8 August 1984

Pails 4/79 and 4/80 are continued as excavation resumes. The deposit is as before. Most of the effort is directed toward clearing the rubbledominos for photography and planning. By Labor Day, things are cleaned and the photo taken (see p. 137). GB had difficulty plumbing the dominos so told the workmen to send to STA for more than half an hour to clean stop, dirt, etc., which has accumulated in the month since work ended there. Finally, the eastern side of the trench was planned and excavation slowly resumed there.

Pail 4/81, under Pails 4/79, 75
Elevations see p.158
Soil: clayey brown earth with some rubble and scattered charcoal
Pottery: some rim (conical cup); label dated CMD, little readable.
Other
Amor C 7623 closed vessel CMZ. Possibly Continued

The domino at the south end/early was slowly removed; no wall or large rubble was beneath. In area E2 at the north, a number of small stones were removed. This showed that several large blocks along the east wall in area E2 could be removed since they were not part of a wall (as determined). Moving southward, more rubble and gravel were removed. At the south, a lower course of wall 9 was found – the total identified length (Wall 9's...
To the north a new pit was started arbitrarily (Pail 4:82).

Pail 4:82, under Pail 4:80
Elevations: 5 in. 15.3
Soil: rather clayey, earthy, brown, quite compact, few stones, little rubble
Pottery: coarse faience bowls LMI-LMI

* Pottery: red/brown, LMI-LMI

Other: charcoal, plaster, chuncks, plaster, bone

In, C 7604, complete crucible cup C 7617 small frog, LMI

Along the south face I wall 5 were three slabs forming a platform a bench, about 10 cm below the top of this bench a surface appeared. It is compact clay, dark brown with light yellow-brown patches and some small flat clay shaped pebbles. Pail 4:82 will be used to clean to the surface.

Both 4:81-4:82 will be continued tomorrow.

* Pottery: rippled on second pail
same as before, but more variety in date 2 basketry pieces, one
Ephyrean kylix base, 1 MMII with white painted
DATE MMII-LMIII A
9 August 1984

Pail 4/81-82 was continued. In the eastern part of the trench, Pail 4/81 was used in an unsuccessful search for the surface found in NW 59A1 in Pail 4/82 (see p. 158). The search was unsuccessful, although a rather grey clayey layer was reached. At an earlier point, the E bank was simply taken to approximately the level reached further west and left. Various 5 times protruding from the E bank were removed.

In the water 2/3 1 59A1 Pail 4/82 was continued in pursuit of the surface initially identified yesterday in the NW corner (see p. 159). As excavation moved southward, this surface became less obvious and was lost within the backfill 2 m. ahead the retaining wall at the south. No more pebbles or mottling was found. The surface may have sloped more sharply downward to the south than was allowed for (see below Pail 4/83). In the center of the area excavated in Pail 4/82 some rocks protrude including one squared corner that might be a rather large block that might have fallen to the surface was missed even there.

Given that the surface clearly had not been traced all the way to the retaining wall, a stage of the work in a metal trench was excavated there in an attempt to establish the relationship of the retaining wall.
Wall to surfaces to the north (Pit 83)

Pit 4:83, under 4:78

Elevations: see p. 160

Soil: black, bone known earth, numerous small stones. Some more clayey earth in the lower portion of the second pass.

Pottery: mostly coarse, few finer, some MM III.

Waste sherds: date = MM III

Other: Shell, Stone

See p. 162

One pass was made and the whole of SHAI photographed (see p. 160 and 120). Little was learned in this pass aside from finding a little more of the target 4th wall 9. After the photograph, a second pass was made that cleared down to the top of the remaining wall 9, smoothed below. Pit 4:83 was ended with this pass because a clayey mottled surface (without pottery) was found. This surface extends across the remaining wall 9, although the last few cm around the lacks the surface is problematic. The remaining wall 9 is clearly and that there is no north face, at this level anyway. The surface extends over to the 4th wall 9. With the presence of clayey layer of the surface, the lower excavated level was (decided to follow this surface northward. It is possible that it was the one found by wall 5 and lost in the middle of SHAI in Pit 4:86. The presence of stones in the intervening area suggests that perhaps the surface were downwind马克
10 August 1984

Since a good surface was found at the north end of the trench in Pail 4:83, we decided to follow this northward to wall 5. This required 1-2 passes.

Pail 4:84, under Pail 4:83
Elevations: see p. 108
Soil: clayey brown clay, greyish, grey
sherd, greyish stones, rocks, pebbles
Plastic chunks and some charcoal
Pottery: coarse jar, few jars, some broken
CCs, jugs, pit-holes
SAA: 2 III 1 - 2 III (painted sherd), ground line
Other Painted? plastic, plastic chunks, pebbles, charcoal, bone?

Clear, the final pass was near a floor of a surface but it did not seem quite right — not extensive or satisfactory in many places. Probe with a pick seemed to reveal some stones (slats) 2.5 cm below.

When I noticed a spot area where dirt was being removed, I checked out and found a slab, worn very smooth, about 50 cm across. This turned out to be the SW corner slab from a meter square area of slab paving, in which both 'white' and 'red-brown' stones were used. A separate pail was used for cleaning the slab pavement (see p. 108)

Pail 4:85, under 4:84
Elevations: 1.3 cm thick over pavement
Soil: brown clay, sandy clay
Pottery, small sized croquet pith?
LM4 (javel shell) [?
Other: Bone

The paving slabs are very worn — very smooth. The use of two colors would seem to be intentional — the darker stone breaks off in chunks very easily. There was some evidence of burning — mostly dark red coating over and around the paving.

The clay surface was followed outward from the pavement — it was good at the South, spotty at the east, and patchy at the north. A mottled (light brown/clay brown) clay surface, very hard was found to the ESE, going both up to and over a large slab in the corner of wall 4-5. This clay surface (slab passed beneath the 2nd internal slab)

John 'bank' excavated in Paul 158 (p 158). The pavement ends 15 cm inside the wall.

The eastern half of the trench must be dealt with tomorrow — the FINAL DAY!

The clay surface at the south goes over to the W face of wall 9. Two stone slabs were found just past wall 9 and north of wall 4 (retaining wall); the E wall passes under a block of wall 9.

The pebble surface was below the 'bank' and found only to 30 cm south of the 'bank'.
11 August 1984 (Final Day)

Since today is the last day of excavation this season, it will be devoted to trying to solve some final problems and cleaning up.

In area F little remained to be done after the cleaning of the slab pavement yesterday. At the south end the upper string of the retaining wall was cleaned (Wall 7) for photography, and to establish their relationship to things to the north. The clay surface south of the slab pavement appears to continue right to the wall, although right around the stones of the wall, the deposit is (marked). The evidence of wall 9 to the east (see plan 4.86 shaded) suggests that this surface, the pavement, and the retaining wall are contemporary.

Attention was concentrated then along the east bank. This area was still higher than the surface to the west, and no surface had been found there, followed from the east. A new level begins (4.86)

Plan 4.86, Under Plan 4.84
Elevations see p.163
Soil: brown, rather compact and clayey, loam, thin, fleckly charcoal
Pottery: coarse form, small, small coarse; some form; MM III-LM I (CC)

Other: Pithos bits, painted plaster.
Amen (C) 7684 Pithakesi (MM III)
One pass in both E36 was enough to resolve several problems in area EZ. A poor, though adequate, surface continuing that found at the west end was found in the NW corner of area EZ. A mortar was found embedded in the floor. It was made in a squeezed block whose full height was not revealed. Its NW corner had been broken away in antiquity and replaced in situ by a small flat piece of rock. The cut-in was 3.4 cm deep, is an unusually deep and steep cone shape (see p. 170)

Halfway between the ends of walls 4 and 9 a shallow slab was found. Its upper surface was worn smooth—perhaps a threshold? There is still no evidence to indicate the long dimensions found at the west came from this slab (p. 152)

Further south, this pass revealed a further block at the north end of Wall 9. There is still a 2.50 m gap between walls 4 and 9 (see p. 168). The diving in the centre of the trench is the only real evidence to suggest a pier between the walls (p. 152)

Having reached an adequate end point in the area, we decided to make two final passes at the south to see if another a better surface could be found. This was also done because there was a low place in the remaining wall here (see photos p. 150, 152)
The second pass revealed a very nice hard grey clay surface which had charcoal flecks and numerous small bits of stone.

Excavation was terminated at the large slab at the mouth because then it passed 7.10cm below the slab. It was thus earlier than the clay surface associated with the slab and ran to the west. In addition, the south it was found to be earlier than Wall 9. Hence it represents an earlier phase than can be excavated, this year at least.

This hard grey clay surface disappeared toward the south and was replaced by a looser deposit with full-sized rocks. These rocks are likely those found at the top of the LMI retaining wall further west (e.g. Fig. 54A). This section shows that Wall 9 is built on top of these stones, and is associated with the
Retaining wall excavated this year—the secondary one built into the drain at the N side of the road.

Excavation in 59A1 was ended here, and the trench cleaned.

Since a couple hours were left, attention was shifted northward to 59A to just north of wall 5 and wall 7, wall 3 (see p. 168). Rubble here was left weeks ago for later attention (see pp. 52-57, 168).

Paid 4.88 under Paid 3.20

Elevations: p. 169

Soil mostly rubble, well known within those walls.

Pottery: Course 1, fine, nothing diagnostic except 1 M.T.A. pyxis lid.

Other: Shell

Four C79 B36 Pyxis lid decorated with concentric circles (M.T.A.)

Removal of rubble proceeded northward from wall 5. Removal of 40 cm of rubble led to the discovery of a jar on site, in the corner of walls 5 and 10. It had been suspected that wall 10 was there at the E of the rubble; its identity was confirmed quickly after excavation here today here. In the course of cleaning the jar, a two-handled amphora was found lying on its side. In the mouth of the first jar, which was upright, was the lid of a pyxis, made of a pyxis used as a lid. Some time later, the two pots were cleaned and photographed and
Wall 10 continued below the level excavated, it thus covers wall 5; it is unclear whether it is also on top of wall 5 (photo p. 58). Not enough was excavated to prove that the wall (10) extended all the way to the floor on which the pots listed (15-20 town) the position of the wall relative to both pots, esp. the upper ones would allow the wall to reach the floor, the west face of wall 10 fits so poorly, presented as to be unidentifiable (see photos pp, 52, 53, 56).

In the course of cleaning the pots in level 4.88 a large black disk was noticed in the west ball. A cloud of earth had recently fallen away to reveal it (I had cleaned this ball section a couple weeks ago and it had not been visible. It was at an elevation of 5.90 m in the west ball, 1.80 m north of the north face of wall 5. (See p. 168); the black disk was sent to the house as find 89.
Paul 89
Elevation 5.90m, 1.20m North of north face wall 5 in west bath
Seal —
Pottery — (NONE)
Other: large blade

This corresponds in position and elevation with Paul 2:18 in lower Paul 2:17 (pp 44-47).
Its probable date in 1st C. B.C.

The trench was cleaned for photography. Trench 54A/54M1 is completed for 1984.
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