- Heightening the eastern retaining wall, now over 2.5 m. high, by another meter or so.

- Cementing all exposed scarpas, including scarpas where the cement has in some cases peeled off through erosion.

- Building the central stairway above the area of Trench 94A, a project estimated to take 2-3 days.
SH 16    bone/antler   K99
Tv. 95  Area surface/loose earth west
of Gallery Pit. May have fit in a
ring bezel. Unclear whether it is
ancient or from a modern ring, the
type of which is known in rings and
other jewelry.
Aug. 1994

93 E. House X Room 3. Upper, later wall removed and we began removal of later levels down to the original floor level.

94.B. We are close to the E 1/2 B level which slopes down and to the west. Tomorrow we will begin clearing it on the east with one crew while the other continues to excavate deeper on the west. At some point we will either have two crews doing the daily work or will send one crew to work on another project, either wall building or earth cleaning.

95 A/B/C. GN on sabbatical. His workmen distributed to other projects.

I expect to come from London on Friday to move piled up fill from the CC and do some general landscaping projects. In the meantime we are filling in a number of MCS soundings in galleries 4, 5 with earth, as soon as EWW has drawn them.

Timing of the CC court clearing appears to be on schedule -- GN returns tomorrow to continue the work which could be completed as early as this coming weekend. MCS will excavate in times of the time available in House X. AR should be able to reach the E 1/2 B floor, then reveal part of T's floor as well as the pavement connected with it. It is probably not important to reveal the M M north south wall which we know exists there. EWB will probably finish early (may do profiles) since the extent of the remains revealed this year is limited.
Philip and Mary, Belauncoit and some 10 students visited last night (PM at dinner with us) and MRS and I took them around the site this morning. Phil an esteemed colleague and Kommes alumnus.
93 E A possible hearth, on an upper level, the superincumbent late wall having been removed. Another day and this Room (x 3) will have been cleared down to floor level (Lm 1?). Then MCS will move on to mapping a sounding in Room 6 (with the large 'bathing' slab), his last trench.

94 B Tomorrow the work crew will be reduced as the slabs and associated 'floor' level are cleared, with the clearing extending to the south so as to include John Catchpole's section.

95 A/B/C

Much layered plaster is found about 9 meters from the east wing and 3 meters from the South side -- it appears to be a dump. Could it be from the fallen upper floor of the side, the blocks of which were robbed out by the P. people? We do not yet know whether it sits on the pebble court or whether the somewhat eleborate pebble court is preserved below it. Work began on the masonry fallen from T's east-west wall west of the kiln -- we do not finish in time so as to remove it from the surface it is lying on (one floor?) before the front loader comes in over it tomorrow. The plan is to cover over
Part of the e-w wall so that the machine can come in over the wall (and the blocks north of it). Then the machine will clear earth from above the course north of the present trench line (about 12 m from the column line of the site). The accumulations will be deposited on the erosion slope to the west, bringing that level up to the CC level (about +3.00 m). The machine will then exit between the bases and out the same way it came in, after which the e-w wall (and fallen masonry) will be cleared so that excavation in that area can continue.

By tomorrow afternoon the 18 cm chance that was the earlier (?) pebble court should have reached the desired level. GN and I wonder whether there may be here a reflection of the court at the western end of the north slope and that this could be a least-impede part of the LM I structure.

In the storerooms pottery sorting, photography, and conservation proceed. The broken anchor is now entire, mended with metal dowels, epoxy and plates. The Parian Cata-locating process is now. All of Level 6A-I pottery has been refiled into the appropriate trench boxes, a main project and preliminary to inventorying the separate boxes before they are sent to the HM, another project that may have to be postpased until early next year during our first study season.
5 August 1994

V. busy day; split between the site, the refuse site run for provisions, equipment, and the payroll for the 23 local employees (19 women, 2 potwashers, 2 cooks), and the other excavation cares.

After a late arrival, the front loader levels down to just above the court, the results being a major visual improvement commented upon by a number of the more observant women as well as the field staff. MCS introduces the idea of sweeping much of the earth and sand up to form a high road leading from the true (so part of the site) to the near southwestern entrance toward the sea. The 5 hours of work by the machine an excellent investment. The intromersion (3.35m. on center) just broad enough to allow the machine to pass between with about 0.20m. to spare on each side! Most of the sand dumped on the wall to allow passage has already been removed.

93E. On the final, plastered off a moving set of evidence for domestic economy: a fine pile of sand stone with a mortar, part of a cooking pot, and a possible hearth. MCS v. pleased.

94B. Photograph of the spread of slate on the rough surface; part of a cooking pot appears.

95 A/B/C: Excavation continues within
the stoa area, especially around the kiln and above the pebbled floor to the east. G.N. remarks porting paid 200, probably the highest number ever reached at the Kommos excavation, an indication of the very size of his responsibility, his efficiency, and the scale of the material within and just outside of the kiln.

Saturday, 6 August 1994.

After much worry that the owners of the main apothecary might want to turn it into a tourist "rooms for rent" place, we met with Takovos and Maria Kadianoucious (owners) and succeed in an agreement for rental through 2001 (my retirement year). We will support the rooth of Apollo #3 with an iron beam, slim belcam, and seal the roof above it possible to prevent leakages. We agree that this is a half-measure, but removing theexion shelves and their contents so that the entire roof could be replaced would be very time-consuming and expensive, they will also instill a flush toilet, r. placing the water paid we have been using since 1976. This is a very positive thing event as we enter next year into a series of study seasons.
Final week of excavation.

93F. Clearing within Room 6 of House X reveals that the floor rest on a (mm?) pavement. We decide to remove almost all blockings of doorways to simplify study and access. This is a good idea and the process begins: Room 6 is opened north to south and west; the blocking to the north, joining it in Room 3 ("the kitchen") will be removed shortly.

94B. Our next step is to penetrate down to the Top floor of P 2, not far away on the west but some distance down from the east because of the east - down - to - west slope.

95A/B/C. Two trenches going. The first just west of the kiln, about on the level that the kiln was built, is removing earth, pottery, and parts of the fallen south wall of T (fan courses or small blocks). In other, a bit to the west, traces the theoretically earlier pebble court which, as it turns out, actually embraces the sub-base of the sixth column base from the east, suggesting that the two are contemporaneous. Indeed, the chief topic of conversation among us about this area concerns a possible earlier phase, pre-T (or T 1?) of which there is evidence but it is extremely difficult to relate one wall to floor to another since they are so physically close to each other, e.g., superimposed or at similar levels. This problem will certainly come up shortly when I begin writing the annual short report, due in a week.
9 August 1994

93 - Completed. Photography, ke wonders shelter
Mrs. I will participate in the clearing of
the court north of the column bases,
the excavation of the sounding
in the se corner of the stoa. Her soundings
have not been as productive as we
originally envisioned -- the E MM levels
are simply not as forthcoming as we
originally envisioned, bringing much
disappointment in what may be the
final season.

94b - A fine LM III B bowl is discovered
resting somewhat below the level of the
slab floor -- the first bowl, and
soilly deatable, that I can recall.
It rested on or a bit above the
upper floor surface of P 2. At this
stage we contract the trench to the
northernmost quadrant, with the aim
of locating the W's NNW wall, about
0.4m. down, and any remnants of
the LM I pavement that may
rest upon it. We should trim
the W scarp tomorrow morning
so as to recover as much of the
pavement plan as possible,
which could also be tomorrow.
He may have to remove sand
from the SW quadrant (the
Crichton trench) so as to
overlap with that already re-
covered.
A professional potter from Siva, Vasilis Peios, stopped by the excavation. After some discussion with him, he suggested that the pots were set on the tops of the partition walls. The variation: two cobblings, one on the wall, the other in the firepot for the final cooking. He looked at a hard coating recoated within the channels -- hard and lime-like. Was a cobbling of lime plaster used over the clay kiln plaster? It would be with analysis. I worry that Peter Tandy, who was originally interested in a proscribed analysis of the kiln material, may be too busy at Knossos and elsewhere to come down to see the kiln before it is covered up next week.
93C has reported some sounding in the SE corner of the site. The aim being to clarify the earlier architectural phase noticed especially by GEB during the process of her survey. A group of thin slides n. of T's e-w wall is removed to reveal an oval enclosure which is cleared, and contains what appears to be light pottery, some bone, and a number of flint tools. Kept in copper as well is a partial female face. Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the enclosure is that it shows clearly an architectural sequence which is also partially datable:

1) east-west wall projecting out below T's east-west wall (= s wall of store).
2) enclosure not in above (1) and apparently continuing further to the south "MM III"?
3) T's e-w wall.

The sequence in particularly interesting since now we have what one might call a "located series." Has close. There are in time can only be guessed, but here is a suggestion, same as above:

1) "MM II" a earlier. The lower e-w wall.
2) "MM III" enclosure -- This assumes that the e-w wall is at least partially destroyed since the enclosure is set in about the wall. Time of "MM I" earth? square?
3) "MM I" Founded of building T.

It is worth wondering whether (1) may also be the period of the early colonnade (p. 157).

94B. We have arrived at the top of many stairs, without doubt the last in wall group that we are searching for. They have not yet been cleared. Tomorrow (Thursday) may be the final day for this trench.
of A/B/C. While the n/s strip near Col. 5 continues down (much rubble), two trenches are started out in the CC north of the s/a, with the aim of clearing down to the pebbles of the CC proper. This cannot be done very far north because we learned last year in Eod Fitzjims's trench that the CC is partially washed out 10 m or so north of the South S/a, there is a mixture of sandy earth, small rubble, and a good deal of plaster fragments 3 m or so north of the s/a, as mentioned earlier. Some of these are multi-layered like floor plaster. We also recover fragments of a white plaster table like the one(s) found in '93.

I write this while sitting in bed in our small apartment rented from Manolis and Theonif Kadiannakis. For the first time since we began excavation, I hurt myself on the site. Not badly: a sprain of the left foot (left random). A mason'shelper set up a wooden runway sloppily and it collapsed as I was coming down it in Gallery F2 (west end). I slipped down to the right against the scoop, and my left leg was hurt by the twisting, falling board. I almost fainted, was carried by the workers under an umbrella where I slowly revived from the shock. At about 2:20 a.m., Evripides (workman and Debi's fiancée) had the presence of mind to race back to Pitikidha for ice to lessen the swelling. Maria was there helping almost from the first moment. Choulakos Bamboulotakis and Sifin Fascalakas carried me up the hill to the van brought by Debi. Then into the apt. until we returned together. Now my foot, swollen, is wrapped in a camp of Jutes.
(The local core). Our landlord found, after
a week of adjusting. There are a few painful days
ahead.

11 Dec 1994,

Kilikoglou

Pete Day and colleague Velatini from
Democrates visit in connection with our
planned analysis of the kith and its
pottery. They are both studying that there
is so little vitrification of the kiln flue,
pot, as at Hasan Tepe. They also claim
not to understand how this type of kiln
with channels actually worked. Samples
are taken from the kiln lining, we sit
about in the apportion courtyard and I
discuss the various aspects of the study and
my hesitation to try to bring it all together
in my monograph (although that can
remain a possibility). They will send
their proposal by 1 November, and
then I can include it with my
request for funding to INSTEP. MCS
suggests that the request for $ for the
analysis of plaster/pigments be included
in the INSTEP grant. That can be
determined later in the fall. In any case,
we can cover the expenses in one way
or another.
Two days missing from the excavation, the first
days I have not been on the site since we began
in 1992. Yesterday we x-rayed the injured left foot
and it is not a sprain at all, rather, a piece was
split off of the lower end of the smaller legbone. Fortunately
it has remained in place next to the point that
it was fractured off from and will knit without an
operation. My leg is in a temporary cast to allow
the swelling to go down -- Thursday the real cast
will be put on: it will remain on, probably, until
arrival in Toronto. In the meantime, I got around first
on borrowed crutches, then on a new pair bought
in Nicosia this morning. In the afternoon I was
driven down to the site by D Billy Luscille (who also
left today with fiancée Eunice Dripides) in order to pay
the final regular wage week as well as the 20%
gift at the season's end based on their total
income. We each pay for all 19 about $3,500; gift
$5,000. This is the largest single payment of the
year, although the total wages will be about
$35,000 (or 6,000,000 drachmae, with
172 & per $ Can.). Neverthease we are on budget
since some other categories (e.g., travel) are under-
spent.

My field report is only partial since I
could not visit all the trenches -- I peered
into 93C (from above as well as 94B, both
full of walls, but could not reach 95A & 8C).
I also carried up on to the high level of the
site by two workmen and made payments from
the van rather than from, as has been usual,
from the guardhouse on top of the hill to the
north, now inaccessible to me.
MCS, Assistant Director, has run the site work with great aplomb during the past two days, at the same time that she has been supervising her own trench. I could never do both at the same time.

93C: More walls, 4m x 4m, which are best to describe with a drawing next week.

94B: ""

95A/B/C: Work largely completed, some for areas of the section remain to be cleaned. Kiln and surroundings complete.

Ora and Moshe Negbi visit the Krommes site during the day and dine with us in the evening.
August 1994

"Wrap-up" procedures continue. The three team members are deep into their reports. SN and MCS have particularly difficult duties because of his broad area (perhaps the largest trench physically over 200 pails) and his many separate sections (first in P 5, then 4, then next to P 6 and within it, then in various parts of House X). I wonder whether SN will be able to finish his text since he is still working on the sections. AR & I believe, completing here.

GB completes recording on the site, long days and nights often drawing in Antiochus I.

AR photographs, has been faced by circumstances (my injury) to do the final field photography on top of her own usual b/w and color work. By necessity she may have to do some work in Toronto.

NK (and HK) work on cataloguing, profiling, and continuing to prepare the hilltop and hillside catalogued material for shipment to Jerusalem early next year.

AUDM continues long hours on the pottery tables, having to handle the pottery (CB) essentially on her own. I wonder whether a student such as herself shouldn't receive some material to compensate and I will look at our various balances.

AP leaves tomorrow, and has passed in his report including "last minute" material on Vol IV, especially material on Bldg. 2.

CHP about to leave, having finished conservation duties as helper.

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She has written most of the first version of the 'Brief Report' summarizing the season's work. MCS wants to contribute a section on the MN/AM soundings in T/P in the east wing. I have also completed the precis for the A/IA conference in Athens after Christmas. Today I went into town to the bank for $5 to continue payments so that we have no debts when MCS and I leave in a few weeks. Room rental payments have begun; the frontloader for sand removal has been paid for ($50,000, a $3,200 about on schedule). 90% of women payments taken care of. But now payments upcoming for two houses ($150,000, less than 10% and the annex arrears ($80,000). This should be enough excavation & to cover everything, but if there is a problem MCS and I can loan K. the requisite.

MCS and I plan to return the excavation van to Heracleon on Sunday. (Ann Perron and Amy R have been driving since I cannot manage a geology car with my leg) and we will rent an automatic car which both of us will be able to drive (arrangements made by fax). On the personal front, PPS in Chicago has sent our house plans but by the incorrect courier (no service in A/IA) so he has just been faxed to resend, a time-consuming and costly procedure.