west return. We dig in the area south of this line and north of walls 45 or 49, parallel to the south line of the trench dividing along the line of the N-S wall 9 into two sections. On the east we assign:

Pail 6: 47 under part of pail 45
From (see p. 40) to c. 5.73
Brown earth large stone
Location: East of wall 9
Sherd: Medium size. Mixed with: 7th c. Later
Minoan (?)
HMM
Other: shell, coarse plaster
Inv. C9137 -complete Minoan CP brazier
C9139 -med. coarse CP incense burner

Pail 6: 48 under part of pail 45
From (see p. 40) to c. 5.75 step / 5.85 E
Brown earth + large block
Location: Center of wall 9
Sherd: Shell or pot. Hommy Later
Minoan
Other: shells
Inv.

In the area to the north and south of wall 2 we assign:

Pail 6: 49 under part of 45
From (see plan p. 26) to 578N / 566S (see p. 92)
Brown earth + stone tumbled
Space X4
Sherds: Minoan - Minoan - Later Minoan
Other: fragm. quern, purpice, plaster, shells,
Inv.

When earth has been cleaned around the stone tumulus a plinth of the entire head is taken (p. 90). In the tumulus and at the north corner of wall 9 a complete brazier is found.

Photos at level of pails 47 - 49, from south
Roll 3, Frs. 2 - 4
Also colour

The brazier was at level + 5: 75 m.
Machine set at level 8.03 today.

After photography yesterday we got 2 help as an extra workman and numerous blocks and slabs were removed.

Within the area of pail 48 there are 2 unusual blocks, the lower level, the higher oblique. It looks very much like a staircase and sure enough as we dig south of them we find a third step! a staircase that will continue down to the original floor. There is widespread euphoria. The top step (oblique) is 65 cm and 8 cm thick. The second is 66 cm, 25 cm deep and 11 cm thick. Under it and above the 3rd step just exposed are small stones and earth forming a bedding. Therefore the riser is c. 17 cm high.

We are now trying to find the north wall of the staircase and the west return of wall 6. There must be an entrance into the area of the staircase from the north. We finally find the west return of wall 6. It is 1.46 m long W-E and a piece of wall 6. We labeled it Wall II.

Work shops temporarily north of the staircase and of the little compartment south of wall 11 (in pail 49). It is decided that leanly wall 2 has to be fixed before we get any further down. Giuliana Bianco and an extra workman came to help. A pail is assigned to the fill and rubble we left unexcavated against its south face which we now remove.

Pail 3-6:50 : rubble/stone against wall 2 level to : 6.05
Sherds : LM III B - earlier LM III B
Pail 6:51: pottery description (cont’d.)
Frag of jensers (see Inv) incl. large frag of C9149, Also necr frag of rhyton similar to C9145 and a snake tube base.

Pail 6:51 under pail 47
From 5.73 to 5.50
Clay like fill
Space within walls 6, 8, 9 (X?)
Sheds: latest 7th c. - shell l.m. fl. 
except for C9149: Minian. MMA (perhaps MBA)
Other shells, bag of plaster, bag of soil for Near.
Inv. C9139, C9146, C9149 (Cansed. table)

Oblique slabs/blocks within the compartment indicate this to still be collapsed debris.
The plaster remnonly above is bagged with this pail.

Pail 50 is terminated at a level comparable to that reached so far with pail 49. We shall extend now pail 49 to include the area of waterpail 50.

At level 5.57 and just below the NE corner of wall 9 are found several sherd of 2-3 pots which we bag (under pail 51) separately. This is the place where just slightly higher we found the brazier yesterday.
A coarse fragmentary green is found near well 2 in pail 49. In pail 50 we also found and just a bit higher a frag of a small block with a pivot hole.

We have stopped using pail 48 at the level of the second step (at 5.755) as we concentrated in the other two areas. We are now going to pursue excavation here.

Pail 6: 52 under pail 48
From 5.755 to 5.48
Brown earth + small tumble
Staircase
Sheards: small unit latest LH II A
through LH II A
Others: from wall/Construction

Inv. block w. pivot hole 52/35.

At a water level sloping down from N-S we also terminate pail 49. We shall stop excavation for a while for the wall (21) does buckle out and will have to be repaired. It is easier to do so before we reach the Minoan floor and need a scaffolding.

One more step of the staircase is exposed, this somewhat shorter and with whatever supplementary slab at the south end missing. Right below this is a tumbled down small block which turns out to have a pivot hole on one other side. JWs suggested this morning that a little window at the west end of the staircase might be expected. Immediately south of it is found a block w. a pivot. There are some stones in a W-E line which may be part of the north wall of the staircase.
Machine set at level + 7.925
We continue with pails 52 and 51 in the staircase and in the compartment, respectively.

We clear the 3rd step, dig down and find one more step, the last irregular in shape and somewhat rounded, like an elongated teardrop. The earth just east seems a little compact and we terminate pail 52 at +24, level (+5.48).

In the compartment there are many oblique blocks and slabs projecting from the fill reached which is still higher (some 10 cm) than the final level of pail 52. We briefly stop excavation and clean the area to photograph the level.

Gi Bianco is in the trench making a N-S section of walls in the trench and Tr 74 A to the north. This will serve as a base for an archaeological section. M.C.S draws blocks of walls forms a chart 1.50 plan of the trench.

We remove slanty slabs. One is 60 x 40 x 6 cm thick. Another is 33 x 3.6 and 1.5 cm thick. Another is 25 x 3.5 cm. Another is 15 x 7 cm. There are smaller fragments of thin slabs. Thinner slabs could be from some upper pavement. Some 15-20 cm to the east of the northern end of wall 9 is found part of a vessel, perhaps a leg, x (pit bottom or base in gone). It is at the same location as those found on Friday and dragged separately. The
As excavation proceeds, an elongated hole is found in the ground which seems quite deep. We think pail 51 temporarily to bring plaster to pour in the gap in case it is that left by a disintegrated object.

We shift to the central area previously excavated with pail 51.

Pail 6: 53 under pail 49
Fm. - (see p. 96) to (see p. 104)
Stone turtle
5. of wall 2, N. of wall 10 etc.

Other: shells, bone, stone vessel, cup

Inv.: C9143 LM III A2 cup
Charcoal in terracotta bowl (? stone tool

As noted on Friday, wall 2 seems to continue beyond the west scarp though there is a small gap. It is right there, but south of the gap and at level c. 5.70m that a fragmentary dish-like vessel in stone is found. It is c. 12 cm. in diam., coarsely shaped and with a smaller and shallow depression. It seems to have had a handle, now broken. Large blocks continue to appear in the stone rubble of pail 53. The only pail presently is 53.

Pail 6: 51A = join to pail 6, C9145 = MM III A2, pin from rhythm 612
Sprinkler base = C9146 = CP censer

Pail 6: 53
Early sherd, perhaps ceiling/wall material from construction
from the canted slab penetrating the level in which the cavity appeared.

Wall II is very thick 0.70. Its northern block is 0.83 and rather skinny. Then came a line of very small stones and then one good block, the only one still representing the south face of the wall.

There is a gap along the south side of most of the steps of the staircase and wall 10 which at present does not seem to have much of a masonry face. The north wall of the staircase may lie under stone debris.

In the compartment the plaster is undry and the cast is extracted. It has the shape of a tree root ca. 2 cm diam.

We resume digging with pail 51, 73 cm deep in the north end of wall 9 and not far from the wall is a small vessel; looks like a pitcher. Being in the midst of canted stones it must be fallen rather than on a surface. Its level is +5.58. We collect it under the label of

—I see p. 102—

Pail 51B; jug C9001; jug C9002; conical cup C9002; collection of shells, found with above pottery = 5110.

In the area of pail 53 we found the lower part of a vase (Cat level + 5.48). It is horizontal but unlikely to be on a surface. It will be collected as

Pail 6: 53A; Lali 1 LM I? caramel.
It is 1.50 m from Wall 3 and next to stones which must hide the north wall of the staircase underneath.
Machine set at level.

One workmen did not show up today.
We continue with pail 51 in the compartment. We now dry sieve the removed fill. In the SE corner there are concentrations of unindented coarse plaster. Here and there there is also some burning plaster which still adheres to the two corner walls. Caused slabs continue especially in the north part of the compartment.

We shift the one yickmen to the area of pail 53 terminated yesterday (see plan p. 104) There is still much rubble & stone debris.

Pail 6: 54 , under pail 53 and directly west wall 11
From (see p. 104) to (see p. 108)
South of wall 2 above X4
Stone debris/scrub
Shells, pieces of clay, large unit LMIII A 2
Small sh. fine wall/mort. + shed 22. 2 vases will
Other shells, plaster, bone
LM III A 2.
In C9004: 4-handled jar; C9141: patterned cup; C9151: fine UP cup; C9152
Cananeanite jar (sherd) appears to be off C9167

The new pail includes a small area directly west of wall 11 and up to a line of stones which may be hiding the north wall of the staircase underneath. We undermine somewhat the west scarp at the NW corner of the pail and find that walls 2 and 3 meet at right angles. Wall 3 continues beyond this point.

Right next to wall 11 a fallen wall stone turns out to have a very nice County 19 x 13 wide and
5-6 cm deep. It is irregular in shape. They may have served as a gutter. The block is 35x25 and 15-20 cm. Pursuing excavation here we find a line of squatish blocks which look presently like a blocking of the doorway between Wall 11 and the staircase. At least some of the blocks in the location lie flat.

We take some measurements of walls. Wall 2 is 4.88m W-E. Wall 3 is 4.62m N-S as exposed at the north end and preserved at the south end. The south end is preserved for only 2-3 courses. The northern up to about 6. The wall probably continues deeper as must Wall 2 which is some 12 courses high. Wall 2 is built of relatively thin blocks/slabs. Wall 3 is built of thicker (10-15 cm) and larger blocks and occasional shorter rounded ones. The juncion between walls 2 and 3 is very rough. There is a vertical slab here that forms the west end of Wall 2. The south wall of the staircase (3.90m S. of Wall 2) measuring in both cases for the south face.

Large blocks are being removed in pair 54. We are almost at the level of the window sill exposed in Tr 66A and some of the blocks are relatively flat, although oblique ones continue, especially in the entrance from the room to the east north of Wall 11.

About 1.50m from the north end of Wall 3 and almost right against it is found a small block of dark igneous stone. It has a couple of surface, but no toolmarks. As squared it is 18x13x10 cm.
MCS goes back to the compartment and cleans around the two little vessels found yesterday, just to their north and also next to wall 9 is the base of another even larger vessel. This is not given on the inventory # but the other two are the pitcher C 9001, the conical cup G 8042. Soon after this offer to clean more around the location and reveal another little pitcher! Further cleaning shows the assemblage, which also includes shells, to have been on a stone slab which may be a shelf or a table. The slab is cracked and the fragment (2-3) somewhat canted. The location will be drawn and photographed tomorrow. Pail 51 is terminated by the end of the day.

Pail 54 continues, and none of string have been removed. The north wall of the staircase, if ever there was one, has not been traced. A west-east line of stones not obviously in place or constructed of being left nice with the hope that the real wall will be traced underneath it as we reach the floor in the room.

We clear the west section of wall 11 and it seems now that it has a blocked doorway leading north into X1.

Excavating this pail 54 work on wall 11 and to west reveals a large slab that looks like a threshold right under what have been crossed stone of a blocking wall at the entrance into Space X7, the compartment.
Machine set at level +7.98.

We continue work in X4 with a new pail after levels have been taken.

Pail 6:55 and pail 54
From (see p.108) to (see p.114)
Stone tumble and terracotta earls
X4

Sherd, bone, shell, charcoal [Large unit]
join w. pail 54 (C9151), C9167, C9013
Other charcoal for juniper burning? small stone
Inub Queen = 52140

Before starting we measure the location of two large sherds of large vessels. They both are a handle and part of the body + rim, probably of a amphora. One is located 1.50 m. of wall 2 and 70 cm. E. of wall 3 (Level +5.40). The other is 1.20 east of wall 3 and right against wall 2 (Level +5.38).

Debbie Ruscillo has joined us at the trench today and helps with various matters. Also Niki Holmes is making a drawing of the shell and vase assemblage in the little compartment. Excavation there will continue later.

As we dig in pail 55 we find more of the handle frays noted above in the beginning of large vessel of which more sherds go deeper. The sherds also go under the line of stones, candidate for the north wall of the staircase. It looks more and more as if there is not a wall. We shall start dismantling the line of stones, by removing them obviously not in situ or built.
A wall, much destroyed, begins to appear underneath. It stops 1.95 m east of wall 11 with an end wall consisting of 5 superposed blocks which lean over acutely towards the east. No bonding or masonry here. Beyond the wall and there is a gap of 90 cm. with no constructed wall apparent here. Rather, there are cantilever stones. Beyond is a flat slab 0.50 m long on top of which are two flat stones, thought yesterday to be a blocking of the doorway into the compartment. The slab, which looks like a threshold but probably was not, does not reach all the way to wall 11. Rather there is a small block beyond it. The area just described, between the end of the gap in the construction and wall 11 is ca. 85 cm. It is all very puzzling.

Some dark soil appears midway along wall 2 and just south of it. We are now at the level of the top of the ashlar blocks of the window exposed in Tr 66A. Bits of charcoal turn up here and there. Slab and block debris continues.

IWS take series of B&W + colour pictures of the vase deposit in X 7 (see p. 112 for slides)

Pail 56 is terminated.
In pail 55 quite a few small beach pebbles turn up. These are burnt patches, but no surface since there are canted stones sticking out everywhere and especially in the south part of the area. Groups of sherds are being found, especially at the west end of the room.

I move a workman back into the compartment (X7), now that drawings and photography of the deposit are complete.

Pail 6:54 under pail 51
Clay-like earth, some fallen stone from ca. 5.30 to 5.50
X7

Sherds: large unit-sp, v. large sh, LM IIIA1
flow deposit with 13 inv. vases, not identifiable LM IIIA2
Other burned fill, shell
inv. See p. 114

We have trouble finding the floor in X7 and decide to shift more to another area, the staircase, to see if there are better indications. We had so far exposed 5 steps of which the topmost one was found carved. We shall dig east of the last step.

Pail 6:58 under pail 52
From 5.48 to 5.14/4.95 (in s. entrance)
Staircase
Clay-like earth
Sherds: small unit, LM II; small-"meand" sherds, etc. for lekane rim - Mostly MMM, lower shells
Inv.
We find the top of a 6th step and continue.
Machine set at level 7.97

We start a new pail in the larger room X4

Pail 6.59 under pail 55

From (see p. 114) to (see p. 116) stone rubble and earth
X4

Sherds: large bit - hakat LMIII A2 - join 55

Other burnt soil + clay sample; green clay like

In u. quern 52.1477 substantial pebbly stuff

bronze needle: B.329

The area is filling up with heaps of sherds which will be mapped out (see p. 116). The burnt area noted with pail 55 measuring from the east end of wall 2, which will be our point of reference now, the burning starts at 3.30 and ca. 50 cm south of the wall. It extends ca. 1.50 from the face of the wall and up to where large lumps of a pit have been noted. There are chunks of burnt earth/clay and grey clay like earth. All this is in the midst of collapsed stones. We take a sample of the varieties of burnt ? materials

A quern is found canted/fallen, 2.80

fun ke east point and 1.90 + south of wall 2. It is 30x20 max. dims. and ca 12cm thick. It has a shallow depression at the top. (see draw. p. 116).

Right were the burnt fill is removed and at level 5.325 a bronze pin is found. Next sherds of a large vessel are being found next to the south ashlar block which served as the sill of a window. It is a large stake. The
Pail 59 (cont'd from p. 117)
Inv. C9013: fine wupt. pit. red C9167 - Carnarvon jar; C9172 red, coarse patterned low-necked jug; C9004 - 4-handled jar w. handprints

Shore rubble is again limited mostly at the south limit of the pail.

6. Blanco takes the level machine away to use it elsewhere. The new level machine is set up. Its level now is 7.875.

The large sherds behind the window spread more and more to the west. Just to their west are bits of a green clay like substance which we collect. Next to a cup (? champagne) is found directly north of the large sherds. This is upright, one can see the wide mouth and a handle. As we dig down the last "cup" turns to be a jar! Next: it turns out to be a jar with a one handled cup as a lid! Things are getting really exciting in the trench. 20 flat slabs found next to wall 2 may be a bench.

Work is very slow in the large room as every Zenobia earth is being sieved. A workman is shifted back to the staircase area. Continuing pail 58 started yesterday. Below the 6th step, found yesterday, we find two small slabs next to wall 10, the south wall of the staircase. These may be for setting a vertical wooden support to support the upper flight of the staircase. The pillar of stones diagnosed as the east end of the north wall of the staircase sits on top of a pile of slabs which project eastward. Northwest and southwest for it. It is likely that this is a base for the wooden frame of the staircase.

Text cont'd from p. 119
A landing was reached at the bottom of the last (6th) step, made in a strange way. There were two rectangular blocks set about the size of the steps set in a N-S orientation and with a short, channel like space between them. A slab was set on edge against them on the north side. Digging beyond it in the small space of the embrasure some flat stones, probably the floor were reached at the end of the day.

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