30 July, 1993

Excavation of Trench 89C continues with Pail 89C/3:106 and the removal of rubble from around the south wall of P3. The rubble is quickly removed down to the level which had previously been reached in the centre of the trench at which some flat pieces of rubble appear to be resting on a surface immediately beneath. However, a small 2.6 x 1.2 section of rubble is left along the wall from which the initial top layer of rubble has been removed. It ought to be uncontaminated by later remains and be able to give us the date of the wall collapse.

PAIL 89C/3:106: Under-Pail 89C/3:105
Levels: see plan p. 156; Location Label: SE
Fill: moist brown earth + rubble
Pottery: 0.175 kg (16 sherds) Latest Date: 7th C.
Range: MMIII/LMII
Too small for meaningful comment
1 large sherd

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster, shells

A small piece of plaster is found in the fill.

When this area is finished we turn our attention to the rubble along the north wall, beginning with the large stone.

PAIL 89C/3:107: Under-Pails
Levels: see plan p. 156; Location Label: NE
Fill: moist brown earth + rubble
Pottery: 0.920 kg (40 sherds) Latest Date: C7
Range: NM III A2-1B
2 scraps 1A

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster, charcoal, shells

Exposed Walls
Exposed Rubble
2 August, 1993

Excavation of Trench 89C continues with the removal of the rubble from along the north wall of P9 with Pail 89C/3:107. Some very small pieces of what appear to be plaster are discovered, though there is no one piece large enough to save as a sample.

With this pail we excavate until a small area is left in the NE corner, which has had about 1/3 m of rubble removed off the top. For this area a separate pail is used.

**Pail 89C/3:108**
- Under Pail 89C/3:107
- Levels: see plan p. 158; Location Label: NE
- Fill: moister brown earth with less large rubble than 89C/3:107
- Pottery: 0.455 kg (48 sherds) Latest Date: LM III B
  - Range: LM I (2) Mostly late
  - Very Heavy Wear

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster, shells, pottery with burning

A pottery fragment with charcoal (a crocodile?) is found at +4.15 m ASL, 30 cm from E baulk alongside the wall. There is no evidence of burning anywhere near the pottery. It is bagged and sent separately to the aperture, but it is too fragile to survive the washing process.

When the rubble has been removed down to the level reached with Pail 89C/3:106 the pail is closed.

A new pail is opened to examine what surface, if any, the seemingly flat rubble in the centre of the trench is lying on.
TRENCH 89C

Scale 1:100

2 August, 1993 (continued)

PAIL 89C/3:109; Under Pails: 89C/3:105, 89C/3:106; Levels: see plan p. 160; Location Label: SE; Fill: light brown earth, rubble
Pottery: 0.870 kg (51 sherds) Latest Date: MN III A2/B
Range: MM II-?; Mostly late
Mostly medium, coarse UA + CP / Sn/A

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells
3 August, 1993

Excavation of Pail 89C/3:109 continues. We will soon finish the SE quarter of the trench and then turn to the N. When the E is finished we will clean around the newly exposed stones and have a photograph taken. At that point we can remove the new rubble.

However, Pail 89C/3:109 is closed halfway across the trench, c. 3.00m from the south wall, because MC Shaw suspects that the surface at which we began was the floor of P9. Though I doubt this is the case, we clean the trench and photograph the NE and SE quarters of the trench.

The bottom of Pail 89C/3:109 was marked by a great deal of burning in the west of the area of excavation and by some stones, though not many, lying flat. However other stones lie beneath the surface of excavation and stick up through it.

Roll 7, Fr. 11-12, Tr. 89C/3:109, bottom of excavation, possible floor of P9, from NW, see photographs p.162.

We open a new pail to remove the stones and to continue excavating until we reach a floor.

Levels: see plan p.162; Location label: SE; Fill: light-brown/grey earth, some small amounts of clay.
Pottery: 1.67% 131 (131 sherds) latest date: LM III B Range: LM I (A?) - Mostly Late Cypriot I - II.

Inventoried Objects:
- Soil samples, bronze, charcoal, shells, plaster.

Whether we do reach a floor is debatable (I think we have it in some areas, but are above it yet in others), but we do at least reach a surface upon which some of the stones were resting, although some...
3 August, 1993 (continued)

we were deeper. We now change pails and move to the NE corner of the trench to lower the surface of excavation and remove rubble there in hopes of finding a floor.

**PAIL 89C/3:111**
Under pails 89C/3:107.
Pottery: 1.325 kg (70 sherds) (latest date: LM III A₂/B
Range: YAMH III ->; Mostly late many med. coarse UP SR/SA;

Inventoryed Objects:
Also: 1 piece of plaster (very small), shells
Excavation of Trench 89C continues with the removal of rubble from along Wall 10 using Pail 89C/3:111.

When we reach the level on which most of the rubble is resting the pail is closed. Although some rubble went deeper, most was at this level, some pieces lying flat. We now clean the trench for a photograph.

Roll 7, Fr 17-18; Tr 89C, with rubble removed; taken from west; bottom of Pails 89C/3:110, 89C/3:111 (see p. 166 for photo.)

A new pail is opened for a little cleaning of Wall 9.

PAIL 89C/3:112; Under Pails 89C/3:109, 89C/3:110; Levels: see plan on p. 166; Location Label: Wall 9; Fill: light brown/grey earth Pottery: 0.345 kg (66 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A2/B Range: LM III; mostly late virtually all EN3A I.5.

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

We now turn our attention to removing c.10cm from the surface of excavation in the NE as we search for the floor. This pail is confined to a 2.5m strip along Wall 10; a separate pail is opened for the 3m remaining along Wall 9.

PAIL 89C/4:113; Under Pail 89C/3:111; Levels: see plan on p. 166; Location Label: NE Fill: light brown/grey earth; some small stones Pottery: 4.685 kg (46 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A2/B Range: LM I; mostly late many 12.5mm UP SNA?

Inventoried Objects:

Also: chipped flint
4 August, 1993 (continued)

PAIL 89C/4:114. Under Pail 89C/3:111

Leads: see plan p. 168; Location Label: SE
Fill: light brown/grey earth, some small stones
Pottery: 1.420 kg (101 sherds) Latest Date: UM III A-1B
Pore in dare?
many med. coarse UM SNA

Inventory Objects:

Also: charcoal, shells, plaster

No differentiation at all is noticed in the fill.
However, in a small area by Wall 10 we dig with a small pick and uncover a patch of burning below which slopes down to the south. The fill above flaked off. Altogether this suggests a floor. A new pail is opened to excavate down to this level in a 2.5m strip along Wall 10.

PAIL 89C/4:115: Under Pail 89C/4:113

Leads: see plan p. 168; Location Label: NE
Fill: light brown/grey earth, some small stones
Pottery: 1.545 kg (139 sherds) Latest Date: UM III B
Range: UM III, mostly late many med. coarse UM SNA

Inventory Objects:

Also: plaster, shells, charcoal.

Exposed Walls Δ Elevations in m ASL

PAIL 89C/4:114

and

PAIL 89C/4:115
5 August, 1993

Excavation of Trench 89C continues with Pail 89C/4:114 for space SE and Pail 89C/4:115 for space NE over the floor. Our intention is to clear a 0.5 m strip of the floor along wall 10 and along the east balk with the small pick to learn where the floor is located.

We quickly finish our excavation of Pail 89C/4:114 and move to excavate above the floor in space NE with the big pick. I suspect that away from the wall it will be difficult to find, as I expect the burning to be fugitive. At this point it is noticed that the fill of Pail 89C/4:115 is much sandier than above.

It turns out, as I suspected, that the burning is fugitive, making the floor much more difficult to follow since it is not a hard clay but a soft sandy earth. We also find that the floor slopes away from the wall putting it further beneath the surface of excavation than was thought.

After we complete a pass with the large pick we return to using the small pick to pick up traces of the floor once again. At the same time it is noticed that for the last 0.7 m to the west of the surface of excavation the fill changes to pure sand. While one workman uses the small pick we open a new pail to lower the surface of excavation in the SE with the large pick.

PAIL: 89C/4:116; under Pail 89C/4:114
Levels: see plan p.170; Location label: SE
Fill: sandy light brown/grey earth
Pottery: 1.925 kg (67 sherds); Latest Date: LM IIIIA 2/3
Range: LM I - II; mostly Late
many medium coarse UF SW

Inventoried Objects:

Also: bronze, shells, plaster

When we do pick up traces of the floor again we find it better to work at in the centre of the section.
6 August, 1993

Excavation of Trench 89C continues with Pails 89C/4:115 and 89C/4:116.

We quickly finish down to the floor of P9 with Pails 89C/4:115 and 89C/4:116. However in the latter we notice a difference as we reach within the final 1.5m from the west division. There are many more smaller stones which appear to go deep, and it is extremely difficult to find a floor. For this reason we open a sub-pail.

PAIL: 89C/4:116A; Under Pail: 89C/4:115

Levels: see plan p.172; Location label: S; Fill: sandy, light-brown/grey earth; with small stones

Pottery: 0.300kg (24 sherds) Latest Date: EM III IA/A18

Pore in Body?

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells

When we have finished in this space we turn our attention to lowering the surface of excavation in the west of the trench.

PAIL: 89C/4:117; Under Pail: 89C/2:102

Levels: see plan p.172; Location label: W; Fill: light-brown sandy earth

Pottery: 0.080kg (8 sherds) Latest Date: EM IV

Too small for meaningful comment

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells

As we complete our first pass in 89C/4:117, we find a very small patch of burning. We change pails
6 August, 1993 (continued)

When G. Bianco is cleaning the partition walls of Trench 89A, he is preparing to draw them as a piece of bronze comes loose. This is bagged as part of a news pail.

**PAIL: 89A/7:118; cleaning Partition Walls**

No pottery, Bronze strips B 383

Since we find as we begin to dig, that in most of the east space the fill turns to almost pure sand and we subdivide the pail.

**PAIL: 89C/119A; Under Pail: 89C/117**

Levels: see plan p. 174; Location Label: WD
Fill: light brown / grey earth
Pottery: 0.920 kg (45 sherds) Latest date: Classical

Too small for meaningful comment

Inventoried Objects: 9973 - amphora

Also: shells

**PAIL: 89C/4:119B; Under Pail: 89C/4:117**

Levels: see plan p. 174; Location Label: WD
Fill: sand, both loose and compacted
Pottery: 0.142 kg (22 sherds) Latest date: Cy?

Too small for meaningful comment

Inventoried Objects:

Also: loom, shells
Excavation of Pails 89C/4:119A and 89C/4:119B continues in Trench 89C. We intend to level the surface of excavation, then prepare for photography. The final locations of the pails (their borders were determined by the location of pure sand) is indicated in the plan on p. 174. In 89C/4:119A it is noted that beneath the earth there is a thin layer of sand.

A new pail is opened for the removal of the baulk which had been left around Trench 63B and 81.

PAIL 89C/4:120; Under: 89C/2:107
Levels: See plan p. 176; Location: baulk
Fill: Light/brown grey earth & sand; charcoal and pebble inclusions
Pottery: 0.190 kg (12 sherds) Latest Late/Classical?
Too small for meaningful comment. Possible "join" with 86F/86.

Inventoried Objects: —
Also: —

When the baulk has been removed and the trench swept, photographs are taken.

Roll 7, Fr. 23-26
Trench 89C. Photograph of floor of gallery
P5, Bottom of Pails: 89C/4:116, 4:116A, 4:115, 4:119A/B, 4:120, from NE colour and polaroid too Fr. 27-28, same from SW colour and polaroid too

[For photographs, see page 178]
8 July 1993 (continued)

After photography we begin to remove the entire layer of pure sand which has been uncovered in the west of the trench.

PAIL: 89C/4:121 Under Pail: 89C/4:119B
- Levels: see plan p. 176
- Location Label: W
- Fill: pure unconsolidated sand
- Pottery: 1,021 kg (62 sherds) Latest Date: C 4
  - Range: LM IIIB-2; Mostly Late
  - Too small for meaningful comment

Inventoried Objects:
- C9976: MC sherd with pattern
- C9942: big cup
  - Also: shells, pot with interior/water sieving

9 August 1993

Excavation of Trench 89C continues with the removal of pure sand in Pail 89C/4:121. When this is completed we remove the baulk around Trenches 63B and 81 using a new pail.

PAIL: 89C/4:122: Baulk removal
- Levels: see plan p. 180
- Location Label: Baulk
- Fill: sand, pure and unconsolidated
- Pottery: 0.005 kg (2 sherds) Latest Date: LM IA
  - Too small for meaningful comment

Inventoried Objects:
- Also: shells

This is quickly accomplished and we turn our attention to excavating the eastern section of the trench, for which a new pail is opened. The area of excavation extends 3.5 m west from the east scarp.
9 August 1993 (continued)

PAIL: 89c/5:123; Under Pail: 89c/5:123

Levels: see plan p. 181; Location Label: E
Fill: light brown or grey sandy earth with many small stones in the fill (stone chips?)
Pottery: 0.790 kg (96 sherds) Latest Phase: LM III A - B
  Range: LM III; mostly late LM
  many medium coarse of SNA

Inventoried Objects: C 9941 - lechante jar in b. 8. with others in 90c/97
Also: shells, plaster

Beneath the floor of P9 is another surface marked by burning and by the fact that the earth above flakes off. It is not smooth, but is more or less level. The crepis of Wall 10 becomes visible. It is suggested by MC Show that this is really an earlier wall of T beneath P9, not the scale per se of P9.

0.15m from the east scarp along Wall 9 we find a small patch of large pebble. This with the extensive burning (although not intense) marks a surface (another floor?) We clean the surface of excavation, measure elevations, and change pails.

PAIL: 89c/5:124; Under Pail: 89c/5:123

Levels: see plan p. 180; Location Label: E
Fill: light brown or grey earth, pebble & plaster inclusions
Pottery: 0.985 kg (120 sherds) Latest Phase: LM III A - B
  Range: LM III; mostly late
  but no LM II - II A material
SNA + lumps building material are present

Inventoried Objects:

Also: plaster, shells, charcoal.