In space A an approx. 20m. press is taken with pail 37. In the southern corners, in front of wall 3, a layer of fallen red-painted plaster is exposed. The earth here is full of crumbled rough plaster, like the ‘cottage cheese’ layer directly above the surface in space B.

In the southern half of space B one press is taken with pail 38. A good deal of small stone debris is removed. Several fur. of amphorae are found. The earth will be dry sieved for sherds.

In the southern corners of space A the fallen red plaster pieces are numerous enough to warrant a photograph (see p. 92). Work continues in the north of the space where several pieces of white plaster with a finely finished surfaces are uncovered.

Photos of red plaster in situ adjacent to wall 3 from north (Roll 5 fr. 35-37) - Pail 37 - 27? see comment p. 75 re plaster.
Work continues in space A with pail 37. The excavated earth from pail 39 space 13 is removed for sieving. In space A a pass is made from the north to bring the level of the space down to the level of the fallen red plaster in the south. Compact brown earth, with a little dark brown earth, clay & charcoal is removed along with small stone debris. The sherds appear less worn than in previous series, more colorful. Approx. 1.50 m. from wall 3 a whole pot is uncovered. The earth in the area gives way to a stony-grey clay, like that found in space 3B. Some sherds are lying loose. In the same area, in pits against wall 4 a piece of dark-blue & light-blue striped plaster appears; adjacent to this, a piece of red & white striped plaster appears to have fallen from the wall. Adjacent to this is another fallen piece of plaster with light-blue, dark-blue and cream colored bands. (See sketch p. 94). At this point the approximate level of the fallen plaster adjacent to wall 3 is reached throughout the trench. The earth is sieved and pail 37 closed. M. Shaw abandons her own trench to examine the plaster.

A new pail is begun in the south half of space 3B to excavate down to the floor reached in the northern half.
Pail 39 (level 3) Space B
under pail 38
From depth of: 3.26 / 3.30
To: 3.14 / 3.16 (floor level)
Type of soil: compact brown earth and olive clay with small stone clefts.
Pottery content: 13, 510 gr. c. 530 sherds.
Largely small worn sherds. Date: MM III.
"Val" fm.
Other: charcoal, plaster, red plaster, shells, bones, clay lumps
Inventoried: C6516 part of potter's "lid" or lid? C6517 rim from from rhyton C6518 & C6519 conical cups; C6520 Bowl. See fig. 10. bottom.

Working south from the middle of space A an overturned cup is exposed on the surface of the floor. When it rains it pours. Another overturned cup appears on top of a fallen slab. A great deal of charcoal and sherds and a little plaster in one also exposed on the surface.

At the completion of this press to floor level what appeared at first to be a promising floor deposit did not become so! Several possible smashed pots were recorded but in most cases sherds lying on the floor do not seem to belong to smashed vessels.

Levels in Tr.53A space B at southern half of bottom of pail 38
Levels in Tr.53A space A at bottom of pail 37.
Tuesday July 12 1983

This morning two new pails were begun in Space 4: In the northern half:

* Pail 40 (level 3)
  Under pail 37
  From depth of: 3.37 / 3.47
  To: 3.22 / 3.26
  Type of soil: compact brown earth, steel-grey clay, little stone debris.
  Pottery content: 10,410 gr ca. 800 sherds
  Dale: MM III - LM I

Other: 1 bucket plaster, shells, clay lumps, charcoal, bone, stone tools.

Inventoryed: 16630, possible stand 1544, anchor fragment 1558 cobble

In the southern half, where the painted plaster pieces were found and where M. Shaw & C. Sease will spend some time removing them:

* Pail 41 (level 3)
  Under pail 57
  From depth of: 3.52 / 3.39
  To: 3.16 / 3.22 (approx)
  Type of soil: compact brown earth, steel-grey clay patches, little stone debris
  Pottery content: 16,630 gr ca. 630 sherds

Other: painted plaster, rough plaster, bone shell, pumice, charcoal.

Inventoryed: 16630 Rhyton spout (MM III/III)
  c.6631 Bowl LM I
  c.6632 closed vase LM IA

Note: see also p. 106 for pails 1-4
A first pass in the northern half of space A with spad 40 exposes some steel-grey clay, plaster and many limpets. No painted plaster appears in this pass.

In the southern half of space A more pieces of painted plaster are uncovered. The pieces are sketched by Sr. Bianco, to be removed this morning. (See sketch p.10.)

In the southern half of space B, spad 39 is continued to the level of the steel-grey clay surface. It appears that in places the surface is a pebble floor.

A new trench, 53A1, is begun this morning. This trench is a southern extension of Tr 53A and measures 4.10 m E-W × 4.00 n-s. The trench will also have a westward extension to connect with Tr 52A. One practical function of the new trench is that it will allow Tr 53A to drain into Tr 52A. (See plan p.100.) The objective of the new trench is to determine what lies south of cell 4 in Tr 53A. Previous excavation in this area consisted of Tr 53A1 & A3, which reduced the level of the area down to the kestetwicence of cellers L & M (see plan p.6).

Excavation in the new trench begins with sand clearing. Then a first pass is made:

- Spad 42 (level L)
- Under — from depth of: 5.92/6.03
- To 5.58/5.74
- Type of soil: compact sand
Pottery content: 1,500 gr. Scraps to 4th - 2nd c B.C.

Other: bone, pumice

Inscrubbed: C 6510 fr. of bull figurine?

Another piece in the northern half of space A produced many sherds which appear unworn, much fine white plaster, and more limpet. Near floor level?

In space B the floor is uncovered throughout. It is composed of steel-grey clay and small pebbles. The area of the small-pebble floor does not appear to include that adjacent to any of the three walls. Only one vessel was found intact on the floor and this one (#1 see sketch p. 102) was leaning upside down against wall 3. Another whole cup was found crumpled just above floor level (# 2). A number of sherds of possibly the same cup were found on the floor and bagged together (# 3). Photos were taken (see pp. 98 and 82).

In the southern half of space A C. Searf removed the painted plaster pieces. Beneath these visible another piece appeared with a new color scheme: a black and an olive pair of bands. A color photo was made of this.
Work continues in Trench 53A with pail 42, through compact sand.

In space Trench 53A space A work continued in both the northern half - with pail 40 - and in the southern half with pail 41. Adjacent to wall 4 in halfway between walls 2 & 3 another group of painted plaster pieces were exposed. These are in much poorer condition than those found just south and removed yesterday. The pieces are decorated with bands in the same color schemes as those found just south. In the process of cleaning around the plaster pieces, several are removed. The others will remain for the time being. Adjacent to wall 4 approx. 1.00 in south of wall 2, two overturned vessels are exposed, a conical cup and a straight sided cup. In the southern half of the trench, another overturned cup is exposed, in approx. the center of the southern half. Perhaps the floor level will be found in space 1 at a higher level than in space 13, as the current level of A is approx. 3.30 m.

Against wall 2 traces of red painted plaster with pink backing are found, similar to that found adjacent to wall 3. This suggests that the two W-E walls of space A were red-painted.
Thursday July 14 1983

Work continues in 53A1 with pail 41, and in the southern half of 53A space A with pail 41. A third group of painted plaster pieces is exposed just south of the group removed on July 13. They will remain for the time being. A third whole cup is found overturned in the southern half of space A, along with a single MM² (light orange) sherd in perfect condition.

In 53A1 a new pail is begun to dig deeper:  
* Pail 43 (level 2)  
  Under pail 42  
  From depth of: 5.58/5.74  
  to: 5.34/5.48  
  Type of soil: compact sand mixed with earth.  
  Pottery content: 1,230 gr.  
  Thc c. BC scraps but with 1 Late  
  Str. c. B.C. Cretan Kalathos.  
  Other: bone, pumice, stone tool, metal.  
  Inventoried: C6646 Cretan Kalathos

In the NW corner of 53A1 a patch of burnt earth is uncovered.

A complicated situation emerges in 53A space A. In the northern half, pail 40 is closed at a level showing a number of flat lying sherds and two vessels lying on their sides. (see fig. p. 106 top).

In the southern half, pail 41 is continued approx. 5-10 cm lower than the level in the northern half.
Photo of lump of earth with tiny shard pits (Roll 7 Frames 9 & 10)

Three whole cups are visible, two upside-down and one on its side. In the NE corner of the space a patch of bright orange substance in soil is exposed. Also found in this area are two lumps of earth with countless tiny fragments of different pots embedded in one surface. (See photo p. 108.) In the SW corner of the space, the orange soil gives way to steel-grey clay on top of which lie unwarmed sherd's. It seems that we have a floor; the sherd's from this last c. 5cm pass will be collected in a new pail.

Pail no 44 (Level 3)
Under pail 41
From depth of: 3.16 / 3.22 (approx.)
To: 3.11 / 3.16 (Floor level)
Type of soil: Brown earth with grey clay
Pottery content: 4,715 cr. 579 sherd's
Mostly tempered buff, fine ware, untempered
Date: LM IA. Joins with pail 45 pot 10
Other: painted plaster, ground pot sherd's, rough plaster, bone, shell, charcoal, stone tools
Inventoried:

Levels in Tr 53 A space A southern half at bottom pail 44 (floor level)

This pass hopefully represents the earliest collection of sherd's on the floor. It is interesting that the three whole cups of pail 41 lie approx. 5cm. above the floor. Do the level of these cups represent the final level of a single period of use of the space or a reuse? Only one object, other than sherd's, was lying flat on the floor: a flat stone.
Vessels inventoried from pail 45.
(for pots 1-4 see pail 41)

Pot 5  =  C 6647 straight-sided cup, LM1A.
Pot 6  =  C 6648 conical cup, LM1A.
Pot 7  =  C 6649 cooking vessel.
Pot 8  =  C 6650 conical cup, LM1A.
Pot 9  =  C 6651-        
Pot 10 =  C 6652 vessel, LM1A
Pot 11 =  C 6653 conical cup, LM1A
Pot 12 =  C 6654 closed vessel, LM1A
   (for pots 13-15 see pail 50.)
   Location of pots 5-12 shown on
   pp 114 & 116.

   Note: sherd of pot 12 (C 6654) found
   in 42A (pail B 67) already. This sherd
   was found on the primary steel-grey
   clay floor of space 16.

Friday July 15 1983
This morning in Tr 53A1 work continues
with pail 43! The top of the limestone
chip layer is being exposed.

In Tr 53A space A a new pail
is begun in the northern half to ex-
cavate down to the surface reached
yesterday in the southern half:

* Pail 45  (level 3)
   under pail 40
   from depth of: 3.22/3.46
   to: 3.12/3.14 (floor level)
Type of soil: Brown earth with a little
grey clay and very little stone debris.
Pottery content: 18,635 g. 1506 sherds.
Mostly TB & fine ware, some undatable.
Date: LM1A. Also "vat" for.
Other: painted plaster, plaster, charcoal,
bones, shells, stone tools, pot contents.
Inventoried: for vessels see p. 110

In 53A1 a new pail is begun to remove the stone chip layer:

* Pail 46  (level 2)
   under pail 43
   from depth of: 5.34/5.48
   to: 5.27/5.40
Type of soil: brown earth with stone
chips.
Pottery content: 6,400 gr.
Scraps to 7th c. B.C.
other: bones, shells, gypsum, stone tool.

Inventoried:

Within pail the limestone chip layer is removed. This layer slopes from north to south and at a lesser angle from east to west (approx. 5.48 NE; 5.31 NW; 5.37 SE; 5.27 SW corners in elevation). A new pail is begun to dig deeper.

* Pail 47 (level 2)
  Under pail 46
  From depth of: 5.27 / 5.40
  To: 5.31 / 5.36

Type of soil: medium brown earth

Pottery content: 1,150 gr. Scans to 7th c. B.C.

Other: Bones

Inventoried:

An area of the backwash extension measuring 2.00 m N-S x 1.80 m W-E is marked out and a first pail began here:

* Pail 48 (level 2)
  Under —
  From depth of: 5.92 / 5.98
  To: 5.31 / 5.34

Type of soil: compact sand, brown earth

Pottery content: 500 gr. Mostly 7th c. B.C. but two possible Class. I Hell. ring bases.
In space A, a small floor deposit is uncovered with quadr 45, consisting of about half conical cups, mostly upside down and not directly on the floor. Most important, a fine decorated bowl was found crumpled on the floor near the west scarp (see fig. p. 114, pat 12). About a dozen small cobbles and one larger stone tool were collected. The floor itself is composed of hard steel-grey clay, as in space B. However, patches of bright orange substance were present on the floor of space A in both halves. This was not noted in space B. A large charcoal patch was also noted in the northern half of space 15. Several small pieces of painted plaster with red and white bands were found in the NW corner of the space. C. Bianco drew the small floor deposit and photos were taken (see p. 116).
Work continues in the westward extension with pail 48. A new pail is begun to remove the bulk between Tr 53A1 and Tr 53A:

* Pail 49 (level 2)
under
from depth of: 5.92 - 6.03
.to: 5.22 - 5.23
Type of soil: compact sand and sand-mixed with earth, brown earth
Pottery content: 2,750 gr. Mixed. Some Thuc. II C but some classical. To 3rd c. B.C.
Other: shells, bones

Inventoried:

In Tr 53A space A the remaining painted plaster pieces are removed with the assistance of conservator L. Circuit. At the same time an area approx. 7.5 m² area in which the plasters were embedded excavated down to floor level with a new pail:

* Pail 50 (level 3)
under pails 40 & 41.
from depth of: 3.25
.to: 3.12 (floor level)
Type of soil: compact brown with clay
Pottery content: 2,110 gr. Mixed with TB & fine, fine masticate. Date: LMI. "Val” fr.
Other: painted plaster, rough plaster, shells, stone tools, bones
Inventoried: Pot 13 = C 6679 conical cup
Pot 14 = C 6680 conical cup
Pot 15 = C 6681 closed vessel

Photo of small floor deposit in Tr 53A space A northwest half of bottom pail, showing number pots, from south.
In this pail three whole or nearly whole vessels were removed. From the layer of plasters, a cup (#13 see Fig. p. 118), from below the layer of plasters, on the floor a conical cup (#14) and a number of fragments of an amphora (#15).

In 53A1, the top of wall 3 seems to have been reached with pail 49. In the SW NE corner of the trench a patch of very dark brown soil is exposed. Some stone chips removed.

Pail 48 is closed upon reaching the top of the stone chip layer. Pails 47 & 49 are closed at the level of the top of wall 3.

This morning two new pails are begun in Tr 53A1; in the 4.00 x 4.10 m square to expose the face of Wall 3:

+ Pail 51 (level 3)
  under pails 47 and 49
  
  from depth of: 5.21/5.25
  to: 4.91/4.95

  Type of soil: compact brown earth with some stone chips in S.W. stone debris.

  Pottery content: 5,810 gr. Mixed scraps to F% of T. B.C.

  Other: bones, gypsum, shells, charcoal

  Invented:

  In addition, the westward leg of 53A1 is extended 3.00 m further west, in order to catch the east end of the p desde court discovered yesterday in Tr 53A. A first pail here:

+ Pail 52 (level 2)
  under-
  
  from depth of: 5.84/5.94
  to: 5.59/5.71

  Type of soil: compact sand with small stone debris.


  Other: roof tile, bones, shells

  Invented: L 6683 cup 1st BC/AD.