At the western end on the bottom course there is a nice block 0.90 x 0.45 x 0.40 m. placed longwise N-S. Wall 2. To the west of this is a gap of 0.98 m which may be a doorway. Wall 2 is to the north of this corner block but seems to consist of only 6 courses of blocks stacked vertically and abutting wall 1 on the north; Wall 2 doesn't continue into the northern scarp. Wall 3 to the west has 2 courses of large ashlar blocks with nice faces to the south.

See plan page 86, photographs p. 92.

13 July 1983

Pail: 50 hevel: 4 Cleaning of floor
Under Pails: 45, 49
From levels: 3, 3.15
Type of soil: mainly loose, already excavated dirt and some packed earth
Pottery: 300 sherd. Open shape of vessels.
Other: Lm I
Inventory:

Pail 50 was used to take sherd picked up while cleaning the floor before photography and while cleaning the stones in the "threshold" of the doorway between walls 1 x 3. During the photography session. I used it only because there was no other place appropriate for these sherd since pails 45 & 49 were already set up and it wasn't certain these sherd go with the floor (they are probably from just above.)

Level of rocks in "doorway": L - 3.35
See plan p. 86, photo p. 94. W - 3.34
Pail: 51 level: 5
Under Pail: 45 level: 4
From depths: Ne: 3.315 To: Ne: 3.22
Se: 3.286 Ne: 3.205
Ww: 3.315 Nw: 3.275
Sw: 3.33 Sw: 3.27

Type of soil: rather hard, packed soil with some sand.

Pottery: 3 pails of 350 qp. scrappy, small. Some "vat" or "heart" frags. cooking vessel (type A). 5 ptt sherds. mm II, LM III.

Other: stone tools, box of ptt. plaster frags, plaster chunks, charcoal, bones, shells, bronze piece, green mold earth.
Inventario: CU526 flag from mold (?) - LM III.

We changed to level 5 when we began to excavate the floor. In the eastern half of the trench we began to find extensive patches of burning, including some burned rocks. About half a meter to the east of the western end of Wall 1 we found against the south scarp some horizontally laid stones which at first seemed to form the line of a possible N-S wall. The level of the rocks is 3.245. In the western half of the trench there were fewer sherds but more plaster fragments, including several pieces which were painted. These painted plaster fragments were not lying in a way which would indicate that they had fallen from a wall (Wall 3 presumably) but were mixed with rough chunks of plaster and sherds and seemed to be merely part of a fill. Besides, Wall 3 has an exterior face on the south side, so probably would not have been decorated with painted plaster.

After one pass of the entire trench we took levels and switched to pail 52. At the west end of the trench against Wall 3 we left a marker to show the level of the floor. Pail 51 is in level 5, which starts at the floor found in pails 48, 49.
We cleared away some earth from the tops of the horizontally laid stones uncovered in Pail 51.
As we cleared we found several more stones (also horizontal) to the east at a slightly lower level.
We continued Pail 52 with a pass over the western half of the trench while the dirt was being removed from the eastern half, then
reverted to the eastern half to clear the rocks and level off the Pail. At the top of the rocks we stopped Pail 52.
Also at the bottom of Pail 52 it was certain that the half column base and three other
stones set against the southern face of Wall 3 did not go down to the pebble course but were
associated with a later floor, perhaps that of Pail 51, since they rest on earth above the pebble floor.
In the eastern half of Pail 52 we found a great deal of burned earth, charcoal, and charred or burned pottery. Also the
horizontal stones were burned to the point of being crumbly. But in the western half of the trench there was very little charcoal or
burning and much plaster, some painted.
Pail: 53 Level: 4  North of Wall 1
Under Pail: 38 Level: 4
From depths:  E: 3.71  To:  E: 3.52
          W: 3.705  W: 3.55

Type of soil: hard, packed earth, with plaster
Pottery: 1 pail, 320g, similar to Pails 51, 52.

Inventoried:
- plaster chunks, bones, shells, charcoal

We resumed excavation of the area to the north of wall 1 (including the small space to the east of the "tower") but after one pass we decided to continue to focus our work on the south side of walls 1+3, since the space of Pail 53 is very small and therefore difficult to work in and unlikely to be very instructive.

We learned in Pail 53 that there is a fifth block beneath the "tower".

Pail: 54 Level: 5  western half of trench
Under Pail: 52
From depths:  N8: 3.19  To:  N8: 3.155
             SE: 3.20  SE: 3.155
             NW: 3.24  NW: 3.15
             SW: 3.20  SW: 3.135

Type of soil: compact brown earth, some red earth, with plaster
Pottery: 1 pail, 250-350 shards, tiny, scrappy, LMII mixture with some MM III.

Inventoried:
- plaster chunks, pb. plaster, shells

We excavated the western half of the trench separately since there had been no rocks on this side in Pail 52. In Pail 54 we found some patches of red earth in the south central area (south of the "doorway" between walls 1+3). At first we thought we had reached the...
level of the LMI pebble court just in front of the doorway but it turned out that there was an intermediate clay floor above the pebble court in most of the western half of the trench which partially merged with the pebble court near the doorway. When we had uncovered this clay surface we switched to Trench 57.

15 July 1978

Pail: 55  Level: 5  North of “threshold”

Under pail: 49, 50
From depth: 3.315  To: 3.065

Type of soil: hard packed brown earth with some stones, mainly horizontal flat ones.

Pottery: 1 pail 800 gms. very small, worn sherds. Latest: LMII conical cup rims. some red cooking ware, fine buff.

Other: plaster chunks

Inventoried:

Pail 55 was located north of the “threshold” between walls I + 3 and to the west of Wall 2. We found a stone paving which goes from the threshold (and apparently under it) to join with the pebble courtyard) northward under the north scarp, and from east to west the width of the doorway between Walls I + 3. This is perhaps a paved passageway leading off of the pebble courtyard. Although we cannot see where the paving and the pebble courtyard meet, the absolute levels and location of the paving between Wall 3 and the corner block of Wall 1 which must have been in place when the pebble courtyard was put down, suggests that the paving and courtyard were used simultaneously.
Pail: 56 Level: 5  Eastern half of trench
Under pail: 52
From depths: N: 3.20  To: N:
5: 3.13  5: 3.065

Type of soil: fairly soft brown earth with some charcoal bits
Pottery: 1 pail, 4,620 grams. Scrappy, worn sherd. Jug sherds
with wavy line decor between bands, semi globular copies LMI, LITHE:
Other: charcoal, pfa, plaster, plaster chunks, bones, green rock.

Inventoried: Green rock: S15-34, deaccessioned - is
actually an unworked bone.

In Pail 56 we cleared around the rocks first
uncovered in Pail 52. We found a large number of
flat stones laid horizontally, which, however, do
not seem to make a continuous paving. The western
edge of the stone slabs is the eastern limit of
the pebble courtyard. It was not obvious that
the north south line of stones were part of a wall,
and the majority of the stones were definitely not
associated with a wall or even with a floor.
Therefore we decided to excavate further and
remove some rocks from the east face of the
north south line in order to get a section and
to try to determine whether there was a wall
below (perhaps mm) and what the relationship
of the stones are to wall 1 and the pebble
court. At this level Wall 1 continued
down in its bad construction style.

Pail: 57 Level: 5  Western half of trench
Under pail: 54
From depths: N: 3.155  To: N:
5: 3.155  E: 3.11
Nw: 3.15  Nw: 3.10
Sw: 3.135  Sw: 3.11

Type of soil: packed earth with some sand & pebbles.
Pottery: very small worn sherds, some red cooking ware,
tempered buff, the buff, latest LMI:
1 pail, 495 grams.
Eastern half of trench, viewed from west.
Showing N-S line of rock slabs which marks the eastern edge of the pebble courtyard; horizontal rock slabs in south portion of trench; wall 1 + gourna. After Pails 56, 57.

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As Above

Other:
Inventoried:

In Pail 57 we removed the last thin layer which covered the pebble courtyard. This layer was very easy to separate from the pebble floor and came away almost in strips quite easily. There were very few sherds in this layer.
When we had cleared the pebble floor we reached the end of excavation in the western half of the trench.

18 July 1983

Pail: 57 Level: 5 Eastern half of trench
Under pail: 5/5
From depths: 3.00
To: 2.51
58: 2.925

Type of soil: fairly soft brown earth
Pottery: pails, 6,670g. small, worn sherds. some "vat" or "beehive" slabs. latest date: LM IA
Other:

Inventoried: 66684 Bridge spouted jar mm=B
668 85 - Waster 666 860 "Vat"

We excavated the area between the horizontally laid stones and wall 1, from the north-south line of stones on the west to the eastern scarp, including the area east of wall 1. The fill was rather soft and contained burnt stones, mostly flat slabs laid horizontally here and there, and also some charcoal and coarse wares, especially with notably large sherds.

In the east we soon found a layer of grey clay. We eventually found this clay against and apparently under wall 1 (the south face) and sloping down into a sort of pit. Near the north-south line of stones we found some pebbles, not 2
court yard or surface, not rather a spill from the pebble courtyard to the west. We removed a few stones adjacent to the north-south line of stones and found beneath them the stones of the top of a wall, possibly an 

wall.

Since we suspected that the grey clay found in most of Paul 58 is bedrock, we stopped excavation of the trench, intending to make a test sounding later to confirm that it is bedrock.

The clay layer is at the bottom of Wall 2 which stands 1.52 m. high in the western part and 1.62 m. high in the eastern addition.

Paul 59 Level: 5
Under Paul: 57
From depths: 3.11
To: 2.965
Type of Soil: pebbles
Pottery: 50 gm. 7 sherds. undatable
Other:

In Paul 59 we cut a window into the pebble courtyard against the south face of Wall 3 at the spot where we expected to find the base of a column along the line of columns (that is, 3.97 m. east of the nearest column base to the west.) We found it, at the level 2.965, with the top of the base as preserved under Wall 3 at 3.10.
We finished the excavation of Trench 52A at the pebble courtyard.

In subsequent explorations by the Director, Architect, and Foreman in the area of the column base, a second pebble floor with lime added, was found at 3.02. Also some paving slabs similar to those uncovered in Trench 55 north of the threshold were found behind the column base at 3.02. These finds were paralleled in the area of the column base in Trench 34A.2.

Description of Walls:

Wall 1: 2.70 m long
   0.90 m wide
   1.52 m high on the west side
   1.62 m high on the east end
   The west end has a corner block
   0.90 x 0.47 x 1.07 m with tender construction above.
   To the east of this are two meter-long sections of ashlar masonry, very sloppy. The two sections are separated by a sharp vertical line, 80 m from the eastern end.

Wall 2: no length - doesn't continue into north ramp.
   Width: 1.75 m
   Height: 1.31 m, 4 courses perhaps a robbed wall. Now, wall is a misnomer.
Wall 3: E-w wall
Length: 4.40 m (within 52A)
Width: .86 m
Height: .52 m
2 courses of ashlar blocks, 4 on top,
5 on bottom. Easternmost block on
upper course is reused sill block.
North face apparently smaller stones,
perhaps similar to walls of 53A
(see NB 42A).

wall 3 = wall 7 of trench 42A.
Trench 52B.

Trench 52B is located in the southern area of the site immediately north of trench 36B, dug by A. Nixon in 1980. During the excavation of 36B, walls P and Q (see plan p. 114) had been uncovered. The chief objective for the excavation of trench 52B was to explore building Q.

We began by clearing the dump which was located on the west side of trench 52B. The preparation of the trench actually took two full days. On 20 July we finally measured out the trench. Its dimensions are 6.00 m E-W x 6.43 m N-S (although the boundary on the south was marked by a string at 5.43 m from the north).

When we began to excavate, one tall block in the northeast corner of the trench was already visible at 5.98 m above sea level. The slope of the surface was fairly sharp—about 1 meter from north to south. We cleared sand for several hours without opening a single deposit or saving any sherds since so much sandy earth had been dumped from other trenches previously excavated into this area that these surface finds could only be considered contaminated and totally without relevance to the trench. When we found 2 lines of stones, one of small irregular stones and one of 2 large ashlar blocks, on the north edge of the trench, we opened our first pit.
20-23 July 1983

Pail 60  Level Z  Entire trench
Under pail: x

From depths: NE: 5.92  To: NE: 5.19
SE: 5.05
SW: 5.92
NW: 5.00

SW: 5.255
C: 5.375

Type of soil: Sand and rocks.

Pottery: 4 pails: 14,600 g. Typical 13th C.C. sherds.
  Classical Attic bowl rim.

Other: 1 piece of glass, roof tiles (see p.110).

Inventoried: C6692 + C6691: 2 rotive lekanidae.
  Mi. 146 - glass piece

We began excavation of trench 52B with Pail 60.
The surface sloped almost a meter downward from
north to south; we leveled off the trench
somewhat during the first few passes.

The first pass in Pail 60 contained very many
rocks; all over the surface of the trench. Mixed
with this rubble fill were sherds and sand.

Beneath the stone layer the sand became rather
hard and contained fewer sherds. The last
pass of this hard packed sand contained
almost no sherds.

Pail 60 revealed the tops of several stones
along a NNE-SSW line on the east side of
the trench. This is probably the top of a wall,
perhaps the east wall of Building 0, which
will be defined as we excavate further.

Along the north side of the trench, we cleared
the top of wall 1, of which some stones were
visible after the initial cleaning of very loose
sand from the surface of the area (see plan
p.116). To the east of these stones and blocks
we found a stone enclosure made of 3 rectangles

Note on roof tiles from 2:60:
There were about 14 pieces from each tile;
6 of these were edges. We recovered no
cover tiles. The roof tiles were found
mixed in with the rock fill in Pail 60,
and just below it. The roof tiles were
dumped in Burned Building B.
slablike blocks set on edge against a row of stones or low wall. The enclosure measures about 0.65 m. N-S and 0.44 m. E-W. We found darker earth both inside the enclosure and just to the east of it, so we decided to excavate these 2 small areas in Trench 61. 

*These are interior measures.*

23 July 1983

Pit 61: 61 level: 2 within stone enclosure on under Pit 61: 60 north side of trench. From depth: 5.43 To: 5.12 Type of soil: dark brown to grey earth with many beach pebbles. Pottery: Only 2 small sherd of late 2nd or 1st BC tulip cup are datable. to 1st BC. Other: Burnt seeds, burnt bones, bones, stone tools. Inventoried: 0 aco-wholecup-votive lance 1st BC.

Pit 61 included the earth just to the east of the stone enclosure against the north wall in the trench, and the earth within the enclosure. We found only beach pebbles in the grey earth to the east. Inside the enclosure we found one cup (see above), some burnt bones and burnt seeds. We took a sample of earth to be water-screened and dry-sifted the rest but this work produced only a handful of small sherds and bones. At the bottom of the enclosure were stones. The stones on the bottom are not burned but the sides of the upright enclosing stones are burned on the interior. We concluded that this enclosure was a hearth. We made photographs during and after the excavation of Pit 61.

Since the southern side of the enclosure is about to fail over, we will put it back in place when we have excavated a little more on the exterior of the enclosure.
25 July 1983

Pail: 62 level: 2 entire trench
Under Pail: 60
From depths: NE: 5.19 TO: NE: 4.97
SE: 4.84 SE: 4.835
NW: 5.00 NW: 4.915
SW: 5.02 SW: 4.815
C: 4.92 C: 4.745

Type of soil: very hard packed sand-earth mixture.
Pottery: 1 pail, 3,150 g. Scraps to 9th c. B.C., 80 cup bases + rims + some Hellenistic. To Hellenistic.
Other: stone tools, red earth, shells, bones, pumice
Inventoried: C 6735 - large pithalic in fine ware - 3rd B.C.

In Pail 62 we made 3 passes of the entire trench. This work produced only half a pail of sherds. The earth was very hard packed sandy soil, apparently the accumulated erosion fill of the years between the 9th c. B.C. and 4th c. B.C. levels; though this theory will have to be confirmed by what we find below. We also found a wall on the east side of the trench which appears to be the east wall of Building O. We found some flat stones just to the south of the hearth and also to the west of the hearth. It is not clear yet what these are.

We changed to Pail 63 when we reached a softer soil with many large rocks.

Pail: 63 level: 2 entire trench
Under Pail: 62
From depths: (62 ending depths above)
Type of Soil: compact, slightly sandy brown earth with some stones
Pottery: 1 pail, 3,800 g. To 7th c. B.C. (bg cups)
Join with c. 6735 from 3rd B.C.
Other: stone tools, bone, shells, charcoal, iron nails, bone tool, bronze wire