This pit is supposed to remove any possible contamination from the construction of Building Q which may have necessitated a foundation trench. However, as we dig the pebbles in a thick stratum come to the face of the 7th century building.

To the remaining trench to the north we assign:

86E/Pail 2:65 under Pail 63
From (see p. 120) to (see p. 124)
- Pebble floor
- Sherds: 178 sh; 425 gr. C? + MM
- Other: bits of plaster; limpets + other shells

Inv. C 9831: Bowl in C7
July 21
The machine is set at level +4.38m. We continue with pails 64 and 65 removing the pebble floor. A line of small stones has appeared alongside G. They are the foundations of its north wall as they go under it. Shards turn up in this area but hardly any in Pail 65.

Photographs are taken of the soundings in Gallery 3 (see pp.116 and 122).

All pebbles have been removed in pail 64. The stratum was in place, 20 cm thick. An earth surface is revealed underneath.

Pail 65 will be excavated and levels will be taken throughout the trench then.

The building of G involved cutting into the pebble floor. The pebbles came up to the foundation course with projects like a ledge beyond the foundation.

The foundation course is (so far) 15-20 cm high and consists of rough stones.

We reach what looks like the bottom of the pebble layer. There were some intermixed very thin layers of each of the surfaces or successive floors. These layers were inseparable in a practical sense. Rather few sherds emerged in the pebble layer. Levels are taken and pails 64 and 65 are closed (see plan p. 124). We shall dig separately again.

86E
Pail 3: 66 above Building O
Hard-packed earth and a few small sherd from (see p. 124) to (see p. 126)
Shards: 103 sh.; 1,100 kg; M 45 B.
Join with pails 66, 680 (no salt coating visible)
TRENCH B6E

Levels at base of pails 64, 65
A - B = foundation course of the wall of Building Q

Pail 65

Pail 64

A - B = foundation course of the wall of Building Q

Other - coarse plaster; charcoal
Inv.: C 9850: polychr. M/C Kalaboo
(john w. pails 68, 69) C 9856: M/C
L x D closed vessel.

and

B6E1

Pail 3: 67 - under pail 65
From (see p. 124) to 2.35/2.30
Compact earth with a few small stones
Sherd: 385 sh: 3,875 kg: MMIB,
John w. pails 68, 69; many sherd w. salt
Other: bone, coarse plaster - coating

Inv. See continuation, p. 124.

There are more sherds now but no apparent surface. There are quite a few very small stones - perhaps stone chips. A piece of coarse plaster appears along the wall Q but below its foundations, ie in Horcan levels. Also a few small pieces of coarse plaster appear in the north area (pail 67).

Bits of charcoal appear in the small area excavated with pail 66 and we soon find a burn patch in the SE corner lying over what looks like bedrock that slopes down towards the west. This being the end of the day, the matter will be further investigated tomorrow. The burn patch is at least ± 2.31 m.

There are no signs of the expected MM wall and the fill in the north area is too new, too shallow for one a wall to be hiding underneath.
The machine is set at level +
we remove the plaster (a coarse piece) from
under the wall of Q. We also replace
pail 67.

Pail 3: 68 under pail 67
Brown earth, small stones.
From +2.35 to +2.30 to +2.30 to +2.27.
Sherd: 163 sh; 1.950 kg; MMIB - join
with pail 67.

Other: chert embedded in chalk
Inv. C9844: UP hole-marked jar; join w. pail 67.
C9845: barb. jug; joins w. pails 67, 68
C9849 UP CC; C9850 M/C kalathos

We finish with one pan and arbitrarily
change pail. The earth is soft; now.

Pail 3: 69 under pail 68
Brown earth, small stones.
From +2.30 to +2.27 to (see p. 126)
Sherd: 91 sh; 1.355 kg; MMIB; join
pails 66, 68

Inv. C9850 (pails 67, 68)

The earth is less compact. This pail may
be fill just above bedrock.

We dig for a while and we start finding
more of the bedrock and decide to reduce
the N-S dimension of pail 69 as it
seems like a futile exercise to reach bedrock
everywhere when there is no longer a chance
for discovering a wall. Thus the level
slopes higher in most of the area of pail 69
except in the southern area where bedrock
has been exposed with pail 66. A plan is
made and levels taken. Photography will
be done tomorrow. Work in this trench
ends.

Pail 69

Inv. (cont'd from p. 124)
C9850: M/C polychrome kalathos; C9851-52: UP cups; C9845: barb. jug
(join w. pail 67, 68); C9860: lamp/ko
Five cup-profiles.
TRENCH 86 F: Gallery 4

A new trench starts at the west end of Gallery 4. Its W-E dimension is 9.13 m. Its south limit is the north face of the south wall of the same gallery. This wall has just been excavated in Trench 89C/2.85. The north limit of Trench 86F will be the north face of the north wall of Gallery 4. This wall was exposed in Trench 65A in 1985. The very west section (3.55 m W-E and 6.10 m N-S) was excavated in Trench 63B in 1985 (A plan can be seen on p. 128).

There is soft sand everywhere, mostly deposited recently as the top loader carried sand out of the site using the area of our trench as one of its main routes. The first pair will be used for all surface sand and any accumulation over Trench 86F.

63B
Pail 1:70 surface
Sherd: 171sh, 2375 gr. V. mixed MN to CA
Other - bone

In situ.

The end of the north wall is hidden under sand, as we start. Examination of plans related to Trench 63B also reveals that there was a sounding directly S of the wet end of that wall (2.50 m W-E; 1.80 N-S). Two levels were reached (+2.80/2.79 m on E; +2.67/2.50 m on W). In Trench 63B excavation at its deepest was directly north of the west end of the south wall (13.88/3.58). Buckfill there has just been removed by the workmen of Trench 89C.
West end of Trench 86E (now west and south lines indicated by thick black lines)

A - H outlines of Trench 63B, which also extended further south.
C - D - E - F: area in which a sounding was made in Trench 63B.
Backfill removed with Trench 86F/70.

A B G H: area excavated in Trench 63B.
The backfill was already removed in Trench 89C.

Levels above are those after the excavation of Trenches 63B and 65A.

July 23
The machine is set at level +6.60m. We continue digging soft sand and backfill in areas excavated in previous trenches - especially in the sounding made in Trench 63B south of the north wall (paid 70 cm. to d). A plan is shown on p. 130. The levels are now reached in the trench and the sounding in 63B. B.G in the 'theoretical' south line of Trench 86E. The area A B G H is added to our trench so as to include the remaining part of Gallery 4 in this trench.

All day was spent emptying the backfill of Trench 63B. Work has to continue on Monday.

Architectural + stratigraphic description in Trench 86E.

There is only one wall, the north wall of P of which all courses above the foundation were already revealed in previous trenches. In the section of the wall within Tr 86E there are some 5 courses - of course, they can be called. The bottom course is mostly of thin, short slabs, then two courses of rougher, thicker stones of an assortment of sizes and shapes, next another layer of thin slabs. The uppermost preserved course is again of rougher blocks. The west end of the wall is made up of two thick blocks, quarried from the ashlar block of Building T.

The foundation consists of an assortment of thin and thick, mostly small, stone, often set upright or canting. This course was set within the LM I pebble floor but the pebbles came up to the course and any foundation trench 63B should be at the south side.

The pebble floor is very thick -25-30 cm.
July 26

Emptying of old trenches continues in 86E with pail 1:70.

The machine is set at level + 5.53 m. A photo is taken of Trench 86E (see p. 132). G. B. is making sections of the soundings in Gallery 3 (trench 86D). Archaeological sections were made this weekend of these soundings. There are only 3 workers in the trench today and work is slow.

We complete the excavation of backfill in the sounding in Trench 63B and terminate the use of pail 70. Levels are taken throughout the trench in which pail 70 was also used for surface sand (see plan p. 132). We shall now remove sand from the entire trench 86E.

Pail 1:71 under parts of 70
From (see p. 132) to (see p. 134)
Sand, some stones
Sherds: 47sh; 720gr. No Min. C8 by pot
large pots - C7, dec. jar + Corinbian closed pot

Other —

Inv.

Both the north and the south walls of Gallery A were practically exposed during earlier trenches in the area of trench 63B (plan p. 132; B, G, E, F) the westmost wall is huge and from its level it seems to belong to Building T. It is 1.25m W - E and 0.36m high, as exposed on the south side. Its north dimension and shape are still hidden under sand. The block sits on a couple of small slabs that project irregularly beyond it to the south. Under them there is earth which, according to conclusions drawn by...
The excavator of Trench 63B ended on bedrock located at the west end of the sounding at levels +2.68 / 2.60 (see plan, p. 132).

Pail 72 (cont. from p. 135)

- C 9900 platos-krater (join pail 72A)
- C 9904; stirrup-handled krater (join w. 72A)
- C 9905; amphora, PGB?
- C 9903: krater pedestal sherd

Simplified drawing of Trench 66F
No excavation has so far taken place south of the W-E line A-B in the present trench.

Pail 72

76F / Pail 1-2: 72 - 2 pails

Sandy earth - Gallery 4
Some Classical & perhaps some 7th. No hint.
Other: shells, bones Join w. pail 72A
Inv.: See p. 134

The location of Pail 72 can be seen on p. 134.
It is 5 m W-E. The fill is very compact due to the fact that the top levels used this area as one of the routes for transferring sand outside the site.

As can be seen from the plan on p. 134; there has been limited excavation alongside the north wall (in Trench 65A). Rubble which must be collapse from that wall is visible at that side. The rubble must slope down both towards the south and toward the west. The area south of the W-E line A-B is not included in the present pail as the level there is lower (reached earlier this season in Tr 89C).

The machine is set at level +5.23 m. Work continues with pail 71. Two more workmen join the team - so some proper may be made today.

There is much sand still in the area previously excavated in Trench 63B. Elsewhere there is some sand in pockets and sandy fill begins. We terminate pail 71. We shall now dig the east area first where the level is higher. The south baulk has been removed.

86F / Pail 1-2: 72 - 2 pails

From (see p. 134) to (see p. 136)
Sandy earth - Gallery 4
Some Classical & perhaps some 7th. No hint.
Other: shells, bones Join w. pail 72A
Inv.: See p. 134
July 28

The machine is set at level + 5.25 m. Work continues, with 2 pickmen with pail 72.

An accumulation of lumps is found among the rubble (at point X in the plan, p. 136). The lumps are collected separately. We are also finding many sherds of a beautiful open vessel of E. Iron Age date - probably Geometric in the same location. We are starting a new pail for that location.

The fill here is earth, lots of lumps.

86F
Pail 2: 72A. Under 1st pail of 72 ca. 60 cm from the north wall. Slightly earthy.
Sherds: 1310 sh. 4.100 g.
Largely Clay & Shells
Joins w. pail 72

Other: lumps, lumps + other shells
Inv. C9907 krabi (see also p. 134; pail 72).
A few workmen are put to cleaning the rubble along the northern edge of pails 72+72A as excavation slows down. We find that there is still some sand between the rubble and the north wall. There are no sherds in this fill. We reach rubble underneath and stop.

With pail Pail 72 we are reaching the level reached in Trench 89 C. Sunk of the W-E line A-B (plan, p. 136). To be able to include that area in our next pail we remove the baulk left in Tr. 89 C.

86F /
Pail 1: 73 - removal of baulk (see p. 136)
From (see levels p. 134) to +4.08 m
Sherds: 9. sh. 60 g.
Largely Clay and Shells except for C7 lecanis rim

End.
There is much pottery in pail 72A. The Greek vessel is almost certainly geometric. There seem to be meander patterns on some fragments. The fill is softish earth with small stones, unlike the sandy earth that represents post P (and possibly pre-Greek) deposit. Perhaps we have a small geometric dump level at dump end, at ca. 4.32 to 4.22 m.

The trench looks much tidier now. The level after pails 72 and 72A slopes down southeast from E-W. We change pail.

Pail 2: 74 under pails 72 and 72A
From (see p. 136) to (see p. 140)
Sandy earth - gallery 4
Sherds: 27 sh. 225 gms. Probably not later than C8 - from w. 74A
Other: pumice (1 piece), shells, chest prop
Inc.

Removal of the baulk with pail 73 has revealed a few more blocks of the south wall of the gallery. A spilt of rubble is also being revealed alongside this wall. Rubble is appearing also in the centre of the gallery.

As we start digging in the NE corner of the trench we find a patch of burnt surface right where the Greek sherds were being found. This must be the surface where there was either some use or a dump. The level is at an average of +4.21 m, as noted earlier.
The machine is set at level + 5.24 m. Work continues in the east section (Pail 74). The burnt surface is removed and a sample kept of the fill. Nearby is found what looks like a piece of worked marble (? sculpture). Rubble runs in an N-S line roughly in the middle of the area of the pail. The fill continues to be sandy. The level is getting lower than where we stopped in the west part of the trench.

The area with the burning is given a different pail.

**Pail 74**
- **Burnt area** - Gallery (?)
- **Level** 3.21 m
- **Sherds**; 17 sh., 3,510 g., 5 m c. mixed
- **Fill** - Burnt Fill
- **Other**; bones, ? chert frags, burnt fill sample
- **Inv.** 10920 / C 9911 / M/C krater

The burnt fill proves to be rather superficial. We terminate pail 74A. Underneath is sandy earth. We terminate pail 74 at an arbitrary level (4.02 at w/ 3.90 at E).

We now shift to the west section of the trench, to remove further backfill from Tr. 63 B.

**Pail 75**
- **Level** 3.75 m
- **Sherds**; 35 sh., 705 gr., C 8-7 B.C.
- **Other**; frags of plaster
- **Inv.**

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Levels reached at end of excavation in Trench 63 B and related pails used - Sc. 1:125 m.
MCS stays at Pitsidia today—a sabbatical for catching up and to put together a lecture to be given in the evening in the Voroi Museum for the Cultural Association of the Messara area. The topic is Kommos as a harbor and as a mercantile centre.

Gordon Nixon supervises the trench (86F) and provides the following report (abbreviated and paraphrased):

Work in the east section of the trench continues with two new pails on either side of the N-S rubble that was revealed in pail 74 (see p. 140).

86F/

Pail 2:76 (east of rubble) under pails 74+74a

From (see p. 140) to (see p. 144)

Sandy earth and rubble
Sherds: 67 sh; 1450 yrs. 7th c.

Much undiagnostic
Other: shells, bone

Inv. C9922; E: Greek plate

86F/

Pail 2:77 (west of rubble) under pail 74

From (see p. 140) to (see p. 144)

Sandy earth and rubble
Sherds: 15 sh; 525 yrs. 7th c.

Undiagnostic out

Other

Inv.

Pail 76 is closed when the entire area fills with rubble. In the case of pail 77 the pail is terminated when a patch of burning is encountered. There is less rubble here. The level at which the two pails stop is roughly the same.
One other job is undertaken: the removal of the baulek in the SW corner of the trench (see plans, pp. 136, 140).

Pail 1: 78 surface / baulek
From +4.32 A (see p. 144)
Sand
Sherds: 3 sh. / 30 qt. LM III - Tiny unit
Other
Inv.

The baulek was removed and the workmen continued cleaning the trench and preparing it for photography.

Some burning appeared at the base of pail 77 in the central part of the pail (at 3.66 m)
Trench after pail 76-78
Line shows separation between the west and east sections of the trench.
Photo looking East
Rounded area consists of small stones (stone chips?)

Roll 7, Fr. 6
As in polaroid above

Machine set at +5.25 m.
Pail 75 is used till all backfill is removed. All levels reached so far are to be seen in the plan, p. 144. Photos are taken (see p. 146).

We shall concentrate now on the west part of the trench, where the level is still higher in some location. One in the fill under the baulk removed with pail 78. The new fill is earthen.

86F/Pail 2: 79 under pail 78—baulk removed
From 3.89/3.78 to 3.685/3.61 N
Sandy earth — Gallery 4
Sherds: 22 sh. 145 gr. C5

Other: coarse plaster
Inv.

The rubble is softer concentrated in the east area.

A new pail is assigned to the remaining area of the east section of the trench (west of AB, p. 144). Perhaps more rubble will be found there.

86F/Pail 2: 80 under pail 75
From (see p. 144) to (see p. 150)
Sandy earth — Gallery 4
Sherds: 29 sh. 465 grs. Iron Age? small undiagnostic unit
Other: coarse plaster
Inv.

We terminate pail 79 at an arbitrary level when the level is nearly the same as that of the rest of the west section.

Some burning begins to appear in pail 80 next to where burning was found in pail 77.
It is to be noted that where the south wall of the gallery is most destroyed, that is at its west end, the rubble consists of small stones. Perhaps these are discards after the robbing of the large blocks.

One of the workmen, Nikos, is missing today, as his uncle died. We are lent a workman from another trench to help remove the larger stones from the east section.

86F1
Pail 2:81 under pails 76 and 77
From (see p.144) to (see p.148)
Stone Turèle removal - E. section trench
Sherds: 81 sh; 1,280 gr. CB?
Also LM II? to 3 CB - mixed + worn
Other: shells, coarse plaster
Invo.

The area where there is an accumulation of small stones will be excavated separately (rounded area in photo, p.146)

86F1
Pail 2:82 under part of pail 75+77
From ca. 4.01 m to (see p.148)
Small stones, sandy earth (Gallery 14)
Sherds: Iron Age: 3 sh; 1,090 grs
Very mixed - Also LM III
Other: coarse plaster
Invo.