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80A. MCS returns, a veteran still limping. Trench progresses swiftly since Janina Fassoulatos, the fastest and one of the best excavators on the site, is transferred temporarily to the trench. North-south walls on each end of the trench are appearing (ήμοος), that on the east with a blocked doorway. Much stone removed, and in The process appears a fine small bronze bull figurine, probably geometric, which appears to be in pristine condition. General rejoicing. I had been in Pitsidia negotiating with the pot washer and talking to someone who came to fix the gate and railings, and was heard them upon return to see something strange. In Geom. I.G. the figurine is at least 30 m. from the temple and as a probable dedication in certainly an anomaly. Thrown this far? Abandoned? This would strengthen the case for calling the spear javelin points from 82A (p. 51) dedication that were not thrown to the temple again, were abandoned.

81B. A small telephone booth, three vertical stones in the Greek level, are photographed and removed. A platform in the middle of the trench is also photographed. We should be making the transition to the ήμοος level in a few days.

Many limpets.

82A. Sifting of the floor of the Geom. structure is finally completed.

83A. began on the limited top floor of the third gallery of P, and will clean it off for photography tomorrow. When the have
On Saturday the front loader came. It collected the stones from the various trenches, as well as most of the earth we have piled up from them (completed today). Under my guidance, it also clipped 0.10-0.30cms. from the new area surrounding B4A, in order to save time in the future. In the process it exposed the top of the P wall extending east from where it was already discovered in W4A, and another possible P wall.

A German TV crew interviewed MCS and myself on Friday.
been done we will complete removal of the rubble in the southern 'I2. BSB. Almost features clay and sand slowly descending. An orthostat wall of T believed to appear above P's three courses in the east facade; no vertical blocks may have been cut to take up the entire height of the LM I wall.

84A. Tomorrow we will come down on the extension of the LM wall of Building T, confirming that it ran westward south of the court, thus terminating the court even though the actual termination may be further north.

Philip Badiane counts driven all the way (4 hours) from Moehres to visit Kommos, and in particular to look at the MIA transitional (with Alexia) and the LMIII area from Building P. When was P founded? Phil saw that the latest he saw was LMIII A1, but that there were too many strata and we need more to confirm and suggest a careful cleaning and sounding of P's floor, something already planned for MCS within two weeks. By coincidence, Vince Westeros is here also, and I have discussed the same theme with him. "mostly LMIII A1, but some LMIII A2," but still he suggests the same solution as Phil. What a pleasure (and with many reminiscences) to hear them here at the same time, both to help give us their expertise in dealing with some difficult material.

Ruth Pflimper visits to look at our process and 'vat slabs.'
Tomlin Dabney and Julia Pfaff arrive (13th of July).

Nick, J. Rutter's son, has been quite ill with ear problems that have affected his stability. He is in the Knossos hospital near Knossos with his father.
The pottery piles up.
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80A. Continuing down the s. staircase wall bottom out (built on this level of rubble); some dark plastic fragments are found upside-down on the 'veranda' and will be removed.

81A. We are now in thin earthen levels, with about 0.80 m. to go. 3 of the 6 workmen in this trench will slowly be transferred to the southern area to continue work there.

82A. Some differentially weathered stone with natural holes (one marble one, drilled) are found in the floor level, probably as fishing weights, and will be photographed as a group. The trench is going slowly and we must transfer workmen here to begin a new one to the east.

83A. Difficulty finding the floor surface. A line of well-laid ashlar blocks along the north face of Gallery 3 reminds me of T's masonry and might be a place to investigate in the future. As soon as 83B is complete the workmen will be switched to the new trench west of 83A.

84A. Toward the afternoon a smith block, presumably of the 19th century, falls of T's wall reappears. Tomorrow we will be down upon the remains of the first course that was buried below the court of MT building R.
80A. MGS mare semi out of a complex area just south of the small shrine. A number of cases of courtesies and other goods appear and are photographed by Herr. The continue as site photographers. Many small bits of plastic appear and are expertly lifted for transfer to Pittsfield.

81B. Wall definition finally begins.

82A. Much of the Geometric has now been dealt with and LT now begins the process of going down to just above Minimal levels before, in a week or so, beginning the final pass above PLS upper floor. A small breach of parallel vertical slabs appears.

83A. We are now on the buried floors of P after some difficulty in distinguishing between earth accumulation and the floor itself. Excavation of this northern strip may be completed in a day and, after photography, we will begin the southern strip of stone accumulation which should go much faster. 83B. In a few days we will be down to the keperidom level of T phase.

84A. Finally the wall level is reached of T. It turns out that the southern face has been ripped out by strumblers of P (or perhaps later). Fortunately for many purposes the northern face is preserved to the end of the trench on its west. We have not yet excavated north of this face (Tomorrow) but can see that it has been plastered. This implies to me that this is the living space and that there are rooms to the north, to be followed by the pebble floor. In order to determine the situa-
tion we begin B4C, which extends northward from here and will probably find the east-west crosswall or a colonnade or whatever. There is still much excitement to come in the next few weeks.

Alan and Catherine Johnston arrive, and a good time since J.R.'s absence to take care of him. Nick has resulted in a backlog. Nick R. has apparently left his hearing in one ear and some of his stability: get well, Nick!
N. Ritten has an operation in which his ear is pierced to determine the nature of the vesas and to drain liquids from the ear cavity.
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80A. A fine, reddish layer in the surface appears and is in the process of being cleared. Another similar clay but of plasticity turned over to reveal a large portion of a running spiral that can be restored easily. MES is reaching the point where he can begin the sounding(s) below the floor of P to reveal more of LM I T and the underlying MM remains.

81C. Observation continues and the available space for digging is reduced.

82A. No change.

83A. A vertical surface of plastic appears along the eastern wall of P, curving to the west. I am unsure whether it is a floor feature of P or the remains of an earlier room that may continue down some distance. We will find out tomorrow; in the meantime we level out the area.

84A. The southern wall of T (I assume) is cleared; its southern face has been largely robbed out on the west. This is cleared carefully and photographed. Then we begin digging in the area available on the north, leaving a baulk just north of the wall since it is plastered and we want to inspect and excavate the plaster all at one time. No clear sign of a floor south of the 0.20 cm.s; tomorrow this should be complete. At the same time we begin 84C on the north which will determine the real character of the LM I court as it meets up with the newly discovered area. This should complete the west-to-east west-to-north to south, then east-to-west search for Building T that began many years ago when Building J was discovered.
80A. Cleaning and photography.

81C. Wall definition continues as work is done along the west. The blocks on the east appear and will careful selection they are part of a collapsed stairway although its direction is not immediately apparent.

82A. Another Geometric fill level is followed faithfully. We have probably uncovered an excellent stratified example of MG pottery in this process.

83A/8B. A few sherd appear on a ledge with small sea pebbles and even with the top of the M II Krepidoma. This is as close to an ancient LM "parapet" as we have come in the eastern area. We will stop at the level of the bottom of the Krepidoma, about the MM.

83A. Finally, a floor feature in P on the eastern end in clarified and the upper floor is found. The plaster construction mentioned in yesterday's report appears to be part of a shallow but long (well to wall?) basin, width unknown, that underwent at least one renovation. Issues get on floor level. Its western edge is gone. Base? The aid material was not found in the basin, but on a level above it, so may not be connected with its use.

84A/C. The end of P appears in 84 C (the n. wall of P 6 ?). The floor level is not found clearly with y P wall, so we will probably wait for the larger area being exposed in 84 C.
Three sections seem to be the best, with closer Saboevin facing on the central one when her B/C is completed in a week or so. Any time remaining can be spent on a final hunch in House X, that may have to be completed in '93.

I redo, again, the budgeting, and it is clear that we can pay all expenses in Cents. On the other hand, at least one cheque on the TD house will have to be post-dated so that a transfer can be made when I return to Toronto.
This morning, a Saturday, I got to the site where a few men are fixing the main entrance gate, clearing stone that has come from the trenches, etc. The post-leaders, by arrangement, in turn as well, and we, since the central area above galleries 2 and 3 of Building 1, on the west we remove about 0.10m. Since the walls are well preserved. On the east we remove about 0.80m. Absolutely no architecture is discovered save the rows of P's walls which we already see in the trench. There seems to be an unusual amount of stone within P1, while as a result the ground level has been left higher. The process of swimming has left the interior of the galleries much more available for excavation, either for summer (Gallery 3, which I hope to clean entirely) or in the future (Gallery 2 and others which we have sampled but will leave to others to complete, if interested). For immediate purposes, we will now rejoin all the trenches of the Urbanisation of 82 and 83A and then subdivide the remaining area (15 metres or so) into two or three sections which lane will clean me. Good for me, and perhaps close the central one. Admittedly, some 4th millennium levels are gone, but there was no architecture associated with them. Simply burnt areas from the campfire etc. But there have been more than sampled in the past. The archaeological gain from the cleaning far outweigh any loss, I believe.

B. Hamman leaves in the morning.
84A. GB points out that the cutting in *T*4's wall, if intended for pivot, would allow for a door opening to the south (and not the north), add that the plastering on the north face of the same wall is more like that on a facade (exterio). We both note that the 'threshold' does not have any wear (was another block set upon it?).

She finds that Roll 3, B&L, was not properly placed on the sprocket and thus was not exposed. Most of the photos can be replaced with Polaroids on base prints from color slides, however. Her first such mistake in 16 years of excavation.

Confirmed on Tuesday.
86 A. Gradual removal of stone leaves some doubt concerning the 'strata case' since the supporting walls have not yet been found.

86 A. Into MM levels beyond the earliest LM I floor, which brings an end to the trench.

82 A. A possible bench appears below the level of the MG wall. It is along the south of Gallery 3, and at least one course.

83 A. Final photography of the half-excavated gallery down to the top of the upper floor. 83 B reaches, at the level of the top of the krepis of T, a surface with a good deal of pottery that was definitely in the east wing and can serve as a guide to dating and interpreting both T and P on the east.

84 A. An north-south wall of reused blocks appears between the ends of PIs walls. This is obviously a trace-on and could be LM III through Archai. It may have been analogous with the Geometric use of Gallery 3 which was more extensive than had originally been thought when the LG pottery found there in trench 36 B by H. Nixon was turned a dump. Instead, Gallery 3 may have been the place where the "geometrical" gathered when visiting Temple B, even Temple A if the pottery proves to be contemporary. It is also possible (and I must ask Alan) that Phoenician pottery may be found in these levels.
And prepare for final photographs of 83B, which will be carried down only to the level of the bottom of T3's krepidoma. This will be the 'shand' photograph for 1992, aside from the lily process from House X which is being drawn by 63B and is very beautiful. I will also photograph the guard in his suspended bed for fun.
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80A. MCS cleaning dam in Room Z of House X. A series of four sunken that seem to come up to the sunken pool in the floor. Dated pottery and a stone seal/brass, the latter decorated in a concentric manner, a bit worn, are recovered.

81A. No essential change as we remove blocks from around the slope of the "stairs."

82A. Bench is confirmed as a feature, as is the hearth. The hearth & bench are photographed and the form is removed.

83A. No essential change although a great deal of stone and earth is being removed.

84A. No essential change.

82A/82B/83B/83C. After much planning, one of the major efforts of the season is launched. 82A/82B/83C are begun. Three trenches total about 13 meters west to east and lie between 82A and 83A. In space has, I hope, been defined fairly and both of the pits have been begun. The distribution is 4.4 and 6.5 meters respectively on the basis of the relative speed of the excavators, workers, and the relative time that the workers will be available. I hope that my estimate are correct and that we can have the first floor of 83A by August 13th.

Sarah Vaughan, the first director of the U.S. Penn Lab at the ABCSA, visits for a short time. She is given samples of the red material from the floor of 83A and en courage us to request an analysis.

Just MCS into Murs in the morning.

Possible reports report:
- Geometric pottery from Gallery 3 (Alan)
- Dating evidence for building T (J.R.)
- P ("")

88A. We have now gone through the Geometric level and are only about 0.3 m above the latest (top) floor of Corridor 3.

88A. MCS clears further in Room 29. Home X, revealing an unexpectedly fine pebble floor of probable Iron I date. Careful sieving and the watchful eye of supervisor Stelios Dimitrakis discover another seal of soapstone, this one with a carved design that could be a character in Linear A (this has not been checked), also a partial female figurine of Tyrnakos. Between the two pits, more, is found another one which remains to be cleared out. MCS has a 'hunter' instinct and technique hard by matched and deserves the credit as an excellent excavator.

81E. Rubble removal on the west continues with the hope that we may learn more about the fallen 'stairway' blocks that are still without a solid base to hold them up.

83A. No essential change.

83B. Being completed.

82B/81B. On the upper levels here, where we will be for some time, we begin to sort out the northern wall of P in both trenches. Clarification will follow and then
Two days at least and then the trenches will shrink in their north-south width as the upper walls are cleared off on both sides. Perhaps the top of the geometric wall and its return to the south will become clear in the process. If there is a return, that will be the time to give it a better designation ("Z", perhaps, or AA). Of crucial interest will be whether it is set up against a north-south cross-wall of Corridor 3, in which case our interpretation of all the Galleries as stepwells will be affected and certainly modified. If it is a separate wall with both faces geometric, then the general interpretation will be unaffected.

84 A/C. A surface at +3. So on, outside of P Gallery 4 (blocked gallery) is located, this is most likely the A.M. III level of the court of P, found in a few places elsewhere. We will photograph this surface tomorrow before going down further to look for the court/wall level(s) of A.M. I Building T.
From the top at least, the n.s. wall is indeed geometric for it bonds with the e-w. Geometric wall and does not continue with the wall of P. Also, it seems to have only one face, that at the west. More cleaning is necessary, however, at the lower levels since the situation could change.

* Inspection of stairway at 20cm and Machlos reveals that a wall at this point is not necessary.*

82B/81B/83C. 83C is begun on the east, with 83B complete on the east (photographs taken). 83B is one of the great Ebenezer walls to be cleaned partially during the short history of Ebenezer archaeology. 83C is begun in the gash, compacted clay island that is made difficult to penetrate because of the frequent leachings which ran back and forth over the area during the process of cleaning and skimming. In 82B, in the eastern part, we find an east north-south wall. It could possibly be a wall of P, but at present the face on the west and the cornering with the continuation of the Geometric wall imply that the blocks are re-used from P in a Latin construction. If the latter, 82B will be constructed to the west so as to contain over the wall, with 81B beginning on the other side of the wall.

80A. Continued cleaning around the pithoi which may, in fact, rest on a fill with the different levels having been built up around them.

81A. Careful cleaning reveals another step on the north, strengthening the suggestion that we do have a stairway. But where is the basic wall on the south? Perhaps relaid out on a lower level?

82A. The floor of P is reached. Time for photography.

84A/C, the courtyard P is reached and photographed. And we will clean slowly in search of the probable court of T, which could still be further north. This should be clarified in the next few days, after the planned trip.