we now return to gallery 1 to continue excavating with trench 93 b. excavation took place in a number of trenches, of which the last one was trench 86f. the levels reached by 1993 are shown on p. 88. the gallery was badly destroyed at the level of the lepis floor through erosion. the preservation is shown on p. 90 and the levels of the lepis floor on p. 90. we shall start by excavating a strip 2.00-2.80 m wide alongside the east scarp. this will be subdivided in three sections of which the southern one will be excavated first.

93 b/pail 4:41 a under tr 86f/pail 99+100

forms (see p. 88) to (see p. 90)

lepis and burnt patches, a few pebbles
sherd: 0.130 kg; 23 sqm. lm iiia1 or a2

tiny unit - too worn

other: hearth burnt fill sample; patterned plaster

inv.

a small shallow hearth is found. a small segment of red burnt clay is found roughly parallel and some 20cm from the south wall. the clay "wall" is ca. 10 cm wide and some 0.35m long (w-e). black fill spread in a small area (0.40 x 0.40m) directly north of it. the level is at +3.28 at the top of the clay and at +3.23 in the burial area.

we continue digging around pail area removing the lepis which is gradually replaced by earth while another workman & 2 others dig in the northern sector.

93 b/pail 4:41 c under tr 87f/98+99

forms (see p. 88) to (see p. 90)
TRENCH Q3 D: Room 23
in North Wing of T
Roll 3
Frs. 25-29
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Frs. 25-27: details of doorway and south wall with wall flow plaster in situ.
Frs. 28-29: Room 23 from south.

North wall Roll 5 Fr. 8 See p. 116
TRENCH Q3 D
Room 23 after pail 39
detail of plaster floor preserved alongside the south wall + doorway
View from N.
Floor at +3.05

Pail 41 C cent. d (lepis & earth)
Sherds: 0.330 Kg. 39 sh. LMITA?
Small unit w. worn sherds
Other Inv.

Small, thin piece of plaster are being found next to the south wall. One has a vivid orange red area separated from a white once by a black dividing line. We removed the piece with gauze & paraffin. The piece must come from the lower wall which projects as a ledge from the upper south wall of the gallery.

Lepis peels off a layer of reddish earth with dark patches & we cease excavation in the areas of Pails 41a and 41c. Both units are now to dig the central section.

93B/ Pail 4: 4b under Tr 86F/pail 499
From (see p. 88) 1d (see p. 90)
Lepis and earth
Sherds: 0.020 Kg. 2 sh. Undatable perhaps neopalatial
Other Inv.

Lepis peels off here as well. All pails 41 are kept at the site in case further cleaning needs to be done tomorrow in their respective locations.

A clay-like patch was revealed under the burnt fill of the hearth. It must have been placed there as a floor.
We terminate Pail 41a - c. The machine is set at level $+4.93m$.

We replace the three pails with three more.

93B/Pail 41a.42a under Pail 41a
From (see p. 90) to (see p. 94)
Each zone burning
Sherds: 0.260 Kg.; 29 sh. "LM III A (2)
Join w. pail 42b. Shell broken sherds.
Inv.

93B/Pail 41a.42b under Pail 41a
From (see p. 90) to (see p. 94)
Layers of earth with burnt patches
Sherds: 0.290 Kg.; 48 sh. Generic?
mostly "LM III A. Broken up.
Other: burnt full sample
join w. pail 42a
Inv.

93B/Pail 41a.42c under Pail 41c
From (see p. 90) to (see p. 94)
Layers of earth w. burnt patches
Sherds: 0.120 Kg.; 8 sh. "LM III B
mostly undatable
Other: -
Inv.

The top of pail 42a has a pate of pebbles. Patterned plaster (tiny woven) pieces are being found in this pail area and retrieved (with guard r paralora/spua).

Photographs are taken of areas excavated in the last few days in other trenches. For Trench 9&c see p. 86. For Trench 93B (Room 23) see p. 92.
TRENCH 93 B

Pails 42 b + c peel off a possible lower surface with burnet patches (soil sample collected). The layering is typical under the floors of Building P.

An area with stone chips appears between the southern and central sectors where the pebbles were found earlier. It is not clear if this is the beginning of an underlying stratum. All pails 42 are terminated.

We shall now concentrate in the northern and central sectors and investigate whether the stone chips lie underneath the blackened or earthen surface located there, but not in the area of Pail 42 a.

The level machine had to be moved and the level is now reset. New level is + 4.65 m.

At this stage of the excavation the W and S walls of the gallery display a lower well that is wider than the once-narrower one above it. We shall call the lower walls "ledge walls" since they project. The S. ledge is 2 courses (25 cm). The N. ledge is 2-3 courses (19 cm thick).

We shall dig the two northern sections together as the fill appears to be similar.

Pail 4:43 under Pails 42 b + c

From C (see p. 92) to ca. + 3.12 m:
- Stone chips & burnt earth
- Sherd: 1.055 kg., 144 sh. LM III B.
- Mostly style sherds - worn
- Other: plaster

Inv.
Another pail is assigned to the south area.

Pail 4:44: Under Pail 4:42a
From (see p. 94) to ca. +3.09 m / 3.07 m
stone chips, burnt fill
Sherds: 0.675 kg; 52 sh. LMSA B
Small out-worn sherds
Other: plaster

Inv.

In digging Pail 43 we expose a very poorly preserved W-E wall right at the dividing line between Pail 43 and Pail 44 to the south. A very extension of this new wall would have to pass over the north case route wall found earlier in the gallery (wall 19, plan p. 88). Indeed there are two adjacent blocks further west of breake of pail 43 which line up with this wall. They exist within the gully created by the erosion and they were found at Trench 86F in 1993.

Pail 44 is being excavated now as more of the south ledge wall is being exposed.

We continue with a new pail south of the wall.

Pail 5:45: Under Pail 44
From ca. 3.09 m to (see p. 98)
stone chips, earth
Sherds: 0.960 kg; 97 sh. LMSA A2. Heavily worn, often w. pitted surface,
0 pm.: plaster / piece of bronze
Inv.: B 390: strip of bronze with another strip wrapped around it (see p. 98).
The level is set at: ±4.66m.
We cleaned the level reached south of the possible W-E wall and terminated Pail 45.
A plan is made of the "wall" (see plan in NB pocket).

We stop excavation here and move N. of the wall.

Pail 5:46 under Pail 4:43
From (see p. 96) to (see p. 98)
Brown earth and some stone chips
Shards: 0.670 kg. 61 sh. LMITA 2/8.
Few joints
Other: plaster
Inv.

We find another two shales forming the north side of the "wall". We label the wall # 17 (see plan p. 98 + in NB pocket).

After a pass we find a level with burney with some sand on top and discontinue pail 46. We replace the pail with:

Pail 5:47 under Pail 5:46
Earth and burned.
From (see p. 98) to (see p. 100)
Sherds: 575 gr. 103 sh. 84 c. 2 D.
Scrappy - Also LMIII A + B.
Other: bronze bits; shell; blue pigment bits
Inv. Burn fill for flotation.

Just in case there is a foundation bench next to the north wall of the gallery, since small stone, continue here we assign a new pail for this ship.
Trench 93B

After Pails 47 - 49 (see plan, p. 100)

Trench from North

After a pass we find a lapis floor south of wall 17. The wall itself has a second course. The top one was leaning south, giving the impression that it was a one course wall. We measured the thickness of the wall earlier and found that it was ca. 50-54 cm. Perhaps its full width will be revealed as we dig in the north section.

It is not clear if wall 10 sits on top of the lapis floor. One little stone sticks out from under one of its lapis blocks. The level of the small stone is at +2.96 m which is marking the rear base of the wall would raise the latter date.

Excavation continues N. of wall 17. Layers of sandy fill are found with areas of burning.
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The machine is set at level + 4.47m. we reach an arbitrary level with pail 47 + 48 and discontinue them. No floor has been found softer. Photos of the entire trench are taken at this point (see pp. 102 + 104).

Excavation continues north of wall 17.

93 B | Pail 5:50 under Pail 47
From (see p. 100) to (see p. 100)
Sandy earth & burnt
Shers: 0.450 kg. 5854. LM/TA 2 - brown
Other: Bronze ship, burnt fill samples (ripe peel of pavement).

We find some charred of dark, burnt fill with pebbles embedded in it. We keep the sample. It looks as if the fragment was detached from a larger area thus preserved and cleaned. Thus.

That is, it is not in its orginal place. Areas with a burnt pebble pavement have been found in Gallery 3, directly north.

As we approach wall 16, a, as a for precaution we assign a new pail.

93 B | Pail 5:51 under Pail 48
From (see p. 100) to (see p. 100)
Sandy & burnt fill
Shers: 0.295 kg. 6054. LM/TA 2
Metal: LM/TA 1 - for w. pail 50
Other: Shell
A mistake in interpretation: the pebble surface may have been on marble, rather than a fragment thrown from another space, for we found an extension of it. Altogether the area was about 0.50 x 0.50 m wide. Its level is at +2.81 and it occurred alongside the east scarp and ca. 0.65 from the north wall. We remove more samples for water sieving. Then seems to be charcoal. We reach the base of the burning and terminate both pails 50-51. A flat slab has appeared in the northern area, but with no related orientation.

- **Pail 5:52 under Pail 50**
  - sandy earth, pellets of burnt sherds, 0.440 kg. 71 sh. LMIII B2-B
  - Fine burnished sherds date LMII B - LMIII B

- Other: bronze bits
  - Inv: B 392: bronze rod

Once again we assign another pail for the strip next to the north wall.

- **Pail 5:53 under Pail 51**
  - sandy earth, pellets of burning sherds.

- Other: bronze loop (see p. 108)

With the first part of Pail 53 we find a bronze object in the shape of a loop. The N/E corner of the pail (see sketch, p. 106).
Bronze rod, Pali 5:52
B 392.

We find a long thin rod of bronze next to the east scarp and 2.20m from the north wall. It's level is at +2.71m. It is 11cm long. It is associated with a burnt surface at level +2.68 - 2.74m (see sketch, p. 108).

We clean down to the surface discontinuous the two pieces. Photos are taken (see p. 109 + 110).

It looks as if the entire floor is made of lepis. We shall dig an 0.50m ship next to the north wall to see its relationship to the wall.

Pali 6:54 under Pali 53
lepis from +2.71m to +2.66m
sherd: no sherds found.

0hr -

Inu.

We find pure lepis (no sherds) which continues under the wall. The wall here rested on it. Further west excavation north of wall 17 in Trench 94 A1 reached the base of the wall as well - almost simultaneously! Here, however, the bottom of the wall is at a lower level and it is clear that a foundation trench was cut within the lepis layer to set the wall in.

The lepis was flat at the top and is unlikely to be the living rock/bedrock. I believe it was put there as part of artificial levelling.
TRENCH 93 D: Room 23
in Building T

After pail 55
Levels at end of excavation:
levelled bedrock
used as base of floor
well

For photo of north wall see
Roll 5, Fr. 8 - posted on p. 92

TRENCH 93 D: Room 23
we return to Room 23 (see p. 110)
we shall dig under the floor discovered with pail 39

Pail 6: 55 under Pail 5: 39
From (see p. 90) to (see p. 110)

Sherds: 0, 3.25 ft. 41 sh. LMIA mostly MM. Join w. pails 36, 39
Other: pink plaster
Inv.: C10081: large kalaha
C10082: jug

We soon reach bedrock and the bottom
of the east wall which is built on the
legs. The north wall continues
one course down. The bedrock was
left and the wall set in it. Even
the bottom course consists of fine
blocks. Bits of salmon pink
plaster are found near that wall
and collected. We terminate
excavation and take a picture of
the north wall.

TRENCH 93 E: House X
level of machine is at [+7.93m]

We now move to House X and we
shall dig Northwest of the area
with the pillars excavated in
Trench 87 A in 1993. Excavation
here stopped at ca. +6.25 m, while
in the pillar room and a step to its
north it stopped at ca. +5.15 m
and ca. +5.30 m respectively. A
plan at the end of excavation is
shown here on p. 112.

One of our landmarks is the altar wall
which also marks the N-3 line,
west and east of which excavation
stopped at different levels. We shall
label this wall 18, west of this wall is another wall (19) of which a few stones are visible reached all the way to the north slope. We call this wall 19 and we shall dig east of it.

93E | Pail 4: 56 Under Fr. 87A/4: 24 + 30  
Brown earth and some rubble.  
From ca. 16.25/6.21 to (see p. 117)  
Sherd: 1, 755 kg. 503 sh.  Almost pure  
LMII with jars.  Also a LMIIIA frag. of LMIIIA2 Mc. jar.  
Other: shells, bone, loom weight  
Inu.

Though the surface was cleaned, pail 56 may contain contamination, as the level was exposed for a year. The same will be true of the pail assigned at the other side of the wall (wall 19).

93E | Pail 4: 57 Under 87A/4: 23 + 27  
From (see p. 112) to (see p. 114)  
Brown earth  
Sherd: 1, 710 gr. 158 sh. LMIIA?  
V: mixed.  
Other: bone; bronze strip  
Inu.

We arbitrarily terminate Pail 56. Some large stones (obviously fallen) have emerged. The wall's north extension is not clearly defined. It may be destroyed.

Work continues with Pail 57. Large or small fallen stones begin to appear and we discontinue the pail. We return east of Wall 19.
93E\|Pail 5: 58 under Pail 4: 58
Brown earth and fallen stones
From (see p. 114) to (see p. 116)
Sherd: 3, 380 kg. 216 sh. LMI A1 + 5. 975 kg. 414; Quire, won. LMI A2
Other: bone, stone tool, j shell, bronze bit
Inv. C 10107 UP conical cup.

In all the pails there are small quantities of bones.

We start removing the rubble deposits in Pail 58. It includes a fragment of a mortar (see p. 114). As we clear alongside Wall 19, its identity as a wall becomes rather uncertain— at least in its northern part. Perhaps as we dig down things will become clarified. At a point where the rubble becomes less and the area of earth we arbitrarily terminate Pail 58. We now shift west of Wall 19.

93E\|Pail 5: 59 under Pail 57
From (see p. 116) to (see p. 116)
Brown earth and rubble
Sherd: 1, 895 kg. 162 sh. LMI II
not too worn MMIB/II in better condition than Latin sherd X (see below)
Other:
Inv. C 10128 lamp

X Imports: dark red micaceous fabric
Frags of fine vessel, orange on exterior, brown on interior.
The machine is set at $+7.988$ m.

Work continues with Pail 5:59.

We seem to reach the base of wall 19 along its west face. It shows a fairly straight line for a length of 1.47 m. The stones are very small. Further north there is another "face" which juts out some 0.15 m. Altogether this is a superficial wall. There does not seem to be an east face at all. We clean the level and take pictures of the level. Stones still appear near the south wall (see p. 118). We arbitrarily terminated Pail 59 and shift to the area E of wall 19.

Pail 5:60 under Pail 58 (East Wall 19).

From (see p. 116) to (see p. 116)
Brown earth, burning, rubble
Sherds: 4, 0.90 kg, 4; 0.5 kg, LMM I
Mostly LMM I - heavily worn, polychrome�ryth
Import?

Other
Inu.

Another workman has now sent west to wall 19 which is presently being drawn by the excavation architect, Giuliana Bianco.

Pail 5:61 under Pail 59
From (see p. 116) to (see p. 116)
Brown earth (and rubble near S wall) compact
Sherds: 3, 1.20 kg, 26; LMM I; Join w. pail 79, quite worn, miscellaneous sherd
Import - cooking sherds frags.

Other: Carpets
Inv.
In Pail 61 there is a flatish large slab its straight north edge 0.88m from the south wall (now labelled wall 20; see plan p. 116).

We terminate Pail 60 at a level with a bit of burning, lots of lim-peb + bone, perhaps a workmen's meal while building wall 19. Wall 19, to our surprise, continue, deeper but is messy. Perhaps the north wall of the house started collapsing and wall 19 was built to buttress it. Dumpy was thrown in on either side of wall 19 to retain the north wall (wall 20). Wall 20 continues at a lower level to the west. It was cut down and replaced at some point by wall 21 which juts out (see plan, p. 116). The wall stratigraphy is visible from within Room X2.

We continue excavation in the east area after terminating Pail 60

Pail 5; 62 under Pail 60
From (see p. 116) to (see p. 120)
soft earth and rubble
Sherdy: 5, 685 kg. 357 sh. Mostly LMII; some LM IIIA1
Other: shell; bone
Inv.

The fill of Pail 61 is like that of an outdoor 'surface.' It is somewhat compact and devoid of rubble except against wall 20. Underneath the fill a new stratum with rubble seems to emerge. We stop here and change pail: