31 July 1984

Head to Mi'run, and a brief visit to Haggi T.,
where our compatriot de Rosa is excavating a Late
building near the site, also LM III in date. Their
entire group, including That of DeVita, director of the
Italian School, now excavating at Gortyna, will
visit the site on Saturday.

60B.

66A1. The trench, also 60B, becoming quite filled with
walls of LM I, III, and Archaic periods.

67A1.

68A1.

69A1. Tomorrow we will see the road.

David Reed arrives.
60B. Slow moving down toward the somewhat ephemeral flow ridge in Trench 52B of Building Q, before the plunge down of about 0.56m. to LM I levels when we hope to be able to trace the LM II pebble court on the eastern corner.

56A1. Difficult, painstaking were above the LM I e-w wall (S ?, T ?) which is quite paved with large roundish stones. The structural integrity and appearance of the wall remain unclear, but we do find (and with some relief) that the wall terminates on a line at the western end of the LM I court and probably with a substantial nodular block, with the inner face set on the south. South of here we continue to dig around the passage behind the F.I. section retaining wall of reused Mycenaean blocks.

57A1. As expected, the s. face of the LM I wall has been quite robbed of its nodular blocks — the fact that the n. face is rather intact, a mix of regular slab work, reinforces an argument that the fortress of the Sabaite in the southern sec. we began, now. To excavate n. of the wall, within what must have been a long, corridor-like room that will appear as an atrium in a plan.

57A2. Began as a strangely shaped, "patch" trench between 57A1 and 58A. This will complete the inner corner of the great 1984 "L" trench and in particular, allow for drainage. Mid-week next week we may be forced to narrow it so that the lowest level can be reached.

58A. Babeth is sick — no worse.
39A. The road’s reached, and cleared without incident although there is a question of how thin there is a gutter, at the end of the day. Tomorrow we will cement all up properly.

We built a 1.2m wide wooden bridge over the e-w trench. Quite a project. It allows even wheelbarrows to cross. Our first group of visitors crossed today.
60A. Final photos of a cistern exposed in the late Hellenistic pavement.

60B. Clearance of the floor of Building C reveals a north-south cross wall that appears to separate 5 into two large inner rooms (on the east) and an open porch (on the west). Two floors are found in the room: 1) an upper floor of slabs, of which Beth P. found a few, and 2) a burnished floor surface with imprints that has not appeared yet but can be seen in the scarp.

56A. The E-W LM I Minoan wall is slowly being investigated. Some of it has large ashlar blocks (as per facade). By tomorrow afternoon, the entire upper part and at least the upper blocks of the s. face will be visible.

57A.

58A.

59A. Road is completely cleared, and is certainly the most handsome yet of road-cum-sewer basins that we have revealed so far! Upon moving north into the area of the chance now from the road the immediate results are masses of LM III pottery of some quality.
Completion, essentially, of the eastern room. The walls in the eastern room go down further seems reasonable for the floor (outside) already found, so I assume either a step down to a lower level or that the walls are earlier and being reused, 0.90m, or go down to the 1.0m level.

66A. In the process of removing an insubstantial retaining wall n. of D's facade, MIS finds a square spouted basin rather like a whirlpool used for crushing paper but more of a deep basin than a shallow basin on a slab that we are used to from the 2nd hillside houses.

67A. Upper level linking trench, only.

68A. I may have misunderstood the laying in of the original floor. It may have been bedrock covered by a thin, levelling layer of sand covered by earth which was found quite burnt. A board floor?

69A. Much finer late III emerging as we begin the real business of tracing the 2nd walls north of the road.

The staff photo, not taken since 1979, so, is taken upon the road with our combined Pitsidia/Konnos staff upon the facade and road. We now have the largest field staff, with 26 workers, that we have had in the past.
608. no excavation.

56A.

57A2. linking trench in sand levels.

58A. Our understanding of the eastern room is sure: the burnt layer is original, above the original floor. In the western room we are at a level now, above the burnt floor, with large flat pithos sherds scattered over the entire floor. Here, I think, is a reuse, but there are often possible interpretations, especially if most or all of the pottery is MIII, as happened in the eastern room above what was interpreted then as MII. I hope here will terminate shortly.

59A. No excavation.
6 August. The final week.

While various types of arrangements are being made for the more mundane aspects of the excavation (rental payments, screen doors on kitchen andapse, salaries, new screens for drying pottery, extra film for final object and site photography), this week's digging will complete almost all details of the great L-shaped trench laid out in early June.

56B. Q now has, outside the house, two floors which will, I am rather sure, terminate not far above the underlying Minoen remains. Tomorrow the former will be photographed and we will be into Minoen remains by Wednesday.

56A. Cleaning down to the LM I floor has now begun. South of the great east-west wall, we should be at floor level by Wednesday. A certain amount of LM II is eagerly awaited by PB. MCS also looks with GB for more painted plaster fragments in Space II in the LM I Sth and recovers a half piece with geometric painting and "eggs" as lively decoration, perhaps the best plaster bit found.

56A. LM I ware (spirals, chiefly) found above the quite dense scatter of MM III-LM I pottery above the original floor of the W. room here.

56A/2. Great progress with the active help of the trenchmaster, Eric Czago.

59A/A1. Slabs all about in the south, and also in possibly MM wall, which will be cleared tomorrow. The results may be very interesting, an possibility is that we will perhaps now
the nun level when the road was first laid in north of T—a wall on an upper level seems to have been cut off, but this is uncertain, one may also read the date \( \text{III/II} \).
August 1984.

60B. Two more successive floors of the western room (pouch, postico, probably) are removed & photographed. Chieflly, they are rubbish & ash from inside, thrown out of the interior which was found quite bare of remains. The collection of pottery which is from a building with religious quasi-Tibetian (and probably outside the Temple?) should form a fine contrast with Temple B.3 and its exterior court excavated by Marin in 42A in front of the temple. Tomorrow we should be in Minoan levels. Some finer Rhodian wild-goat style appears in half- 
ments — certainly an 'first' example.

56A. Discussion of section a lane is being looked at
with great difficulty by MCS.

57A-2. We will be forced to contract this trench
soon in order to reach a level where drainage
of 58A to the southwest will be possible.

58A. More fish pottery. Well filled in in
eastern room which the 'floor' intersected with
signed fill from the western room.

59A. Slabs removed slowly. In a day or so can
will be able to distinguish LM, perhaps even
MM, levels.
80B. More of the fills, fine ware in found, which a small "platform" below Q, is cleared. Can we now enter the Bronze Age, with three days of excavation and 0.60m. of vertical excavation remaining?

56A. Another hearth and a roasting pit are found alongside the north wall of D. The chronology here will be interesting indeed.

57A.
57A1. Parallels with the probable appearance at an E. S. wall in the e. part of the trench, with a doorway leading east to other parts of the interior of Building T.

58A. Final cleaning and photos.

59A. After cleaning masses of large blocks — rather like ram slabs — we may be coming down in an eastern area with a bench facing south toward the LM I road. The architectural and chronological parameters, however, remain undefined.

Mrs. D. Varliano writes us and tells us that all of the presentation intended to allow us to build the attaining walls has been lost in Ateke's incompetence, which staggers me. Must we be forced into a position where the remainder really suffer?
608. We are now definitely below the 75 c. level associated with Building P and by noon tomorrow will have begun clearing around some of the lower blocks that are beginning to appear, so far not in place, in the fall.

57A1. Interesting remains of depth alongside Building P's north wall, at the LM II level discerned last year by Guy & Beth in trenches 52 & 53A. Most important in the discovery of a wall end of P here formed by mosaic blocks set perfectly together, one 1.30m. long, to form the end of the wall on a line to the east which, not by coincidence, ends on a line with the LM I court which also ends at: so the continuity is there for LM I & III periods, and there in a certain fairness in wondering about an analogous function.

58A2. Hard pressed by time, but progressing, with two w/s walls appearing now. We are in a great effort to complete this great trench.

59A. An upper surface on the south is photographed – another is shortly found which will probably be the main one in connection with the east wall on the north here. If this is the LM I surface, here will be the accomplishment of our aim: how did it look, just in of the road here, during LM I.

Mrs. Vahanian + Mr. Navasir appear, she for the second time, as appears of Georges once again today on a leaning wall. Mrs. V's insistence on procedure rather than usage is difficult to deal with.
60 B. With little time to spare, we arrive at the 6B level and discover, as expected, the LRM I pebble court. Projecting out from it, exactly as P#1 to the north, is RCS' trench, the continuation of the wall originally found by Beth Fisher in 52 B in 1983, now christened P0 (Building) #2 (Wall to the South). In 60 B, as expected, there is little to the wall except the foundation course, where traces of the wooden beams used in the construction were uncovered. Nevertheless, the enormous slab used as a foundation for the wall and serves as an adequate indication, along with well preserved P1 to the north, of the wall's position.

56A#. The wall end of P1 is cleared, then suitably admired, as is the end of the east-west wall of T where the construction, however, is less massive. Alongside the wall of T, on the north, was another "cooking pit" with a scope 1m even not far away, of the type known from the houses to the north. The "squatter" situation is analogous with the situation in Corrida "I", just south of J where past main use of T there was built a small fireplace next to the southern wall. To the east of house 56A was a series of burnt levels, probably of the reuse phases that extended to the pebble court but probably not upon it. RCS found what she thought to be the original dirt floor in the area. Upon the court was a bit of stamped floor of the type found within T in trench 53A. There was a N/S wall here, south of the pillar identified in 1983, and perhaps extending into 60 B, but in neither area, in LRM II, is there any suggestion that the related spaces were closed by doors.
57A2. Rapid excavation clears almost all the floor in the linking trench between Eric (E) and Barbettes (E) rooms. At the end of the uncovering an upste-deve r. is abut to found on the floors of the continuation of the corridor of T on the east here. The discovery and description of a number of walls here make T an interesting building and seem to reinforce the idea that we are dealing with matters of storage.

The corridor leading (c) into the separate rooms (for storage) alongside the n. wall of T.

58A. A plaster on this s. wall turns out to be only a patch which is photographed.

59A. The trench ends handily with the exposure of a partially paved court south of the 12M building exposed partially earlier in the season. Thus we knew what the area looked like here immediately north of the great east-west road; an 12M house could a court with colonnades set along the line of the house as heretofore for those wishing to look south and, incidentally, at passers-by on the road.

Thus a long and unimpeded excavation period ends without negative incident and the original aims of the 2 trench of 1984 are largely achieved. It would seem that we have, for instance, the culture of dimension of T, and almost all of its plan.
even though we do not have a clear understanding of the great building's function. However, with the clearing of the Southern part of TM, we have exposed LM III P, successor to T, in the numerous analogous east–west spaces (P1 to P10 P1), of similarly unknown function. During the winter there will be no doubt, much discussion of the possibilities.

If we had had a few more days we would have completely cleared E (prev. p.) where the upper-down fruit stand was found, to the floor. There is also the question, unsolved because we just managed to complete the lining trench, of the nature of the floor in B and F. A leprous like floor of a nature of substantial nature lies upon every soft fill – where in the primary floor, so easily defined at the lowest level (1-3.1m.) in the rooms along the north? Was a floor thought to be unnecessary because of the nature of the room, or could there be a lower floor that seems has been undetected?

Another item of some interest would have been the cleaning of the interior of the LM building on the north – at the last minute, an hour or so before we were to quit, BH began to clean tumbled rubble from part of the house only to uncover a series of tumbled storage and cooking vessels, no doubt resting upon a floor. Two were exposed and most likely there are more. George the foreman, M.C.S and I agree that they should be covered over as they are, as soon as they are photographed and drawn.

Excavation was, as usual, followed by photography, study, and building on the site. We have done some consolidation, but will apparently not be able to do as much as I had originally planned.
Since Mr. Vallianon insists that I be around (or some of the staff) to supervise, as if experience could not do the simple and more numerous tasks by himself. Should the permit come for us to build the retaining wall for the attics we will begin immediately. Otherwise we will have to shore them up further with dry masonry and hope for the best.