The level machine is set at +8.005 m. We continue revealing the pebble floor. There are some small frags of purple selvage. The floor is revealed at +5.02 m. The slabs around the doorway sit on top of fill which rises some 8 cm above the level of the floor. We shall remove the fill around and under the stones, which we are likely to remove.

86B/
Pail 8: 11 - X4
Under Tr pail
From ca. +5.12 to +5.00 W/4.94 m E
Brown earth
Sherd 28 sh. 0, 205 kg. LMIIIA1

Other: fine plaster; tray of plaster; faceted pebble, bone
Inv.

Photos are taken before pail 11 begins (see p. 30).

We remove slabs which sit on top of pail 11 as we go along. Pebbles help us trace the floor in X4. One of the slabs (see plan on p. 24, at X7) turns out to be a fragmentary saddle quern (26 x 26 and ca. 8 cm thick). We shall leave it in this room.

Surprise: along the west wall we find a strip of painted plaster adhering at the base. I clean it with a wet brush with some water and reveal a white band at the bottom with a blue/black area on top. Crossing both are brownish vertical forms at irregular intervals. We consider the possibility that the lily fresco found a couple of years ago in X1 in discarded frags may originate in this
Photos are taken in trench 86A at the level where excavation stopped. (See p. 32.) I also make a measured drawing of the layers of burning and those just above it in the east area of the trench. It has been decided to leave the collapsed plasters in situ.

In X1 we lose the floor towards the east: no pebble and some stone begin to appear as if earlier debris. We stop pail 11 and decide to remove the stone “platform” which is built against the north wall next to the entrance into X1. We assign:

86 B
Pail 8:12 - Removal of “platform” from X1
From +5.12 m to +5.00 / 4.94 m.

Earth, slabs
Sherry: 6 sh. 0.045 kg. LM UT A1?
Other: shells, bones
In X1.

The platform is indicated as C in the photo on p. 30. We clean around it and it turns out to consist of a flat, rectangular slab (W - E 28 x N - S 39 cm) present, B cm thick, and a larger slab (53 x 15 x 13 W - E + height: 19 cm) set on edge. A sketch is given on p. 32. Removal of rough slabs around it, unfortunately does not reveal any pebbles underneath. We shall leave the “platform” in situ for the time being. Interestingly is that there is a 4-5 cm gap between the flat slab and the wall, and a narrow one between it and the vertical slab, both gaps of interstice, filled with small stones. The north wall is coated with pebbled plaster, a segment just visible behind the
Roll 1: Frame 27-29 N. Wall of X4
with plaster in situ.

Roll 1: frames 30-32
From left to right: "platform" in X4
from S; X1 and X4 from SE;
X1 and part of X4 from SE — all at
level of pebble floor.

West half of Room X4 at
level of pebble floor for SE
X x marks the two spots with
plaster in situ on the N + W walls.

Flat-shine, another segment (painted red)
revealed beyond the platform to the East.
Plaster is also attached to the west face
of the upright slab.

The plaster on the N. wall is washed and
black blocks on red are revealed. Photos
are taken of this and plasters in situ on the
west wall (see p. 34). Photos are taken of
the platform and the west half of the
room. We terminate pail 12.

Now we shall go back to Room X1
and make a sounding in its west
section, under the pebble floor. Its parameters
will be the same as in pail 10 (see also
plan, p. 24).

Pail 9: 13 m X1, west section
Under pail 10 — Under pebble floor, some
Rubble
Sherd: 158 sh; 1,080 Kg; MIII
earlier — mixed
Other: stone tool, bone, shell, plaster from plaster floor
Inv. S 2224: frag of stone vase

Rubble turns up right under the pebbles
and earth layer (a thin one) and
suddenly white plaster appears again!
Excavation reveals it to be a floor
associated with what looks like a
flimsy wall. It is built of one
row of stones and it has a north —
western orientation. It is west exposed
and continues under the west wall of
X1 and it is some 10 cm from the
north wall. The distance increases
to some 35 cm at a point of 1.00m
from the west wall. The plaster is soft
and fragile and some of its surface core,
with the fill removed from above it.
We shall number the walls as Wall 1.
June 29

Excavation on X1 continues N + S of wall 1 with pail 13. The length of the wall is not determined yet. The machine is set today at +7.98 m.

A small fragment of a carved stone vessel (raised, parallel ridges) is found just east of the exposed east end of wall 1. It has been traced so far for 1.40 m and it is ca. 48 cm wide. The plaster flow comes up to the wall’s north wall and rises up as it touches the wall. The plaster has a west edge as well in a straight line which makes it clear that there was another wall that met it at right angles. Only a small rough stone is exposed so far. We stop pail 13.

86B/

Pail 9: 14, X1 north of wall 1
From ca. 4.94 m to +9.82/4.84

Brown earth
Shards: 53 sh, 0.330 kg. MM II
Other: bones

Inv. 5226: saddle quern

A plan marking the end of pail 13 and the beginning of 14 (north and east of wall 1) can be seen on p. 36.

A saddle quern broken at one of the narrow ends is found caulked north of the east end of wall 1 as preserved. It is 14 cm wide and 15 cm pres. length is 22 cm. It is quite thick (9.5 cm) and shaped in such a way that it sits at a slanted angle. Similarly shaped querns were found in the sloa of Building 1 (in 05 re-use). The purpose of the shaping was to facilitate the transfer of the product while rubbing or crushing.
Joseé Sabourin helped me make tracings and drawings of the plaster in situ at the bases of the N + W walls, in X4. The former started ca. 1.27 m from the N wall of X1. No plaster in situ was found on the wall of X1. Perhaps X4 was the most or only decorated room, as far as plaster. The west wall plaster strip is about 1.00 m long, its max. h. 7 cm. Alongside it was a white plaster that lies over the pebbles of the floor. It is very thin and unlikely to be fallen plaster. Rather, it may be plaster accidentally deposited here while plastering the wall.

We reach what may be a rough outdoors surface at ca. +4.80 - 4.84 and stop at Pail 14. We move back to the east and longer section of X1.

86B/ +15A

Pail 8/9: 15 under Pail 9 - X1 east section.
From +6.501 E 4.97 m to +4.94/4.92 m. Brown earth and a few small stones.
Sheds: 163 sh. 0.980 kg: 0.295 sh., 0.1965 kg. 0.295
Sieved Bones:

Inv. 52227: saddle quern; 52228: saddle
C 9488: five cc in Pail 15A.

After a pass we reach the bottom of the north wall throughout. Smaller stones (used as found afloat) appear underneath. In the NE corner where we found the Spanish jars two years ago some large sherds and conical cups (fragments of them) appear. We collect them in a subdivision of Pail 15 which we label Pail 15A. The fill seems to be the same, however.

A fragmentary small saddle quern and a stone tool are found in the SE corner.
The soil is getting a bit harder, so we decide to change pails. This will start from just about the base of the north wall. The base of the south wall has just been found yet.

86B/9
Pail 18: 16 under pails 15 and 15A
From +4.94 / +4.92m to stone chips
Brown handish ear
X1: East section
Shard: 235 st. 1950 kg; MMIII; mostly MMB; joins with pail 17
Other: bones

In: S 2225: Obsidian blade

A large quantity of stone chips appear at the east end of the pail; also some nice blocks midway in the area. Removal of the chips reveals a N-S wall. It is traced for 1.50m and 30cm under the wall. It stops (broken at that end) some 30cm from the s wall, its south extension having been removed when X1 was built. There is a small space left east of this wall (Wall #2) and the east wall of X1. An upside-down cup is found and the types of other vases begin to appear. The wall is 61 cm thick, two of its east blocks being +4.98 and +4.84 m in level. Excavation with pail 16 stops here.

West of the wall a fine rectangular slab has been noted (top at +4.86)
South of it the fill is hard, perhaps an extension of the surface found N and E. of wall 1. N of the block stone chips. Continue.

Pail 16 is left at the site for a bit more cleaning with it tomorrow.
June 30

The machine is set at level +8.025 m. We seem discontent. We pail 16. A sketch is made of the position of the two conical cups which are at the destroyed east end of wall 2. This is no floor deposit, it seems. A new pail is assigned.

B6/B
Pail q: under part of pail 16 - XI
location east and south of wall 2
From +4.83 m to +4.78 / +4.76 m.
Sherd: 87sh; 2,030 kg; MMII
+ MMII mixed

Other: - cobble tool, bones, stone weight?
Inv. C9427: conical cup DEACCESSIONED
S2229: pierced cobbled: weight?

Correlation: one cup, the other turned out to be a handle that looked like a rim from the top.

9 to the west of the area and north and south of the nice slab excavation stopped at level ca. +4.85 m. with pail 16. We dig north of the nice rectangular block with.

B6/B
Pail q: under part of pail 16 - XI
stone chips
From +4.85 m to +4.81 m.
Sherd: 18sh; 0.160 kg; MMII? Tiny unit

Other: coarse plaster, bones
Inv.

This is a narrow strip ca. 45 cm N-S

South of a slab we assign:

B6/B
Pail q: under part of pail 16 - XI
From 4.85 m to +4.81 m
Brown earth? surface with small stones
Sherd: 15sh; 0.150 kg - MMII
The way it looks now is that the 'surface' at +4.86 found south of the slab was destroyed north of the slab to install the north wall of X1, which is also the exterior facade of the house. This would explain the small sherd found both north and south of the slab. We fail the base of the slab and terminate pails 18 and 19. The space in XI are now to narrow to carry out deeper soundings.

We shall now turn to X4 where excavation ended at the pebble floor. We shall excavate a sounding 2.60m from the west wall and 2.40m from the south wall of X1. Before starting, we shall dismantle the 'platform' (see photo p. 44) to expose the plastic of the wall. We shall mark the levels associated with it and rebuild later as we plan to backfill the sounding up to the level of the pebble floor.

A plan is made of the wall found in XI (wall 2) and the pottery at the base of pail 17 collected. The conical cup is given the label C 9429. Its location is shown on p. 42. A hand tool (tool 41) is also bagged separately. Another frag. of a c.c. is found near the other. It is not in the general pail. We stop pail 17 at an arbitrary level: +4.76 to 3.78 m

We are leaving a strip 25 cm wide along the west wall to enable us to keep the plaster which was found at the base of the wall. The sounding in X4 starts:

"Platform" in X4
see comments on p. 45
East area of X1 at end of excavation

Pail 18

Pail 17

Pail 19

Levels of blocks:
1: 4.87
2: 4.92
3: 4.89
4: 4.89
5: 4.87
6: 4.85

Pail 9.20, under pails 11 and 12 - X4
From 5.80/4.94m to 4.91m
Layer of pebbles + many small stones
Sherds: 53 sh; 0.440 kg; MM III - mostly MM II; small unit
Other: red + blue phd fine plaster

Inv.

The layer of pebbles is very thin and small stones start immediately underneath. In the meantime the platform has been removed. Under it is an almost circular hole that penetrates the fill obliquely. It looks like one made by an animal. The plaster on the north wall of X4 was revealed behind the removed blocks. Its surface washed reveals a plain blue area 25 cm long and 10 cm high. The red area with the black blocks start ca. 22 cm to the east. In between the plaster has been lost, probably when the upright slab was set. Since both blue and red areas start at the bottom, one thinks of some vertical division (panels?) between the two. A small patch of plaster adhering on the south wall of X4 is also cleaned and reveals faint traces of dark red paint. The upright slab of the platform, strangely preserved, an area of plaster (40 x 10 cm max) with tiny faint traces of color. A spot shows ochre, another shows black blue.

After 2 pence, we arbitrarily change pail

Pail 9.21 under pail 20 - X4
small stone, and earth
From 4.91m to (see p. 48)
Levels at base of Pail 21
A - B norm of limit of pail 22
*: plaster flow; ::*: plaster in situ
**: pebble floor marks

Sounding in X4 from E

P 188 - P 190: plaster in situ on W, N + E walls - copies made by G. Bianco
P 191: plaster in situ on S. wall

Sherds: 161 sh, 1,220 kg; MM III

0 Inv: small clay disc, bone

An undug strip, some 20cm wide is left also along the north wall. We remove the plaster with the trace of red from the S. wall to be able to extend the brick wall up to that wall.

We trace a bit more of the plaster floor along its west edge, but it quickly disappears. Instead we find more of small stone. It is quite possible that this is a levelling dump before the room with the plaster floor was built. It is quite possible that the stone chips found in X1 have a similar derivation, that is they represent a stratum over which the predecessor of Building X was built.

The reason why the chips were found is because a foundation trench seems to have been excavated at least for the W wall of X1 and possibly for the east one as well.
Plaster in situ on south wall of X4

South wall of X4
with stamnosolos (at X) under the wall from NE.

X5 2256: Stamnosolos

Roll 2, Fr. 17

Floor of X2 after cleaning - From S.

Roll 2, Fr. 11

Pail 21 - X4

Pail 9:22 under pail 21 - X4

From (see p. 48) to ca. 4.67 (see plan, p. 60)

Brown earth and small stones

Sherd: 158 sh: 1.265 cc, MM III

3 inverted cups probably part of floor deposit

One: bone, bir-jets, chert fragment, fossil,
3 cobbles (? tools)?

Inv: C 9494 - 9496; MM III up

Conical cups? S 2256: stamnosolos in situ (see p. 50)

A line of stones that looked like a wall turns up to be one. It runs in a N-S direction at right angles to wall 1, but under the plaster floor of that wall. The new wall, #3, is also associated with a plaster floor. That has just been discovered in a small spot. A stamnosolos appeared at the base of pail 21 along the south edge of X4. This implement probably belongs with this lower floor.

A beautiful slab floor is discovered. The plaster runs as a border along
The floor has been exposed throughout, except in the area of Pail 22A which we are still examining. A position of two pots taken is volunteering today as a 'workman'. She is pretty good. She is assigned excavation north of the area of pail 22 where the plaster of the upper (or intermediately) building is preserved. She will dig a small area next to the N. wall of X4 to see if there is a wall or bench, like the one found along the west area. If a bench, the slab floor would belong with wall 1 and our Wall 3 would just be a bench.

The floor has been exposed throughout, except in the area of Pail 22A which we are still examining. A position of two pots taken is volunteering today as a 'workman'. She is pretty good. She is assigned excavation north of the area of pail 22 where the plaster of the upper (or intermediately) building is preserved. She will dig a small area next to the N. wall of X4 to see if there is a wall or bench, like the one found along the west area. If a bench, the slab floor would belong with wall 1 and our Wall 3 would just be a bench.
Poil 10:23 under upper plaster floor
Under poil 21 X 4
From +4.89 m to +4.88 m  bench /+4.68 m floor of Brown earth and small stone
Sherds; 19 sh; 0.255 kg. MM III

Other —
Inv. C9491 fire dipped CC, MMII; C9492:CC

As we clean around the burnt area we find it surrounded by the fill typical in poil 22. The sherds from this trimmings go into poil 22.
This exposes a section of the burning which shows it to be of several layers.
A drawing is made (see p. 54).

In the area of poil 23 there are interesting developments. The slabs stop a short distance from wall 1 and plaster begins. There must be a bench as T.W. Shaw suspected.

The clay pile is removed in layers and put in successive layers for water-sieving. The layers are labelled with Arabic numerals. The accumulation separates in 3 layers. We reach the base. It is quite red on the floor but we do not know whether there are slabs underneath. We reposition the lamp in the final spot and take photos. A conical cup is found against the north scarp (= C9428)

Excavation continues with poil 23.
We find the plaster slings and part of the bench along the north side. Poil 23 is terminated.
Machine set at +8.065 m July 2.
A new pail is assigned to Room X5 where we shall try to find the original floor under the slabs which represent a raised floor (see plan of starting point on p. 56).

86C/
Pail: 24 under pail
X5: cleaning around and under slabs
Shreds: 15 sh; 0.090 kg. LMIII Tiny unit
Other: bone; soil for layers
Inv.

Digging also starts in X4 in the east section with the purpose of exposing more of the MM building with the slab floor discovered in the last few days of excavation. As usual there is some erosion at the accumulations at the top.

86B/
Pail: 1/8: 25 under Tr 73A/68
X4: under original floor
From 4.911/4.88m to 4.86/4.84m
Brown earth, compacted, some pebbles
Shreds: 75 sh; 0.350 kg; MM III;
small, mixed unit
Other: shells
Inv.

We reach the base of the pavements slabs in X4 and change pail. The slabs are removed but they are cracked and break into pieces.

86B/
Pail: 9: 26 under pail 25 X4
From 4.86/4.84m to 4.78m
Brown earth and small stones
Shreds: 110 sh; 0.900 kg; LM III+ A
In the new sounding in X4 a baulic in left unexcavated along the N + E walls, but none along the south wall. The fill in this part has fewer stones than in the equivalent layer in the west half of the room excavated yesterday. The area where we located the hearth is the only compacted one in this part. We arbitrarily change pail.

Pail 9: 27. Under pail 26 X4
From +4.78 to +4.70m / +4.67m 5
Brown earth and small stones
Sherds: 90sh; 0.575 kg; MMIII - badly broken 3 much MMII
Other: charcoal, coarse plaster

Inu

We find a largely destroyed N-S wall. Apparently an extension of the one located in X1. We dig fill in and above it.

Pail 9: 28. Under pail 26 X4
From +4.78 m to +4.70m
Brown earth
Sherds: 31sh; 0.280 kg - MMIII

Other: bones
Inu

We expose the rest of the floor and part of plaster in its west edge next to the newly found wall. We leave the remainder part of the hearth unexcavated. See p. 58 for more.

Report cont'd from p. 59
The possible 'wall' along the east side turns out to be a bench, for the line of wall 2 (found in X1) is just east of it's line. Thus the slab-paved room has at least 3 benches, on W, N + E. Quite possibly a fourth bench existed also on the south side. This is indicated by the lack of slabs and the stamnos tharsis, which sits on a slab that rests on the same level as the floor. The bench and the wall probably ran under the south walls of the upper house. The floor, all of slabs with a border and occasionally certain interstices in plaster is cleaned. It will be photographed on Monday.