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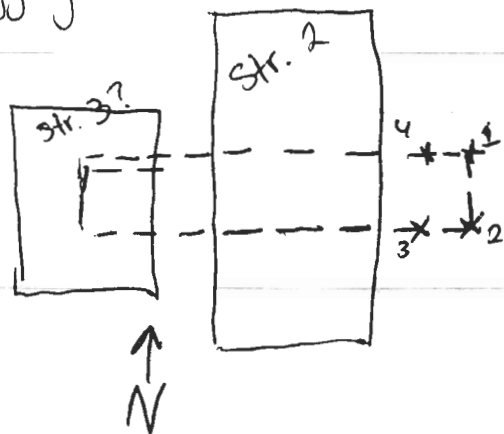
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This is the first day since we arrived in El Paraíso. We got up at 6:15 am, got to the house for breakfast at 7:00 am and began our orientation around 8:00 am. We were given our field kits and Ellen explained what we are doing this season. Basically, our goal is to see what types of artifacts, especially pottery and features, such as architecture are found outside the main centers (El Cafetal & El Paraíso). This should be an indicator of social interactions of the outlying areas with these centers.

We toured several sites after our orientation. First we saw where Stefanie and Mary were working at Los Naranjitos, then we went out to El Cafetal, El Paraíso, and finally, to Site 36 where we will be working (~~Stefanie~~ Stefanie, Chelsea, Melissa, and I → the others are at site 38). We then returned to the kitchen house for lunch. Ellen then gave us the option of going back out to the site with her to set up our lots or to stay behind. Chelsea, Ryan, Melissa, and I decided to go with her. ~~we~~

We had chosen our structures earlier; I chose Structure 2 at site 36. We then set up our sub-ops (only the first 1x1 meter for each of our structures) with the EDM. The rain held off long enough for us to get back to the kitchen house and tomorrow, the four of us can begin digging while the others set up their sub-ops.



1. N 1389.00
E -287
Z 982.83
2. N 1383
E -287
Z 982.86
3. N 1383
E -288
Z 982.90
4. N 1383
E -288
Z 982.90

z = elevation

S-36
OP: 14
SUB-OP: 02

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Today ~~was~~^{is} our first full day of work (yesterday, I was out with a few others all day, but today we are out all day ~~am~~ including during lunch). I was up at 6, got to the kitchen house at 7 and we all got out to the field around 8:15 am.

Those of us who came out yesterday had our first excavation units set up, so we were able to start excavating right after Ellen showed us how to fill out our Lot Forms. I started by taking a picture of my EU which was extremely wet. The rain the night before was very heavy and ~~there was~~ while the other structures ^{were} also ~~had a lot of~~ very wet, the water seems to be worse on mine. Ellen is not sure why mine is so wet though; it is not lower than the others. Unfortunately, it looks like it will rain today, so it will only get wetter.

Chepe is the worker who is helping me; he is very nice and although I don't really understand him, he talks to me a little. He told me how to say some things, but I only remember that lodo is mud. At least I can say that now!

I am working at Site 36, Structure 2; today I ~~opened up~~^{began} my excavation in 14/02/01 which is a muddy ~~area~~^{area} with lots of grasses to clear out. The workers cut it down with their machetes yesterday, but we still have to deal with all of the roots and such. I am actually thankful for the mud though because it softened the soil and makes it somewhat easier than working in hard soil. Chepe also used a pick and his knife to get the roots out faster. I am very glad I have his help because he really knows what he is doing and he works fast. I am afraid of going too fast and missing or breaking something, but Chepe knows what to do and although he is fast, he checks the mud carefully and doesn't seem to miss anything. There were several times where he stopped to examine a rock to make sure ~~he didn't~~ it wasn't important.

There was a lot of carbon at the surface, but we were told not

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to worry about any carbon that is found at the surface. This is because the farmers burn the fields, so the soil will have the carbon that results for at least 10 centimeters or so. I was beginning to think that we would never find anything except the four small rocks near the surface and mud when Chepe stopped to examine something that turned out to be ceramics. This was around 12 or 15 centimeters BGS. By that time we had developed a system in which Chepe dug and checked for artifacts while I checked the soil he moved toward me again and got it into the dustpan and into the bucket which he dumped whenever it filled up. ~~After~~ ^{When} he found the ceramic, we were beginning to go deeper (we would go down evenly through a few centimeters then go down another few so that it was even depth). It was the first of many things to be found in the second half of my first lot. We found ceramics, bajareque, obsidiana, and chert (worked and unworked). The obsidian was very exciting for me; I was surprised how small and delicate the blades were. They were very beautiful and I ~~was~~ don't quite know how Chepe managed to see them although I surprised myself several times by noticing small things. When we reached 20 cm, we stopped and I went to tell Ellen where I was and what we found. It was about 12:00, so she decided to have everyone stop for lunch and then she said she would come check everything afterwards.

Lunch was nice; we set out a tarp ~~at~~ under a tree and Melissa got out the sandwiches, ~~and~~ cookies, and crackers and passed them out. We had forgotten some things ~~and~~ so Ellen went to town for them while we ate. Chelsea felt sick (she didn't drink enough water) so she fell asleep for an hour while we ate our peanut butter and jelly. We finished eating after about 20 minutes, but ~~the~~ the workers got an hour off, so we sat around and rested until 1:00. Ellen ~~wasn't~~ wasn't back yet so Stefanie helped me with my final measurements and showed me how to fill out my forms ^{and} count and bag my artifacts.

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After I finished all the paperwork, I waited for Ellen to get back. I needed to know if she wanted me to keep digging in EU A because she was worried about the amount of water in it. As we dug down, water seeped into the pit, so the east side had constant layer of water. When she got back, she looked at my paperwork, told me it looked good, and came to look at my EU. She said it was too wet, so she and Erwin (who came back with her) helped us set up the rest of my trench so I can move up. I was kind of disappointed because ~~we~~ we were finding things where we were, but I know that it's getting hard to ~~reach~~ reach in and it is so wet that it is probably a bad idea anyway.

By the time all of my stuff was ready, it was 3:00 which means we only had an hour left. Ellen told me to stop for the day; I was at a good place to stop and Melissa and Chelsea needed help setting up Melissa's trench. Ellen was going to go back to town with Chepe, so I wouldn't have help anyway.

We were told to meet her at the gate at 4:00 and she left to pick up Mary. About ten minutes after she left, the rain hit. We threw on our ponchos, packed everyone's stuff up fast, got over to ~~where~~ Site 38 where everyone else was and got soaked. It was wonderful! The rain let up after about 15 minutes, but there was no point in setting up again so we walked out to the road and as we got there, Ellen was pulling up. We were happy for the timing! We then headed over to the lab house where we dropped off our artifacts and I headed inside to dry off and change.

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I was sick all day yesterday (Monday), so I am a little bit behind where I would like to be, but I will hopefully catch up a little today. We got out to the field on time, so I was able to open up my second excavation unit (EU B) by 8:10am. Monday was dry and it had not rained the night before (Sunday), so I had hoped my pit would dry out somewhat. Unfortunately, it began pouring around 1:00am last night, so it rained most of the night and the water didn't get a chance to dry up before we got out there. The pits were filled with water and had to be bailed out.

I was glad that I was opening a new excavation unit which was higher up and looks pretty dry. When we started, I noticed that there was a lot more stuff close to the surface. There are also many more rocks, so I think we may find the front of the structure. So far the stones are all on the western end and it looks like there may be a terrace. We are mostly finding chert and ceramics here although there was also some obsidian. Although it is dryer up here, I still feel like I'm in a mote!

As we moved deeper, we found half of a mano right in front of the front wall / terrace. It's like it just fell right down the steps one day and no one ever picked it up. Ellen said that this is primary context because it is something that would be used to make food; this is evidence of occupation.

The mano will be part of lot 03 rather than 02, so we are now opening the next lot. The lot will only be the eastern half of EU B so that it is one meter by half of a meter. This will help me keep things separate based on where they were found (on the terrace or below/in front of it).

When Ellen came over, I asked her about one of the stones that was in the pile of artifacts and she told me to keep it because although it

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looked like a plain round stone, it seemed like it may have been altered. Sure enough, when we came back from lunch and looked at it again, she showed me that it was actually a small, green grinding stone. While the mano would have been used to mill corn and grains, this stone would have been used to make pigments.

After we removed the mano, the soil changed color from dark brown to orangish brown so we stopped there. Then we opened up Eu C and are looking for the next terrace. We went down about 20 cm in this lot (004) by the end of the day and I was closing the lot before we left. Tomorrow, Ellen and Chepe will not be here, so I will work with Salva. I am supposed to move down to clear the terrace surface in B and C, then open up D.

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Working with Salva. Had him start on 14/02/05 in Eu B. We are trying to clear out the smaller rocks to see the surface of the terrace. From there we will open 14/02/06 in Eu C and do the same thing. Ellen is gone for the morning; she went to the bank? to get gas in La Entrada. It is sunny and clear, fairly hot and the small ant hole that was on the north side of Eu C is now very large. While Salva is working I will write up my paper work and count the artifacts from 14/02/04 that I finished yesterday.

I had Salva take out some of the rocks on top since they did not make up a flat surface or look like they were placed there. When he did, there was another large, flat rock that made up more of the lowest terrace. Things are moving very quickly! Opened 14/02/06 already (8:50) and are trying to expose more terrace. Salva is very fast which is good and bad. It's good because a lot is getting done, but bad because it is hard for me to keep up and I have to figure out how to tell him things. Everytime I try to say something, everyone laughs at me! Santiago came over, but I had no idea what he was saying until he gestured and pointed at things for awhile.

We went down a ways in lot 06 and I am not sure if it is a new terrace or not. We decided to stop for now and open up Eu D for lot 07. This ^{has been} a very long day so far... Salva turned on his music and sometimes he sings to it. It is nice and I am more relaxed although I can't wait for Ellen to get back! I feel much better knowing she is here if we need her. I think a big part of it is the language barrier although Salva speaks some English. He understands most of what I say, but I don't understand him. We started trading words around. I hope I learn some of them!

We uncovered another wall a small way into lot 7 (Eu D) and cleaned it off. It's a very nice wall. After a while we stopped

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to eat lunch. I slept for about half an hour and when I woke up, my back hurt quite a bit. Hopefully that will get better soon. It is still very sunny and the white paper is hurting my eyes. We just got back to work; Salva is clearing out some more of lot 07 and then we will move down to the other side of the trench. Ellen is not back yet even though it is 1:30, but I feel less stressed about everything now. If I make a mistake, then we will deal with it and as long as I don't do anything horrible, everything will be fine. Being able to talk to Salva and learn some things helped a lot as well. I just need to learn to relax and cope. Ellen will be gone on Saturday as well, so hopefully it will be an easier day. We will be working through Sunday, so we should all be very tired by the time we go to Copan next Wednesday.

We moved to the other end of the trench and began digging lot 08 in EU I. I feel good out here, but it is very hot and I have to watch how much I drink. I only have half a bottle left. I never thought I would drink as much water in a day as I have been here! It is 2:00, so this needs to last 2 more hours and I want it all now... rationing sucks! We are getting a lot of bajareque out of this lot; I hope there is a wall; it looks possible. And of course, now that I'm not worried about being here on our own, Ellen returns ^{IT}! Figures, but I learned something today and I'm glad she left for so long.

Ellen checked everything and said it looked great; I have the front wall of my structure in EU D and she wants me to extend my trench out one more past EU I. After we extended it, Chepe took Salva's spot and continued to dig lot 08. He is more careful about getting everything out, but Salva was faster and cleaned it up nicely. I like them both, but I don't think I could deal with 2 workers, much less 8 like Maty!

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We are beginning our day today at exactly 8am, which as Ellen put it, "We are freakishly on time today," is very odd. Chepe is starting to dig lot 9 in EU J which is damp from the rain last night, but is not soaked. Ryan and I forgot to bring the lunches... talk about messing up! It is hot today and everyone is tired, so it's not a good day to mess up and we will be very hungry; Ellen said she would go back for the lunches for us. Chepe thinks it might rain early today, which would be nice.

Ellen wants to shoot in my new points and my structures, so she had Chelsea and I ~~go~~ set up the EDM around 8:10. We had a hard time and it took until 8:45 to set it up. We got points for Chelsea and I finished around 9:00 and by then Chepe had dug down 30 cm. It looked like tumble, so I decided to go down another 20 cm. This will be lot 10 in EU J. I have ~~s~~ two nice chert scrapers about the size of my palm from this side of the trench so far (EU I : J) and it seems like the production was being done here. The others are finding beautiful obsidian blades, but I am only getting tiny scrap-like pieces. I wonder if they were produced here and used elsewhere?

Since Ellen has to go back to the house to pick up lunch, I asked her to bring back more water. I was worried because I am drinking too much for what I have to last and it doesn't seem to be helping much at all.

We are finding some large chunks of bajareque. There is not much of anything else (except stones, which are always good), but I am glad to see so much of it. We found one piece of bajareque that is nearly the size of my hand! It may be my great discovery of the day.

I have decided that I want to learn flint knapping. The stone tools are so beautiful and the chert is very pretty. I would love to be able to make something with it someday. I also want

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that Mary

to see more of the different types of pottery. The vase ~~that Mary~~ found yesterday was absolutely beautiful. I want to know the different types and designs and be able to say what time period they were common during and where they were found.

Ellen was very nice and brought us soda! Now I love her! The sugar made me feel a little better and I think I may survive the next 20 minutes until lunch.

All of the rocks in lot 10 that have been uncovered still look like tumble, so they will need to come out. I don't really expect to find a wall over here, but I think we will find much more bajareque and hopefully some other artefacts as well although we have not found many in this lot so far. We have started to find a little more ceramic and a little less bajareque now; there are also a lot more ants and damn those things hurt!

Most of the sherds we are finding look orangish like the bajareque. We have found a few that look blackish, which is interesting; I don't know if it is slip or a different type of clay. We found one rather large sherd that is distinctively red, very close to the red on the pot Mary found. I think that it is probably slip; it also appears to have a few black lines, but I am not sure.

★ sarls-like pottery with specular red paint
↳ this is similar to elite Copan pottery

I drank nearly 2 liters of water before lunch, so I walked out to the truck to refill my bottles after I ate. I ended up eating all the food I brought as well. I don't know what is different today, but I'm glad I had enough food and that Ellen brought back water. We should probably continue to bring out the 5 gallon back ^{out} ~~up~~.

I noticed that most of the chert is found closer to the surface while the obsidian tends to be further down with the ceramics scattered at all levels. I wonder if this is important in any way? Ellen said it would be strange, but to keep an eye on it.

We finished up lot 10 and moved back to Eu I to finish up lot 8 which we will be done with tomorrow.

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Exactly 8:00 am again... At least we are consistent; Ellen said we are actually supposed to start at 7 so I can't complain. I am very tired today though and my stomach feels off. I already drank $\frac{3}{4}$ of a liter of water, so I decided we should bring out another 5 gallon bottle.

We are moving East trying to find our other wall today. So far it's just tumble, but I love tumble! It contains lots of wonderful things in it.

Ryan has been feeling sick for a few days now so Ellen took him to the doctor last night. He had to stay home today, so there is an extra worker for anyone who needs more done.

A lot of the pottery coming out of lot 8 seems to be black. I noticed yesterday that some of the pottery in lot 10 was black as well; is this a different type?

It does not seem to be getting any sunnier. It is cool and overcast and I love it! I have a very bad, blistered burn on my shoulder, so I am wearing my dark blue button up shirt to cover as much as possible today. The sun would not be very pleasant for dark clothing and jeans are not the coolest pants either. I usually wear 2 layers to cover up, but Mary pointed out that it was totally unnecessary today since everything was already covered. I'm glad I listened to her; I'm not even sweating yet!

I found another piece of the red pottery. This one is smaller than yesterdays, but I think it is the same type. I hope we keep finding more; I am excited to clean it off and see what it is.

We also found a larger piece with lines carved into it that appears to have some red on it and then another smaller piece that appears to match it. This is great and it's not even 9am! We are still finding little sherds of the red pottery. There is also quite a bit of obsidian here and it is not just tiny pieces. We are finding parts of blades

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and thicker, rounded pieces.

9:15 am: we just broke open a massive ant hill. I have never seen the construction of one. so it was very interesting. They all ran to get their ~~seems~~ babies (larva?) and the rest ran for poor Chepe.

Ellen came to check on us and I showed her my piece of pottery that ~~was~~ had the lines in it. She said that it ~~is~~ is a scored censer which is common in non-Maya areas and uncommon in Maya areas. The scoring may have helped to allow smoke to escape. This is important to the question of political ties and identities in this region.

Some of the rocks are looking flatter so we will probably leave them in for now. It was not a wall, so we are going to remove the rest of the stones. I will then move up to EU H and do one or two lots there. We decided to go down one more lot before I move over so that we are sure there is no wall, which there ~~is~~ ~~was~~ seems to be now. At least there are a few rocks that seem stacked up; we are going to leave those rocks in.

I also found part of a grinding stone; it is small and has many small holes in it. For the most part, lot 12 ~~was~~ contained bajareque. We only went ~~down~~ ^{down} about 10 cm.

We finally moved over to EU H and began lot 11 again. We are finding a lot of obsidian here and we are not very far down at all. There is also a little more pottery than ~~the other~~ lots 8, 9, and 12 did and there is no longer very much bajareque which means we were probably near ^{or at} the wall in lot 12. The soil is a totally different color here than in any of my other lots. It is yellowish brown and Stefanie said that for her, it usually means that it is the living surface. I will ask Ellen when she comes back for us. ~~is~~ There is also quite a bit of chert ~~is~~ here. It is almost time to go home! I am so tired!

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The obsidian in lot 11 was mostly on the western ~~end~~ end. There was very little of anything on the eastern side. The workers seem to be as done with the week as we are. There is a lot of laughing, talking, and jokes going around ~~around~~ from the workers and us. Chelsea's worker jumped in a tarp and lay down on a mound of dirt. He pulled the tarp over his head and pretended to sleep before jumping up again. I think we are all ready to be doing something else. It is 3:10, so we have about 20 minutes left before we need to pack up for the day. Ellen is not back yet...

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It is finally Saturday. Just four more days of work before we go to Copan. We are all ~~so~~ exhausted and ready to be done. We got out later today; I am just starting and it is 8:35. It is already unbearably hot and completely cloudless which is a first since we've been here. We managed to forget the field box, so Ellen had to go back for it; she sounded so disappointed. I think we are all just on autopilot now though and honestly, I've screwed up too many times this week (lunches).

I am still digging in lot 11, EU H for now. I am on my own until Chepe and Ellen get back, which won't be long. He got back around 9am and by then, Salva was helping me. I hope they both work with me for a while, but I doubt Salva will stay. I enjoy the music he turns on; it's nice and ~~makes~~ gives me something to think about.

A breeze is picking up occasionally and it feels wonderful! There are also some clouds appearing over Cerro Azul. It is still too damn hot out here!

The color is changing from yellow to brown. I will probably begin a new lot here soon. I started lot 13 in EU H at 9:30 am. The color only changed on the western side, but we were 20cm down and I thought it would change more which it did not. I got a fist sized chunk of chert out of this lot. I decided to lay down while we work. It is quite comfortable, I can work easily, and I can still see what is going on. I don't know why I never thought of it before. The only problem is that as the ceramics and bajareque is thrown onto the bag, they are flying towards my face. My back hurts pretty bad when I sit up though, so I'm staying here. We took our break at 10:10; I didn't feel like I needed it today, but it was nice to sit in the shade. Now it's time to work again.

We are not finding much here and Ellen said to finish

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this level and then move up to the next unit which will be E6 G.

The clouds over Cerro Azul are not dark, but they are huge and heavy looking. They will bring us a storm, it's only a matter of when. If they hold until after lunch, we can go home early; if they hit us before that, we work in the rain. With our luck, they will either go right over or wait until we go home and storm while we are buying our machetes.

There isn't much of anything in lot 13 so far; mostly just chert and bajareque. Chepe and Salva did pull out another huge chunk of bajareque that shows the thickness clearly. I want to go down a little farther to see if the rocks in lot 12 continue or not. If so, it may be a good wall or terrace; I'm not sure what it will turn out to be. We found another large chunk of bajareque; this one is oval. I wish I knew why the soil here is so different. I am not seeing anything to account for the vastly different color and it changes instantly where ever there is a difference. Ellen was not sure why it's different either, so I'm a bit confused. The color is beginning to change to black now. From the reference point, it is 39 cm down.

* large bajareque that is shaped (cracked?)

We had a nice lunch at 12:10 which involved some "fighting" between Melissa and Chelsey. The clouds are coming in fast now and Ellen wants us to get formal photos before we leave today. If it rains, we won't be here much longer. The workers are rushing to cover things and thunder ~~is~~ can be heard from all directions. Sure enough, about 30 minutes later the lightning was very close and Ellen said it was time to move quickly. Just as we finished packing up, lightning struck the ground in the field to our west. It was time to go... we were in a cow field with very few trees; that made us the tallest things there and we were too exposed, so we moved. As we got the truck moving, the downpour began. It was wonderful!!!

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2009-42-16

We got to sleep in today since it's Sunday. We have to work, but we can work a little later. Breakfast is at 8am and then Ellen has to go shoot in the architecture at Mary's site. After that, we will go out. If the power was on, we were supposed to do data entry, but it's not, so we can go dig a little more while Ellen draws.

Mary, William, Lauren, and I went with Ellen to Mary's site. Lauren got sick, so Ellen took her home while we helped Mary measure. I feel bad for her; she is not adapting well here. After that, we set up the EDM and while we were waiting to shoot the points, Ellen found out that the military had overthrown the Honduran president. It was my first coup! It sounds like it is peaceful for the most part, so I am not concerned. I know we can get out if we need to and Ellen won't keep us here if it isn't safe. After we shot in all the points, we went back to the kitchen house and told everyone what was going on over lunch. Ellen then made us all call home. It was so nice to talk to Dave! He knew more than we did about the whole thing, so we got some information out of him and he said he would call if things began to look bad.

Ellen wants to go to the internet cafe to get more news before we go out. We are going shopping while she is gone. I bought a cooler long-sleeved button-up shirt to wear. We got back long before Ellen and so we relaxed by Ryan's misty-mate that he attached to a fan. When Ellen finally returned, we went to the lab house and worked on data entry until dinner time.

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We arrived on site today at 7:40, which is great because we have a ton of work to do today and tomorrow. This is our last day of excavation. The tarp on the western part of my trench (EUs H, I, and J) was messed up, rocks had fallen into it, some rocks had been moved (from the small stack that we thought could be → but probably is not → a wall). I wasn't happy about it, but there isn't anything that can be done about it and I already took pictures. I took pictures of it again today in case it needed to be documented.

I then closed up lot 13 and did the final measurements. We are now opening lot 14 in EU G, which we expect to contain tumble. Ellen told me to move fast through this one to get to the next EU and hopefully find a wall.

Sadly, lot 14 does not seem to have much of anything. There are very few artifacts and no tumble. We are going to level it out and move up. In terms of the ~~soil~~ color changes we have been seeing, Ellen thinks they are the result of a flood. She was very confused until Stebanie began finding similar color patterns. She said this looks like there was a flood and the color is the result of all of the nutrients and sediments deposited during that time. It also explains why Stebanie is finding so much ~~Pre~~ Preclassic material which could have washed up here from upstream where there are in fact Preclassic settlements.

It's beginning to look like there may be a wall or terrace here after all. There are a few stones turning up that are nice and straight looking. If so, where is the tumble that usually comes with it? Unfortunately, the stones seem to be part of a red ant hill and those things are very unpleasant! I had Chepe dig down farther rather than just leveling everything and moving up. I wanted to check out the rocks. I think that the best

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thing to do now is to move up. If its there, we will find it in EU ^F. It may also be the beginning of a terrace.

We moved up to lot 15 which is in EU ^F. We are trying to move quickly and I am hoping to find a wall here or at least a terrace. We are back to Str. 2 here I believe. We have at least some tumble here. I would love a wall, so I will pray for it to be in here somewhere. There are very very few artifacts and more rocks which I am taking as a good sign here.

It is now 11:35; I would like to take my final pictures and begin my final notes around 2:00. That only gives me an hour after lunch. I will probably only be able to get my pictures done because it will take awhile to clean all of my units up. If we have not finished lot 15, I would like to have Chepe work on it while I clean up and take my pictures.

We ate lunch and woke up surrounded by cows. We thought one was going to charge, so we had to get up quick. The cow changed her mind and wandered away. It is now 1:00 and I still have a wall to find. Ellen thinks that the wall will be behind the big rocks that are part of the tumble.

I think we have a wall! Along with it, we found a metate, some obsidian, and a beautiful, ~~p~~worked (and very smooth) piece of greenstone that is probably serpentine. We also found my first piece of a handle. I love walls! They bring cool things with them every time (at least my walls do).

We cleared off the wall and Ellen said we can move up to the last EU which is E. My trench will be connected after all! I wanted to take my pictures, but my camera died, so I will have to wait until tomorrow.

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I expect that lot 16 will have a lot of rock in it. It will be good to connect everything though. There is a fair amount of ceramics so far; Chepe pulled out three pieces that seem to fit together quite nicely. While Chepe works, I am cleaning up all of my EUs. I am taking out the roots and will sweep them out and take pictures if I have time. I think it will have to wait until tomorrow.

There is a nicer wall in lot 16 than the one in lot 15. I'm not sure if lot 15 is just tumble or if the wall there is actually a terrace. A fair amount of pottery is coming out of lot 16 which is nice. I hope we can finish the lot, but it is 3:30 and I'm not sure if it's possible. At least the day was cool and cloudy for the most part. It ~~to~~ made life much easier. I wish today was not our last day to dig. I'm not particularly looking forward to doing the final notes and filling everything in tomorrow.

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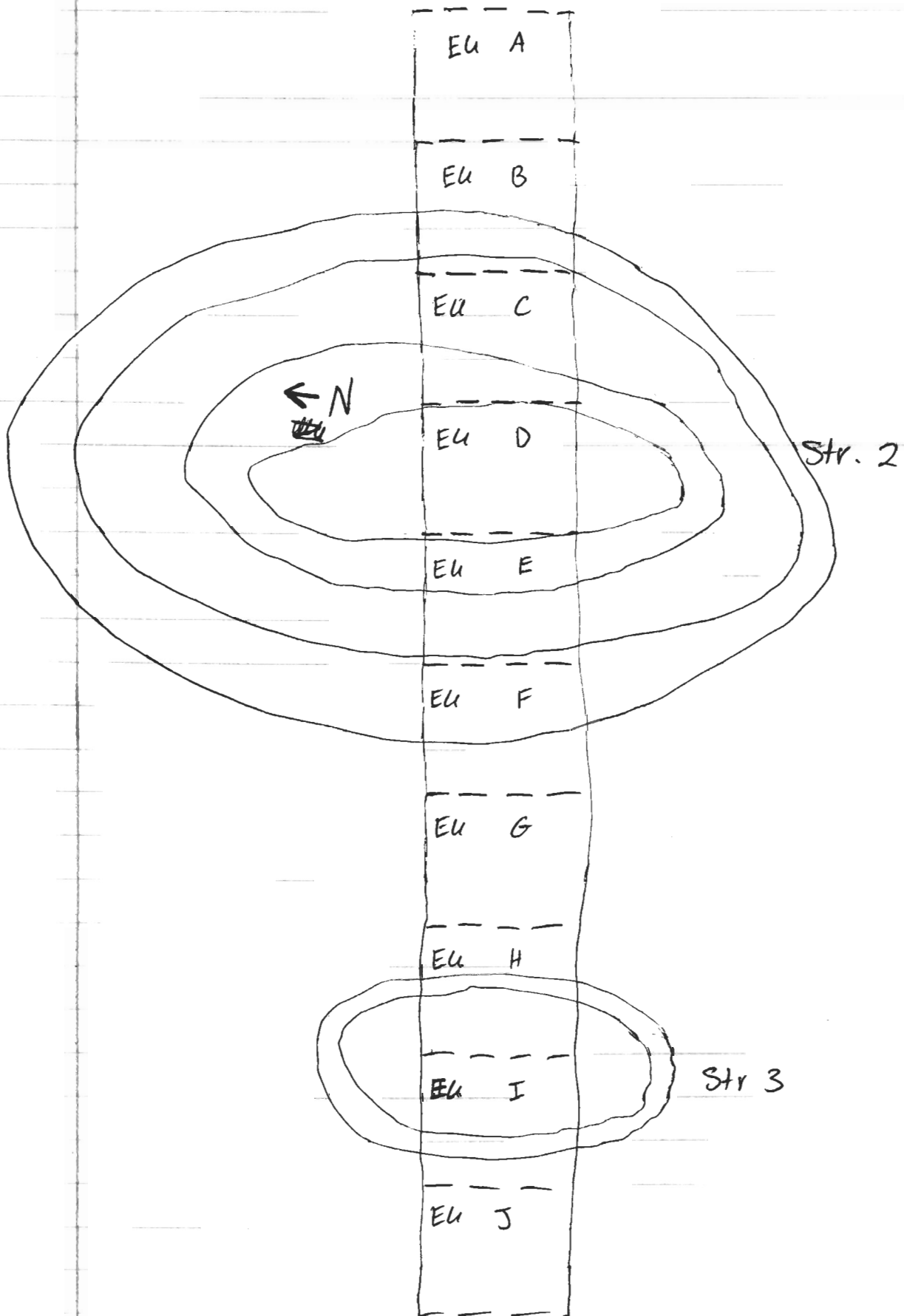
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Today is our last day here. We are doing our final notes and then closing our pits. I'm sad to say that it is the last time I will sit out here doing this. It is a hot morning; I feel sick. I hope these structures survive Jorge Espania and can be studied more one day. It is 7:45am. Time to begin the end.

I felt pretty horrible until lunch. It took me until 10:00 to take all of my pictures. Then I asked Chelsey to help me take my measurements. I am sooo glad she helped me because I felt horrible. I finished my 2 liters of water around 11:40 and so I went to fill it up. It was lunch time ~~until~~ by the time I finished so I slept for about 40 minutes. I ate my crackers since I felt better. I just got back, it's 1:40 and I finished doing my alignments. Now I need soil samples and my detailed descriptions. I finished everything and began my descriptions at 2:10. When I'm ready, backfill will begin.

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Construction Unit	Description	Location
✓ Dave	Eastern terrace ^{Str. 2}	EU B
✓ Michelle	East wall Str. 2	EU D
Lukas	Str. 3 w. wall	EU I
Stella	Str. 2 W wall 1	EU F
✓ Kim	Str. 2 w wall 2	EU E
✓ Robert	Str. 2 ^E terrace floor	EU B, C
✓ Logan	Str. 2 w. floor 2	EU E
Toni	Str. 2 w. floor 1	EU F

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Construction Unit	Description	Location
✓ Dave	Eastern terrace ^{Str. 2}	EU B
✓ Michelle	East wall Str. 2	EU D
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Stella	Str. 2 W wall 1	EU F
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✓ Robert	Str. 2 ^E terrace floor	EU B, C
✓ Logan	Str. 2 w. floor 2	EU E
Toni	Str. 2 w. floor 1	EU F

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Unit Name	Length	Width	Height	Alignment	Courses	Top Measure	Bottom Measure
Dave	91cm	18cm	18cm	10°	2	34	57
Robert	98cm	160cm	—	—	5	22	46
Michelle	1 meter	227cm	(opposed) 24cm	350°	2	0	25
Kim	97cm	20cm	47cm	10°	4	7	58
Logan	90cm	59cm	—	—	4	56	60
Stella	97cm	55cm	53cm	10°	2	29	85
Toni <small>inflated very soft</small>	100cm	79cm	—	—	4 4	66	84
Lukas	86cm	41cm	16cm	5°	2	52	72

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Unit Name	Largest Rock	Smallest Rock	Modal Size	Rock Form	Material / Kind of Rock
Dave	30 x 19 x 7	6 x 6 x 2	16 x 5 <small>no width</small>	shaped	local
Robert	28 x 20 x 8	5 x 3 <small>no height</small>	17 x 8 x 4	50% shaped <small>subriver</small>	local
Michelle	25 x 20 x 7	17 x 6 x 5	18 x 5 <small>no width</small>	shaped	local
Kim	14 x 13 <small>no width</small>	9 x 6 1/2 x 3	23 x 12 x 8	shaped	local
Logan	15 x 2 <small>no length</small>	10 x 7 x 6	12 x 13 x 4	shaped	local
Stella	36 x 21 x 18	18 x 12 <small>no height</small>	14 x 13 <small>no height</small>	shaped	local
Toni	36 x 22 <small>no height</small>	17 x 10 x 5	18 x 13 x 10	shaped	local
Lukas	29 x 14 x 7	11 x 9 x 5	16 x 12 x 6	shaped	local

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Point 58 will be my datum point for my measurements. The elevation is 983.20; it is 1384 N and -291 E. It is the NW corner of EU D.

Soil will be taken from two points since the color changes are different on both ends of the trench. 2.5 / 2 on 7.5 yr for the soil on the eastern side (taken from EU B) and 4/6 on 7.5 yr for the western end (taken from EU G).

Description:

Excavation unit A did not contain any type of structure and always seemed to have a layer of water in it. It had very dark brown soil and excavations did not go very deep. In EU B, we found a terrace about 0.5 meters (half-way) through it. The terrace will be called Dave and is 34 cm below the datum point I used (see above) at its highest point. We did not fully expose any features ~~in~~ of these structures (2:3), but the lowest point of the terrace is 57 cm below datum. From the terrace, ~~the~~ it's surface extends through EUs B^{and} C. It ~~steps~~ was named Robert and its highest point was 22 cm below datum. It appears to go below the wall in EU D, which was named Michelle. This wall is the structure's eastern wall. Its high point is even with the datum (0 cm) and its low point is 25 cm below datum. ~~There is a unit (EU D)~~ Unit D was not excavated very far and is probably mostly tumble. On the other side, in unit E, there is another wall, Kim, that was excavated further. It is ~~the~~ western wall 2 of the structure and is 7 cm below datum at its top point and 58 cm below datum at the low point. Below the wall, there is a floor-like surface, but it looks like Kim goes farther down than the floor which

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is called Logan. The floor's top measure is 56 cm below datum and it does not extend very far through EU E and F (it is only present in the western $\frac{1}{4}$ of EU E) before there is another wall named Stella. in EU F. Stella's top measure is 29 cm below datum and the bottom measure is 83 cm below datum. After Stella, there are some rocks that would have been under, but still part of the floor's surface. These do not seem to go below the wall and were named Toni. This floor's top measure was 66 cm below datum and the floor extended into part of EU G. After this floor, EUs G and H do not contain any structures. EU I may contain part of a wall (now Str. 3) which was named Lukas. This was disturbed after we excavated it, so the final pictures are not fully representational, but earlier photos were taken. This is a very small wall with the top measure at 52 cm below datum and the bottom measure at 72 cm below datum. Beyond this wall, EUs I and J have no structures in them.

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Picture	Description	
1-4	EU A facing North	* facing = camera direction
5-8	EU B facing N	
9-12	EU C facing N	
13-16	EU D facing N	
17-20	EU J facing N	
21-24	EU I facing N	
25-28	EU H facing S	
29-32	EU G facing S	
33-36	EU F facing S	
37-40	EU B ; E. terrace, facing west, Dave	
41-44	EU D ; E. wall, facing west, Michelle	
45-48	EU B, C ; E. terrace floor facing west, Robert	
49-52	EU E facing S	
53-56	EU E ; W. wall 2, facing E, Kim	
57-60	EU E ; W. 2 floor 2, facing E towards W wall, Logan	
61-64	EU F ; W. wall 1, facing E, Stella	
65-68	EU F ; W. 2 floor 1 facing E., Toni	
69-72	EU I ; Str. 3 W wall, facing West, Lukas	
73-81	Final pictures	