101 A - East and Central Strip
(from NE corner of trench)
accumulation of rubble and rocks a,b,c
pails: 3:6, 2:11, 3:13

K97/1, fr. 32, 33

Tr.101A (as above)

Tr. 101 A - Central Strip:
The cleaning around the three visible rocks (a,b,c) continues.

Pail 3:13 (from +2.91 to +2.89/2.87)
1 shell (SE of stone C)
sherds: Minoan?, 7 c., classical-
date given by Attic skyphos foot fragment.

The remaining surface sand fill of the central strip is removed (Pail 2:11) and a
photo is taken from the NE corner of Tr.
101A (of the stones a,b,c and the
accumulation of rubble in the E. strip
of the trench - roll 1, fr.32,33 / pails
3:6, 2:11)

Pail 2:11 (from +2.92 to +2.84)
shells (limpets, etc)
2 stones
sherds: classical, minimal
Minoan, kaphio cup, 5c small bowl.
Few banded fragments (some 5c), range
of bg. cups
C.10751: bg cup foot.

In the SE corner of this central strip
traces of the pebble floor appear at
level +2.92 /+2.89. Further cleaning is
needed to investigate the extent of
the pebble floor in this area.

When the upper surface of rock b is
cleaned, a cross-shaped carving is
revealed ← (dim. 0.14 x 0.14 m, max. depth
0.03 m). Further research is necessary to
investigate whether this is a mason's
mark. (inventoried as I.107)

We decide to make a sounding on the
W. side of the three rocks a, b, c to
Investigate how deep in the earth they are set and what is underneath them (whether they are laying on sand or whether they are set on some sort of base).

Dim. of W. sounding: 1.50 m (N-S) x 1.10 m (E-W).

A new pail is assigned for the area of the W. sounding:

- Pail 3:14 (from +2.89/2.87 to sand +2.66/2.57)
- charcoal
- sherds: classical, fragments of a classical hydria.

At levels ranging from +2.72 to +2.63, fallen stones appear in the sand. At the same level the sand is wet. At level +2.64 large joining fragments of a classical hydria laying on the stones.

We also extend the sounding east of rocks a, b, c to investigate their connection to the accumulation of rubble revealed at the E. strip of Tr. 101A.

Dim. of E. sounding: 1.70 m (N-S) x 1.40 m (E-W).

A new pail is assigned for this East Sounding:

- Pail 3:15 (from +2.92/2.86 to sand +2.78/2.72)
- shells, tooth
- charcoal, pumice
- 2 stones

- sherds: classical, Attic classical skyphos handle, local bg. seems mainly 7c., joining sherds of local (?) amphora or jar with corinatised shoulder.

Many sherds are found near the SE. corners of rock c. Fallen stones appear on this side too at levels ranging from +2.86 to
+2.77. These fallen stones on the E+W.

des of rocks a,b,c seem to be
associated with the accumulation of
rubble on the E.strip of Tr.101A. By
comparing the levels (rubble accumula-
tion: +3.07/+2.96, stones E.of rocks
a,b,c : +2.86/+2.77, stones W.of rocks
a,b,c : +2.72/+2.63) it is apparent
that there is an E-W. slope, as if the
stones have "rolled" from the rubble
accumulation down towards the west
-probably because of erosion. Rocks
a,b,c are at a higher level as if set
there after the rubble had fallen.

At the end of the day rock a was
revealed at a height of 0.36 m. on the
E.side and 0.39 m. on the W.; rock b
at a height of 0.26 m on the E.side
and 0.38 m. on the W.; rock c at a
height of 0.33/0.27 m. on the E.side
and 0.39 m. on the W., 0.34 m. on the S.
It is decided to extend Tr. 101A/B to the N. and W. in order to clear the central court from the remaining sandfill and to dig the unexcavated areas between the existing and past trenches. Tr. 101C is laid to the N. of Tr. 101A (and over part of 65A5 and 65A7).

Dim. of Tr. 101C: 3.50 m (N-S) x 8.96 (E-W).
The surface is very uneven because of the sandfill. A first layer of sand is removed.

Pail 2:16 (from +3.14/+2.73 to +3.10/+2.62)
sand, few rubble near W. side.
pumice
limpet
sherds: LM-Classical (Vapheio cup and bowl feet are LH, 2 plain sherds seem classical, as are the well-drum fragments, 1 bg. cup perhaps 7 c.) 10 c 11079

Tr. 101D is laid to the W. of Tr. 101A/B.
Dim: 11.50 m (N-S) x 4.50 m (E-W).
The surface of this trench is also uneven since the surface fill is pure sand. It rises along the N. side and then slopes down towards the Minoan walkway further to the N. The surface levels range from +3.00 to +2.68.

Pail 2:17 (from +3.00/+2.68 to +2.96/+2.64)
sand, a few pebbles + rubble
shells
sherds: little diagnostic, one up foot and one bg. wall fragment are classical

Under this sandfill, along the S. part and along the N. side, there are areas of
harder, packed sand, while at a distance of 3.60 m. from the NE corner of the trench, traces of burning (probably modern) are found. These traces extend towards the W. covering an area of ca. 2 m. (N-S) x 2.60 m. (E-W), at level +2.93/+2.90.

Pail 3:18 (under 2:17, from +2.96/+2.64 to +2.96/+2.73 → this is because of the sand)

hard sand

A pile of stones appears near the SE corner (at level +3.01/+2.88) which will be further cleared tomorrow.
Tr. 101 D:

Work continues with level 3 which is pure sand at the area in the centre of the trench and harder earth mixed with sand in the N. and S. areas. It is proven that the traces of burning found yesterday are modern because pieces of plastic and paper are found among the ashes. The pile of stones that appeared yesterday in the area of the SE corner of the trench is cleared, while south and east of them the continuation of the pebble floor is revealed at levels ranging from +2.80 to +2.77. The stratigraphy in this area is as follows: pebble floor, a layer of sand and earth, fallen stones (max. dim. of the largest stone: 0.50 x 0.25 m). More stones appear N. of this pile, which cover an area ca. 2.25 m (N-S) x 1.35 m (E-W). N. of these we find an accumulation of rubble covering an area ca. 1.75 m (N-S) x 1.35 m (E-W). Around this accumulation of stones and rubble, at level +2.83, the fill changes. It is no longer pure sand, but mixed with earth, like hard clay (? silt). Two flat stones are revealed near the E. side of the trench, the northernmost at level +2.80 (max. dim. 0.37 x 0.32 m), the southernmost at level +2.82 (max. dim. 0.33 x 0.245 m). A few more stones are scattered in the northern part of the trench at level +2.86.

Pail 3:18 (from +2.96/+2.73 to +2.83/+2.65)

shells
plaster, some iron slag
sherds: highly mixed unit, some Minoan, perhaps MM, one LM II bowl rim, 7 C., bg. cup rims, Iron Age cooking
ware, 5 c. sherds, tentative latest date ca. 400
C10761: one RF sherd (open vase).
Photo Tr.101D/3:18 - roll 3, fr. 36, from S pile of stones

Towards the end of the day, we start removing the second layer of sand from Tr. 101 C, which is harder than the first one. We only have time to clear a small area in the SE corner of the trench.
Tr. 101 C: Pail 3:19 (from +3.10 to +2.96/2.94)
sand sherds
Trench 101E is laid today to the E. of Tr. 101 A and C (above parts of Tr. 65A5, 65A, 90D) in order to clear the last remaining sandfill of the Central Court. This area has been excavated in the past.

Dim. of Tr. 101E: 4.20 m. (N-S) x 4.50 (E-W)

The surface sandfill is higher along the S. side of the trench, especially in the SE. corner. Pebbles and gravel are mixed in the sand.

Pail 2:20 (from +3.39/42.99 to +3.17/42.99)

sand
shells
shards: collection of body sherds of various fabrics
C10764: bg. open vase, rim, 7 c.

At levels ranging from +3.17 to +2.99 we reach the layer of hard sand mixed with earth and we change pail.

Pail 3:21 (from +3.17/42.99 to mixed sand + earth +3.12/42.96)

shell
shards: tentative latest date of pottery 7 c?, no assumed Minoan
I108: bg. cup foot 7 c.
C10762: bg. cup
C10763: slipped cup

The surface is levelled and work is completed in this trench.

- Tr. 101A - Central Strip:
  Rocks a,b,c and the soundings E+W of these are photographed (roll 3, fr.31,32) from W. Work is completed in the West.
fig. 17  Tr. 101 A - Sounding N. of rocks a, b, c
Section (W. face of rocks) 1:20

(for a plan see fig. 18 in NB pocket)

sounding by removing the fallen stones and one last layer of earth.
Pail 3:14 (from +2.66/+2.57 to +2.58/+2.57)

snail shell
charcoal
sherds: small unit, classical

A section of the W. side of rocks a, b, c is drawn.

- Tr. 101 C:
The levelling of the surface of this trench is completed.
Pail 3:19 (from +2.96/+2.94 to +2.95/+2.83)
sand
sherds: tiny unit, tentative latest date of pottery 5c (?), battered cooking scraps, simple MC rim fragment, two bg. cup feet.
Tr. 101 A - Central Strip:

We continue and complete work in the sounding E. of rocks a, b, c today. We remove the stones that were found on July 7, 1997 (see p. 35-37) and change pail.

Pail 4:22 (from +2.78/+2.72 to +2.30/+1.73)
earth, a few pebbles
charcoal, pumice
shells
S2315 a+b: 2 stones with traces of red
colour
sherds: Minoan, 7c.

At levels ranging from +2.75 to +2.50 more stones are found. At level +2.39 two stones with traces of red colour on one side are found near the S. side of rock C.

Two of the largest stones revealed have max. dim. 0.28 x 0.24 m and 0.38 x 0.27 m. These are not removed, but in the area N. of these we decide to dig to bedrock in order to investigate the depth and possibly the date of what seems to be an erosion channel running E-W through the central court. The existence of such an erosion channel would explain the mixed/disturbed pottery units, the destruction of the pebble floor and the accumulation of rubble, fallen stones.

At levels +1.98/+1.88 we reach the bedrock (Koubkoupas) at the SE corner of this sounding (N. of the 2 large stones mentioned before). We continue digging in the remaining area to a final level of +1.73.
The bedrock is sloping down towards the NW. (levels ranging from +1.98 to +1.79) A photograph is taken of the E. sounding at the final levels (roll 4, fr. 4, 5, 6) from S. and the sounding is filled in.

Tr. 101 D:

The scattered stones and accumulation of rubble are removed and the surface of the trench is levelled. Final levels: +2.72/+2.65

Tr. 101 A - sounding E+W of rocks a, b, c final levels - from S.
Although work at the site was basically completed on July 11, 1997, we return today for a final cleaning of the central court and to take final measurements.

- **Tr. 101 A - East Strip**: The accumulation of rubble is removed
  - Pail 3:23
  - sherds: "miserable unit"(!), 8-7 C, plaster

- **Tr. 101 B - Central Strip**: The accumulation of plaster fragments that had been left on the pebble floor (see p.31) is removed and the edge of the pebble floor fully cleared.
  - Pail 3:8 (to a final level +2.89)
  - plaster
  - sherds: LMINA(final), kiln dump.

"This pail contains the continuation of dumped kiln pottery mixed with plasters as was found to the S. of the court" (see Tr. 97 C, of which this is actually the completion of the excavation of its northern part)

- **C 10739**: mono. amphora sherd with light-on-
  - red, washy paint (OMA), 1 base, 37 body sherds.

The whole area of the Central Court* is cleared of any projecting stones and rubble.

* area covered by Tr. 101 A-E
(S. of the Minoan Walkway)
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C10762 (3:21) bg cup  
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fig. 13

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Tr. 101A (central strip) on upper surface of rock b.

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