20 July, 1993

PAIL: 89C/2:85; Under Pail: 89C/1:84
Levels: see plan p. 130; Location: Label: NE
Fill: dry sand and sandy earth
Pottery: 1.200 kg (87 sherd); Latest Date: Classical
Range: Minoan, C7, Classical
 too small for meaningful comment, but mostly plain ware

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shell, plaster

At this point Pail 89C/1:83 has removed the top surface of excavation to prevent contamination. The pail is now closed, and a new one opened to begin excavation.

PAIL: 89C/2:86; Under Pail: 89C/1:83
Levels: see plan p. 130; Location Label: S
Fill: light brown, dry, mixture of sand and earth
Pottery: 0.080 kg (13 sherd); Latest Date: C7
 too small for meaningful comment

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shell

By the end of the day, the top of the wall of P8 has been exposed by Pail 89C/2:85. At this point labels are assigned. The north wall of P8 is Wall 10 and the south wall of P8 is Wall 9.
Excavation of Pails 89C/2.87 and 89C/2.88 continue. Early in the morning R. Fitzsimmons and one work crew leave our trench. We have finished Pail 89C/2.85 as long as we wish to do this time. Therefore we finish the pail of Pail 89C/2.86, then plan to remove the baulks and bring two untouched areas down to the level of the rest of the trench. The entire area within Gallery 5 will then be excavated as a single space.

Three new pails are opened for the remaining areas and the baulk.

**PAIL: 89C/2.87**; Surface Pail; Levels: see plan p. 132; Location Label: N; Fill: hard-packed light brown sand and sandy earth; Pottery: 0.020 kg (5 sherd) Latest Date: Iron Age; Too small for meaningful comment; Undiagnostic.

**Exposed Wells** & Elevation in mASL

PAIL 89C/2.87

and

PAIL 89C/2.88

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shell

**PAIL: 89C/2.88**; Surface Pail; Levels: see plan p. 132; Location Label: E; Fill: hard-packed light brown sand and sandy earth; Pottery: 0.120 kg (5 sherd) Latest Date: Iron Age; Too small for meaningful comment, yet some diagnostic sherd.

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shell
TRENCH 89C

Scale 1:100

EXPOSED LEVELS  △ ELEVATIONS IN M ASL

PAIL 89C/2:89

21 July, 1993 (continued)

PAIL 89C/2:89; Surface Pail (originally)
then, under Pail 89C/2:89; Levels; see plan p. 134; Location label: NW, then S; Fill: very compact brown earth, sand, small stones
Pottery: 0.680 kg (86 sherds) latest date: C5
Range: M6, 12, C7, C8; no homogeneity
latest piece: Freshet
small but mixed unit
Inventoried objects: C9862 - Geometric krater

Also: shells

Since the original area assigned to Pail 89C/2:89 had no sherds, the same pail was used to continue excavating in the rest of the trench.

Photographs: (cf p. 126)

Roll 5, Fr. 31-33 Trench 89A and 86D; from W, East end of P3
colour too

Roll 6, Fr. 2-6 Trench 89B; from N
(cf p. 127) Plaster layers against wall 8.
22 July, 1993

Excavation of Trench 89C/2:89 continues.

There is no change at all in the fill. In some spots in the west the fill has been very hard packed by the frontend loader which had been at work previously.

Today the boundaries of our trench are adjusted so that we are excavating exclusively within P5. The little bit of our trench in P4 is taken over by Mários and we acquire in exchange a small part of K. Walsh’s trench. The new boundaries are given on p. 136.

ABCD marks readjusted boundary of TRENCH 89C
TRENCH 89C

Excavation of Pail 89C/2:90 continues. At the end of this pass we will change pails although no surface has been reached.

PAIL 89C/2:90; Under Pail 89C/2:89

Levels: see plan p.138; Location: Label E; Fill: light brown sandy earth and sand
Pottery: 0.530 kg (68.5 sherds) latest Date: CS-7
Presage: Minoan
perhaps a join with Pail 89 (CS862)
Bread mix, but too small for meaningful comment.

Inventoried Objects:

Also: charcoal, shells

With this pail a very large ashlar is uncovered which seems to have fallen from Wall 9. Its distance from the wall suggests that it was higher up the wall than was usual, to judge from the other walls of P (especially the north wall of P9) in which large ashlars are confined to the lower courses.

We notice that there is a much higher sand content in the west than in the east of the trench. Because of this we will divide the trench along the N/S axis to excavate separately the east and west areas.

I return to Trench 89A with Aleydis to sort the materials from the apothecary to excavate the anchor bed since S2234 (the broken anchor) has been taken to the apothecary for repair. A new pail is opened to clean around the anchor bed to prevent contamination.
Trench 89A

PAIL: 89A/8:91; Under Pail: 89A/7:12
Levels: see plan p. 140; Location around 52234
Fill: grey earth, clay, plaster inclusions
Pottery: 0.020 kg (3 sherds) Undetectable
Identifiable body sherds

Inventoried Objects:

Also: shells, painted plaster

We make a pit around the anchor bedding 0.10 cm wide and 0.10 cm deep. The large hole is dug 8 cm deep, the east small hole 4 cm, and the west small hole 4 cm deep. This pit is intended to prevent contamination. At this point it is clear that it is not possible to dig the pit at one point on the north side without removing some of the east/west "partition" walls, for the anchor bedding overlaps the wall. We decide to open a new pail to remove 10 cm of the anchor bedding in this spot so that the pit is complete, yet the "partition" wall not disturbed.

PAIL: 89A/8:92; Under Anchor (52234)
Levels: see plan p. 140;
Fill: grey earth, clay, plaster inclusions
Pottery: 0.005 kg (1 sherd) Undetectable
Identifiable, tiny, heavily worn fine body sherd

Inventoried Objects:

Also: painted plaster

When this is completed we open a new pail to excavate the anchor bedding itself.
Trench 89B

Pails 89B/6:94 to 89B/6:96

23 July 1993 (continued)

PAIL 89A/8:93; Under Anchor 52239
Leads: see plan p. 140. Fill: grey earth, clay, with plaster inclusions.
Pottery: 0.055 kg (16 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A.
Range: MM III/LM I (?).
Tiny scraps but many identifiable:
1. LM III A.
2. LM II - LM III A.

Inventoried Objects:
Also: shells, painted plaster.

When this excavation is completed we close the pail and turn our attention to excavating the east section of the "partition" wall in Trench 89B. A new pail is opened to clean around the "partition" walls in one effort to eliminate contamination.

PAIL 89B/6:94; Under Pail 89B/5:57, 89B/5:59.
Pottery: 0.040 kg (3 sherds) Undatable.
One b/s recognizable as minoan CP but otherwise too small for meaningful comment.

Inventoried Objects:
Also: shells.

With this pail we also remove the stones of the wall but do not disturb the earth underneath. A photograph is taken of the undisturbed earth.

Roll 6: Fr. 16: west part of E/W "partition" wall. From east, stones removed. Tr. 89B.
See p. 148.

A new pail is then opened to remove each section of the "partition wall."
23 July, 1983 (continued)

**PAIL 89B/6:95**; Under E/W "partition" wall

Leads: see plan p. 144; Location Label: NO; Fill:
grey earth, clay, with pebble and plaster inclusions
Pottery: 0.025 kg (7 sherd) Latest Date: LM I
  two elabo. sherds

1 probably Cypriot fine UP bs
Too small for meaningful comment

Inventoried Objects:

Also:

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**PAIL 89B/6:96**; Under E/W "Partition" wall

Leads: see plan p. 144; Location Label: NE; Fill:
grey earth, clay, with pebble and plaster inclusions
Pottery: 0.580 kg (28 sherd) Latest Date: MM II
  large fragments of med. coarse, thick walled
  flat circular slab/slab

Inventoried Objects:

Also: bronze, painted plaster

After these areas are cleaned we take a photo
of the plaster beneath. It is especially well preserved
under the eastern "partition" wall with 6 layers of
plaster visible. The wall is now known to be
later than the original use of the floor.

**Roll 6, Fr. 17-18**; plaster beneath west part of E/W
"partition" wall, Tr. 89B; From east

see p. 144

When all is finished the "partition" walls are
restored with fresh earth.
Excavation of Trench 89C continues. A new pail is opened for the east.

**PAIL 89C/2.97; Under-Pail 89C/2.90**
Levels: see plan p.146; Location label: SE; Fill: light brown sandy earth with sand, occasional charcoal
Pottery: 0.425 kg (31 sherds)  Latest Date: C7 ?
Nothing obviously Minoan
Too small for meaningful comment.

**Inventoried Objects:**

Also: charcoal, plaster, shells.

At this point the trench has been divided in half along the N/S axis to a point 5.50 m from the east built. As we begin a second pass we find that along the east back the earth loses its high sand content. After this pass we will try to remove only the sandy earth fill from the rest of the trench.

**PAIL 89C/2.98; Under-Pail 89C/2.97**
Levels: see plan p.146; Location label: SE; Fill: light brown sandy earth with sand
Pottery: 0.165 kg (25 sherds) Latest Date: C9
Too small for meaningful comment.
Possible, join to C9555 (87B/1:74)

**Inventoried Objects:** C9555 - bull's leg, possible body fragments in pail
Also: charcoal, shells

The purer earth proves illusory, merely a mixture of earth and sand of which some patches have less sand. We decide to remove it with this pail.

At the end of the day the pail is cleared.
Excavation of Trench 89C continues. We decide now to close pail 89C/2:98 since a surface with burning has been discovered. We decide now to lower the western section of the trench to this level to see if the surface can be traced there.

**PAIL 89C/2:99**, under pail 89C/2:90
Levels: see plan p. 148; Location Label: SW; Fill: light brown sandy earth with much sand
Pottery: 0.445kg (20 sherds); Latest Date: C7a
Very little diagnostic
Too small for meaningful comment

**Inventoried Objects:**

**Also:** shells

As we dug we find that most of the big roots bottom out and run along the level at which we had found burning in the east, reinforcing the idea that we have a surface. When this surface (—) is exposed we continue our excavations in the east.

**PAIL 89C/2:100**, under pail 89C/2:98;
Levels: see plan p. 148; Location Label: SE; Fill: light brown sandy earth with sand and clay
Pottery: 0.050kg (10 sherds); Latest Date: C7a
Too small for meaningful comment

**Inventoried Objects:**

**Also:** charcoal, shells, soil sample for water sieving.
TRENCH 89C

Scale 1:100

--- Diagram showing the layout of Trench 89C with elevations and annotations.---

PAIL 89C/2:101

Under PAIL 89C/2:100, see plan p. 150; Location label: E; Fill: grey brown earth, sand, rubble.

Pottery: 0.735 kg (22 sherds). Latest Date: CS 8. Too small for meaningful comment.

Inventoried Objects: C9,901 - EPG bell cup / skyphos. Also: shells.

We quickly reach the spot in the centre of the east half of the trench at which the rubble falls away. It now remains to clean the walls and rubble for photography, and excavate the west part of the trench. At the bottom the earth appears a darker brown with many pieces of charcoal.

We now open a new pail for the west.

PAIL 89C/2:102; Under Pail 89C/2:99

Levels - see plan p. 150; Location label: W; Fill: light brown earth, few inclusions, small amount of rubble in SW corner.

Pottery: 0.735 kg (22 sherds). Latest Date: CS 8. Too small for meaningful comment.

Inventoried Objects: —

Also: —

The pail is closed when the surface of excavation is brought down to that in the East. In the SW corner, a small pile of rubble is sitting on the surface.

28 July, 1983
Excavation of Pail 89c/2:102 continues. Once we have this area leveled out at the surface at which we stopped in the east we close the pail (actually this was done yesterday leaving only a small area to continue to clean).

Before we begin to remove the rubble we remove the remaining build from around Trenches 63B and 63B1. A new pail is opened for this.

**PAIL 89C/2:103; Build removal.**

- Levels: see plan p. 152; Location Label: NW
- Fill: sand & brown earth
- Pottery: 0.630 kg (66 sherds). Latest Date: C 4
  - Too small for meaningful comment
- Inventoried Objects: C9912 - Frag. of figurine or mould
- Also: bone

When this is finished we turn our attention to cleaning the walls and rubble in preparation for photography. A new pail is opened.

**PAIL 89C/2:104; Under Pail 89c/2:101**

- Levels: see plan p. 152; Location Label: E
- Fill: light brown earth and stone
- Pottery: 0.310 kg (21 sherds). Latest Date: Iron Age?
  - Too small for meaningful comment
- Inventoried Objects: —
- Also: —

Photographs are then taken:

- Roll C, Fr 34/35; Trench 89c, top of rubble of walls of P3, from NW, colour too + Polaroid (see p. 116)
29 July, 1993 (continued)

When the photographs have been taken we open a new pail to begin removing the rubble from along the south wall of P5.

**PAIL: 89C/3:105, Under Pails:**

Levels: see plan p. 154; Location: Label: SE

Fill: moist brown earth & rubble

Pottery: 0.500 kg (36 sherds) Latest Date: LM III A₁/B

Some Frag present

Very heavy water

Too small for meaningful comment

**Inventoried Objects:**

Also: 3 shells