain some rubble, is not cleared to the level of the top of the block in front because the rubble may have been placed there to support the stele from behind. The rest of the area around the stele is cleared to this level, which coincides with the bottom of the pass which the workmen have been taking so far.

To the south of the stele and against Wall 1 are found a patch of small stones, just at the level of the top of the base (c) stone for the stele. In the fill of this area we find some charcoal and two fragments of red-painted plaster. There are also some stone chips.
To the north of the stele and base, almost against Wall 1, is found another stone block at about the same level as the base block. However, it is not clear that this block is related to the stele- and base-structure, since it is separated from it by a distance of 20 cm.

By the end of the day, the area immediately surrounding the stele has been cleared to the same level in order to take photographs on Monday morning.
July 26, 1993

Work continues on the passes of pails 3:23 and 3:25.

In the morning J. Shaw takes several photographs of the stele structure. Afterwards, we excavate the fill behind the stele down to the level of the surrounding area. Pail 3:27 is opened for this purpose. The fill behind the stele turns out to have a large number of small stones and chips, as well as a few sherds.

To 88A/3:27
Under pail 3:22
Levels: Top: 4.37 Bottom: 4.00
Location: Area S1, between stele and Wall I
Type of Fill: brown earth, stones and chips
Pottery: 23 sherds, 0.370 kg, LM III A
    16th by 2 fine lip, 06 rims, 14 sherds of possible
    imported jar sherds - unit 5 LM III pottery asso. WP inside
    range AM PI/ONIA + LM III A
    Other: Bone, plaster, shell

Inventoried:

After the fill behind the stele structure is cleared, we mark off an area arbitrarily so as to be able to dig around a section of the stele. The area extends from the central E-W axis of the stele structure to the South builks, and it extends away from Wall I about 1.30 m. Pail 3:28 is opened for the excavation of this section (henceforth referred to as SW section). When the pass is completed, pail 3:28 is closed.
Stele Structure

State of excavation at bottom of pail 3:23

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Location: SW Section

Type of Fill: Brown earth, crumbly drops

Pottery: LM III A(?) 45 sherds, 0.460 kg

Burnished lower lip rim or thin band and everted lip of prob. post-LM I, prob. LM III A; also burnished thin-walled closed body sherd


Other: plaster, shells

Inventoried: —

After a pass is taken in Section SW, the pickman returns to work on the pail of 3:23 while the shovelman clears Section SW. Then the pickman returns to Section SW for another pass. Pail 3:29 is opened for this pass.

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Location: SW Section

Type of Fill: Brown earth, crumbly

Pottery: LM IA 35 sherds, 0.300 kg

Fine UP conical cup rim of LM IA type; nothing need be part LM IA

Range: MM II, LM IA

Other: plaster, bones, shells

Inventoried: —
Section through stele, E-W
showing pails of SW section
and relationships to stele structure and krepides of Wall 1

The pass of pail 3:29 exposes the bottom of the block in front of the stele, at a level of 3.70 m ASL. The stele itself continues further into the ground. Behind the stele, we can see now that two slabs have been wedged between the stele and Wall 1. The upper edges of the two support slabs are uneven, their highest points being 3.88 and 4.04 m ASL.

At the level of the bottom of the front "base" block we also find a possible surface with a few pebbles and bits of plaster scattered throughout. We close pail 3:29 when this pass is completed.

In order to take another pass in Section SW, we open pail 3:30. The pass contains a lot of fragments of plaster.

To 88A / 3:30
Under pail 3:29
Levels: NE SE NW SW
Top 3.70 3.70 3.70 3.70
Bottom 3.65 3.65 3.65 3.65
Location: SW Section
Type of Fill: Brown Earthy, crumbly, with bits of plaster and pebbles
Pottery: LMIB, 47 sherds, 0.670 kg
Range MMIII - LMIB
Fine U.P. conical lip rims of LMIIA(1) - LMIB(2) types
+ Large Eoy. of flanged potsherds with finely incised decoration on top
Other plaster

Inventoried: —
Trench 88A detail
showing completed excavation
of SW Section,
at bottom of pail 3:31

During this pass we discover that the exposed side of the support slab immediately behind the stele slab has traces of plaster preserved on it.

After the pass is complete, we close pail 3:30. We decide to take one more pass in order to expose the krepidoma of T, which we know from Trenches 83B and 77C to lie just below the bottom of the pass of pail 3:30. For this next pass, we open pail 3:31.

Tr 88A/3:31
Under pail 3:30
Levels: NE SE NW SW
Top 3.65 3.65 3.65 3.65
Bottom 3.63 3.63 3.63 3.63
Location: SW Section
Type of Fill: Brown Earth
Pottery: 15 sherds, 0.100 kg, LME
Fine wares: uneven, well represented, both open & closed shapes, some, pot, & UP (fire sp. can be found)
Med. course mini. pot. & bldg. stuck. May be MM III
Other: —
Inventoried: —

The krepidoma is now exposed, and we can now see that the westernmost support slab (i.e., the slab against Wall 1) rests on the krepidoma. Beneath the front (i.e., easternmost) "base" block can be seen a smaller stone set like a foundation or leveling course. As the pass is now complete, pail 3:31 is closed. Section SW will be photographed tomorrow.