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2008-38-01 18 June 2008 Work began at approximately 2:30. Weather Warm cloudy, somewhat humid Catalina and practice setting up the EDM for Loter surveying at El Cafetal and Los navanjitos. El Confetal Approximately 3:15pm we all headed out to the site. Once at the site Many, cotolina, and set of the EDM The height of the Rodwas 1.57 m. heaff of the instrument was 1.575 m. Distance was taken from DOD to DOI West distance was taken from DOO to Station 600 structure 8 of El Cafetal Adiptance from Station 600 structure & to DOO was taken The next distance from Station 600 structure 8 to Station 60% and 602, where 60% is east of structure 12 and 62 /s on structure 12 in: Los Maragitos Distance taken Station 600 Structure 12 Los navarility. Height of infimment 1.515m to Station GOI east of structure 12 Last Distance measurement was from Station 602 Structure 12 Los Maraytos to Station 603. work ended at approximately 5:45pm and headed back to the Lab house

work began at 9:20am. Ly navanjits. Workers are cleaning away Plants and flowers Sothat Structures can be seen better. We are at Station 603 structure #7. Cotalina, myself, and Santiago setup the EDM

HI Height of Instrument = 1.38 m.

HR: Height of Rod = 1.515 m.

Having some trouble with entering station 603 into

The Computer, but the problem will be solved soon.

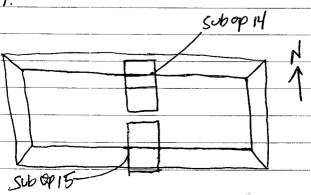
After point was entered distance was taken

from Station 603 to station 602 exated on structure

12 in Los naranistos.

Mary, Catalina, and I are setting up 1 × 2m Squares on structure #19. The first square is in back of. Structure #18 north of the second square which is south of the first square. Six points are being taken by the EDM for both squares, with # a total of 12 points for both.

After getting the points for the pity wehended back to the Lob house for Lunch and both room break. Once we get back to the site excavation will begin.



Once back at the site Catolina and were instructed on how to fill a oppose of form and Lot forms for own excavation units. I chose Subop 14 and Catolina Subop 15. Information used for the forms were obtained from the Sheet Containing northing and easting elevations made by many. Both I and catolina were given one worker each to excavate our excavation units, the worker I was given is "Chepe" or also known as Tose Dubon.

As he began digging paraque was found along with Ceramic. Excavation Unit A contains mostly rocks which indicates the presents of a wall. Discussion between Santiago and Many has resulted in an excavation unit being colored to supop 14. Measurements were taken at the South east corner and the north west corner, after chepé reached about 10cm. The north west corner west corner is 26.5 cm below the south last corner.

As of right now chepe is cleaning off the dirt from the rocks so that they even one Visible.

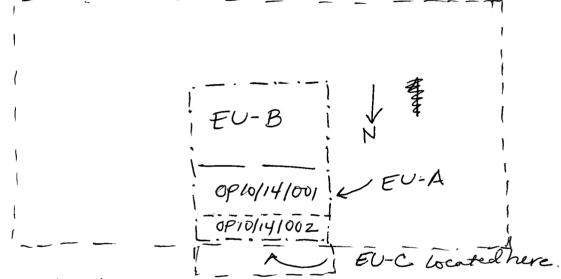
After I sketch in the excavation unit A onto the lofform a photograph will be texen.

After photograph has been taken rocks that are not afart of the wall or that are worky with a strated have been removed from the unit. Dirt Is being brushed off of the rocks in unit A. Contents in the unit are as follows 2 pieces of chert, 2 obsidan, 59 pieces of Bajareque, I polished rock, 6 potisherds.

All contents were bagged and togged. Final elevation was taken by measuring each corner and subtracting it from Initial elevation and then recorded. Work ended at 4:15pm.

9 June 2008 Sub	* refer +	o revised Subop 14	208-38-05 Layout
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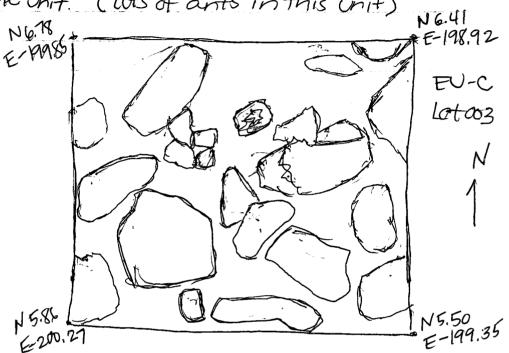
Work began at 9:09 am. Work has continued on Subop 14. Excavation unit A now has two Lots. Lot 001 is the one that was excavated yesterday. Lot 002 is 30 cm South of the NW. Corner and 25 south of the NE corner. The final elevation of Lot 001 SE corner is being used as the reference corner.



Let 002 has been closed and contents contained in the Lot were 14 bajareque and 2 pot sherchs (coramics). A new excavation unit is being added to subap 14, which is excavation unit C. Reference corner of the final elevation of Lot 001 SE Corner 15 being used to calculate the initial elevation of Excavation unit C. for the NW and NE corners. The SW and SE corner remain the Same due to the fact that these corners are also NW and NE of the initial elevation of Lot 001

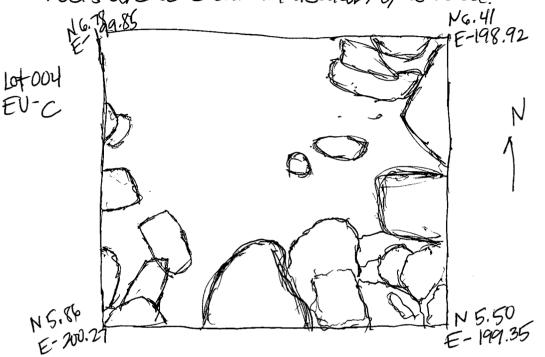
Chepe will be ligging 20cm to find the where the wave begins. So far he has reached the 20cm

and I will sketch the contents of Excavation unit C. In the first 20cm there is a cotof tumble. It Will be removed in order to further excavate the unit. (lots of ants in this unit)



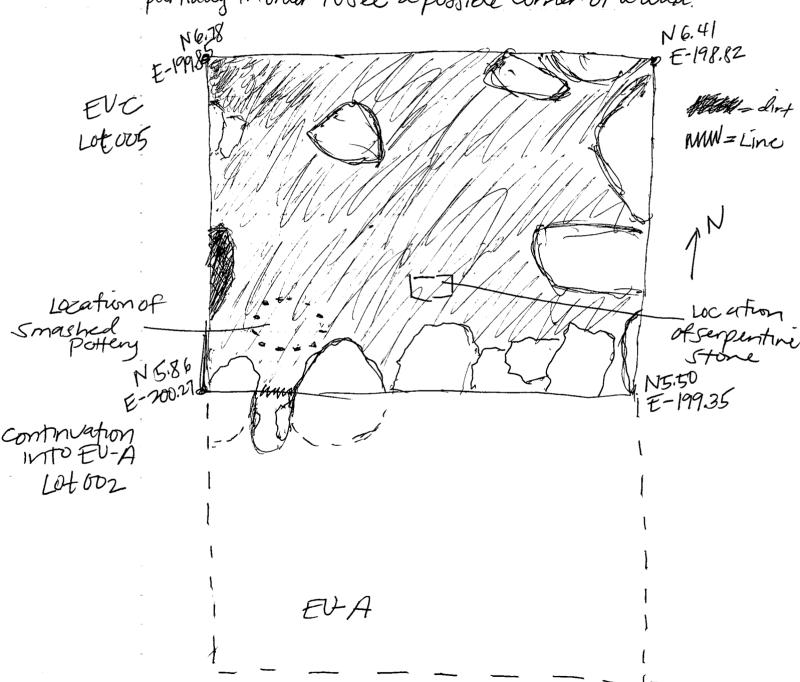
We are now at lot out once the tumble is removed and dirt cleared I will sketch what can begin at the 20-40 cm level. As of right now chepé is still removing tumble, Our day in the field will end earlier than usual so chepé will continue excavation this lot tomorrow morning. Work has ended at 1:15 pm.

Work negan promptly at 9:05. It's rather, and homid and somewhat cloudy. Work is continued at lot 004. As of right now dint and tumble are being removed in order to see a possible wall in this lot. Flat stacked like rocks are a clear indication of a wall.



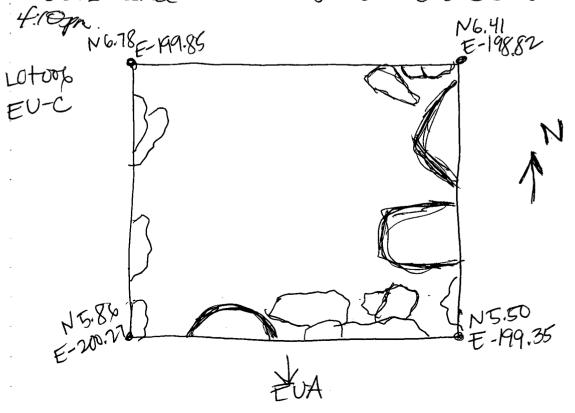
After lotory was cleared and cleaned the possible was still somewhat visible. Lot ord Orded up being closed with contents that contained Lots of baraveque. After Mary Lopked at the Lot she instructed that Lot 005 be opened as cleaning Lot to better see the possible woul. Lot 005 was opened and while being cleaned a serpentine stone and the handle of a piece of Pottery was found next to the possible wall. It is now 11:28 and Lot 005 is still being cleaned. So far more boyurieve has been found along with chert. Portions of a smashed pot were found 65 cm delp into EU-C. Lot 005, which was near the SW Corner of this unit. We took awarch break and will continue working after We lot lineh. We have resumed working after we lot lineh.

I have documented the Cozation of the mashed pottery by taking photos of it (refer to photowy). The pottery is now being removed so that further clearing of the durt will give a more visible view of the passible wall. The NW corner of excavation unit A has been cleared partially in order to see a possible corner of a wall.



Lot out has been closed and contents are Contained in three bags. One in which contains the Scrpentine Stone. There was lot of bayaneque and pottery there were also nicely preserved large Obsidean flakes and pieces of chert.

Let ook has now been opened some stones/rocks will be removed in order to see if the possibly can be seen better. As of right now the clay board dint is being removed near the NET and SE corners of EV-C. Mary has taken a book at the pit and removal of stoner fromble will occur on Monday Since our cook day will be over soon. I will now close bot ook and count the contents that were found in this bot. Measurements will be faten in order to coloube the final elevations of this bot. I have now closed but out and work has now ended at



Work has began at approximately 9:15 am. Lot 007 has opened and timble is being removed from the lot. So far pottery has been found One pottery/called Surlo Comes from the elite of Copan. This indicates that it came from Copan where this type of pottery was abundant. This lot contains loter of clay dirt which may Indicate that wall starts on the east wall of EU-C. Carbon has been found and bagged. A smashed Pothay also been found but could not be photographed because it was not preserved well enough. If you pick it up it would crimble, but it was located near the SE Corner of EU-C LOT-007 and SW corner as well it was bagged separathy from everything else. Lot 001 1 being leveled and cleaned so that I can sketch, photograph it and then close it This lot how now been closed. It contained Lots of Potkery and only few bayareque. A huge piece of chert was found in this lot. After which Lot out Will be opened in the northern portion of EV-A.

NS.86

NS.80

NS.90

NS.90

Freserved

Smashed

F-199.35

Radly preserved smashed pot

Lot 008 in EU-A is now being excavated 20-60cm deep as a cleaning Lot. Sofar rocks at the bottom of the pit is an indication that a wall is either near orforther into the Pit. More potkry is being tound at this lot, there are mainly huge pieces of Pottery that look like they are from here and not brought from copan. In the other Oto Copan. followy was present To I believe that these Units have a mixture of both, which indicates elete Status here. This Lot has been photographed showing where a possible wall could be. More will be Continued tomorrow in EU-A. However a new Lot will be started. This lot will be closed and ellen and mary will look at the unit to see what will be done next. Sofar no wall has been discovered. There is just cots of temble that indulates that awall could be near. As for tomorrow the timble about 10cm down in EUA WILL most likely be removed and hopefully the wall will be under those vocks. Work has ended at my Pit at approximately 3:20 pm.

19 June 2008 Photo Log 2001 (101-0955) or #221 Lot 001 of EU-A

> ±002 (101-0961) or #225 Lot 003 of EU-C

2003 (101) (101-0981) or #231 LOT 004 of EU-C

*004

(101-0985) or # 233 Lot 005 of EU-C before removal of smashed pottery

#05 (101-0986) or # 234 Clase up smashed pottery in lot 005 EV-C

2006 (101-0987) or #235 Lot 006 in EV-C at closing of of this lot.

*007 (101-0990) or #236
Thotograph of entire Supp 14 where EU-C is above the north arrow. EU-A in the center, and EU-B is Southward of EU-A.

Lot 007 taken at end of cleaning of this Lot Most of tumble is located around the edges of of the West, East, and Forth Walls.

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2009 (101-0994) or# 238

LOT 008 In EV-A about 30 cm of northern portion of this Unit

- Lot 009 in EVA 10-20 cm where stones on the South wall may be portion of steps to an entrance of a house.
- -*011 (101-1000) or #240 Lot 010 of EU-B at 0-10cm. EU-A 15 correctly infront of it.
- #012 (101-1001) or #24/ LOT-011 of EU-B at 10-20cm.
- -#013 ([0]-(00%) or #242 LOT 072 OF EVA Photo of Smowhed pot.
- #014 (19-1007) or #243 LOT 012 of EVA at end of excavation the bottom (evel above north arrow is EV-C the level of where the north arrow is approximately 10-20cm above the bottom level.
- #015 (101-1010) or #245 LOT 013 of EVA photo smoshedpot in SW Comer of this unit.
- # 016 (107-1012) or 24/6 Final Elevation Photo Lot 013 of EV-A

Work has began at EV-A LOTOG at 8:49 am. Chepé is back from being sick for a coppe of Pays. As of right now bromble it being removed at different levels of this pit. Hopefully at one of these levels the wall can be seen. Fo far changes in Soil color has been noticed. It went from a brownish grey to brownish yellow. As of now there are some stones theet are flat like those of a woel, but there remains to be few of these stones. This lot will closed and lot 070 will be opened in EV-B. There are some rocks that are "EV-A that could be part of the wall or entrance to a doorway so EV-B is excavated in order to see if that may be true. EV-B has been opened and will day 10 cm down.

now that it has reached 10 cm this lot will be closed after it has been measured, protographed and Sketched A new reference Corner will be used to calculate the elevations of this wit. The SW corner of EV-B WM be used.

now that this bot has been closed Many has instructed the workers what they need to do next. I will start Lot 011 and they will dig from the south wall of EV-A into EV-B skeing if a wall on something structural campe seen this bot will be dug 10-20 cm. This unit is now being cleaned (wt oil) so that stones / rocks that are present can be seen better. As of right now Many has, cheeseed if and want to move to EV-A after we have write (side note: Plastic was found in EV-B asmall bit of it).

24 June 2008

2008-38-16

We have retirmed from worth and bot 012 has been opened in EV-A. Only the front portion of the Lot is being excavated. This is in hopes that the wall will be visible enough to be seen. So far there seems to be nowall in Lots of great pottery is being found in this lot. Some of the pottery is very elete and obtained from Copan.

Asmashed pot was found 39.5cm year the South side of EU-A Lot on 2. Hours photographed and will be sketched in the lot form description. Carbon has been found as well lots of Carbon. Since huge pieces of Pottery and carbon one Cotafelin this pit, then most likely this pit is not the front of the Structure. It hasbeen cleaned to acertain point, for the excavation of the lot will have to Sepend on what Many wants to so next. So as of right pot on what may wants to so next. So as of right pot of 2 will be closed. It will be photographed, sketched in the witform and contents will be counted and resorbed. Work has ended at 3:45pm and resoul to morrow morning.

on tu-B Lot 94

Sofar Lot 014 is about 24 cm of the northern portion of EU-B. His 60-90 cm leep. Lots of pottery and two pieces of bone have been found in this Lot. These artifacts where under the tumble fill, which can indicate that this portion of the structure may not have been the front of this building. This lot will be opened

Lot 015 is Located on West-side of EVB it is directly south of LOTTY. This lot is 20-60em deep and it is a lottle less than hour of EVB. This lot was created in order tosee if there is some kind of indication of whether or not this structure is mainly Fill. After 1 that been excavated the conclusion for this lot is that it is most likely Fill. This Lot will be closed after measurements and statches photographs are taken. Work will end at 3:30 pm

- #017 (101-1020) or #251 LOT HOTEV-B: 21 cm gwith of the NW and NE corners of this unit
- #018 (101-1021) or #252 Lot 15 of EU-B is only a portion of this unit Which is on the left side of this proto.
- #019 (101-1022) or # 253 Lot 16 which is the portion of EVB south of Lot 15.
- #020 (101-1028) # 257 photo of Wall #1 Sign
- -#021 (107-1029) # 258
 Way #1 Looking Awards it Layers
 Of Stone Indicate that it a wall.
- -#022 (101-1030) #259 Photo of Wall #1 working into the pit.
- #023 (101-1031) #260

 Photo of potsmash found in Lot 20 of 77.5cm.
- #024 (101-1032) #261
 Photo of obsidean blade found in lot 20.
- -#025 (101-1034) #263 Photo of potsmash found in Let 20 at 91cm -#026 (101-1040) = 265 Photo of Lot 20.

work has begin at 8.48 am, and Jubbp 14 has now reached with the Subop is very complicated. Each lot is not in an order from one unit to the next in a way that would be layer after layer. In this subop units anchoring divided in half. In two units the northern portion of a Unit is only being exercated at a given time

For this lot in EV-B Clay and rocks we being removed to accretain level. The reasons for this is to see how the remaining rocks Correlate to each other. So far according to many this subop is fill. The wall may have peen in EV-C, but was purry preserved.

Now that this lot will closed after it is

Ketched and photographed another unit

Will be added to this Subop. EV-D will be

Suth of EV-B. It is only .5XI and if will be

excavated to about 0-20 cm. If tumble is

present it will removed. Tumble is in this

Lot and has been removed. This lot will be leveled

Sketched; and measured. After

that firther instrictions will be needed in order

to know what to do next for this unit.

I have just measured each corner of the unit and I've sketched it on the lot form. LOT 078 will be opened at 20 cm and it will reach boar when they are done removing all of the dirt and rake, so far they have not reached 60 cm yet, but they tomorrow. Workended at 3:00 pm.

Work began promptly at 950am Ellen came and way shooting point for Various Units andifferent structures in this site. Chepé and francisco were continuez working on excavating the W+18 that was not finished yesterday As Foon as they started digging afew certmeters they came across the wall of this istructure. It was found in EU-D and w now being cleaned and dirt cleaned away so that the wall can be better seen. The weather is semi sonny/cloudy, and it's starting torain. Now that the way has been found I will take Photos of it. One will be taken Looking atiplownward, and the next one will be woking vraght at it. It has been sketched and measurements have been taken. Ellen w now shooting the points for this unit. Once she is doing that I will fingh Sketching the wall on the lot form

Arew bot 2111 be opened in EU-B. Some rocks Will be removed in order for this with be at 60em across In this way the wall can be Seen better and can be photographed as Well.

As of right now it is linen time. Workwill continue as soon as everyone finishes eating.

As right now Lunch is over and work
Is continuing at this writ. Lot 19 has
been closed and Lot 20 is now the lot that
Is being excavated.

Continued excavation occurs at lot 20
A potomash has been found approximately
17.5 cm and has been photographed This
Potomash Contains three pieces, but the
rest of the pottery may be in the other bags
that are apart of this Lot. The smalled
Pot was located near the 8W corner of this
Unit.

Carbon has also been found at the same level as the potsmost, which is around 17.5 cm. But is still being removed from the lot until they reach the level afthe wall. Lots of botteny has been found in the lettle section afthis unit. An obsidian blade has been found it is 61/2 cm long and has been photographed just in case it might break or could be broken in the near furne.

Another pot smash has been found at 91cm it was weated near the SE corner of EVB 1thas been photographed and documented in the photolog. Lots of pottery has been found in this lot. And since the wall has finally been found this pit is now completed with excurations. Tomorrow I will do final nates to actually finish everything for their Sub Op. The final Conclusions for this structure is that it was most levely the Ketchen of this site. Work-laded at 4:00pm

28 June 2008 measurements 208-38-23 LOT 003 NE NW 26.75 cm 30.5cm Lot 002 NE NW 34.5 cm 35 cm Lot 004 NE NW SW SE 61 cm 48 cm 33 cm LOT OUS SE NW NE SW 71.5 62 35 cm Lot 006 NW NE SW SE 12 cm 70 cm 71.5 cm 70.8 am Let 007 NW SW SE 84cm 85.2cm NE 87 cm 83 cm

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	Lot og				
	NW	NE		SW	SE
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			on the rock		
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	NW	NE	CW		SE
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	83cm	82 cm	38 cm	59 cm	
	Lot 013				
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28 June 2008 2008-38-25 Lot 015 SW SE 62.9 cm 60.3 cm on rock NW NE SW 64.4 cm 65.3 cm 625 cm offrack Lot 016 NE SW SE NW 40cm 60cm 58cm 36cm Lot 017 NE SW SE NW 23 cm 19cm 185 cm 20 cm Lot 018 NW NE SW SE 77.8 cm 76 cm 60.8 cm 60 cm Lot 019 NW NE SW SE 65 cm 13 cm 70 cm 76 cm LOT 020 NN NE SW SE 90.5 CM 90 cm 89.2 cm 91 cm

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name	length	width	hight	Align.	Coviges	meaure	Bottom
WALL #1	meter	.51m	.55m	990	5	.50M	.95m

unit	largest rock	smallest rock	Modal size	PORM	Material/Kind of rock
WALL #1	9.7an X 36.6cm	6×10.4×8.4	6.6X27.5	Course   3 round rocks courses 2-5 are angular rocks	Mainly Schist

For this feature final measurements were taken to determine the length, width, and height of the feature. The SW corner of Excavation Unit D was used as the datum point to measure the top and bottom measurements of this feature as well. The alignment of the feature determined by using a compass. All of the measurements for length, width, height, and top and bottom measurements are in meters. This feature has 5 courses and the rock material kind is mainly schist. Pock measurements are all in centimeters, the fact that the FILL feature was built after WALL#1.

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Unit name	Length	Width	height	Align.	courses	measure	Bottom measure
4	110		10	:40			
Fill	1.50m	.DIM	, 13m	19	2	,29m	.92m

vnit name	Largest	smallest rock	Mudal	Form	ufrock
Fill	12×34.9	4.8×12.7		Covise 1 4 rounded rocks  Course 2 are all angular rocks	mainly Schist

For this feature of Subcop 14 the final measurements were taken to determine the length, width, and height of the feature. The Sw corner of EV-D was used as a datum point to determine the top and bottom measurements. A compass was used to get the alignment of the feature in degrees. Measurements are in meters and this feature has 2 courses with rock material/kind mainly being schist. Pock measurements are all in Centimeters. The FILL feature abouts WALL #1, which makes WALL #1 the ealier feature of structure 13.

the gaals for this excavation project was to collect pottery samples that would be analyzed in order to determine the relationship between the elite and commoners of this site. By knowing this information, would allow for a clearer understanding of who actually lived in these structures and whether or not they imported elite Copanstyle pottery to their homes and sold them to the commoners in the area.

The way in which these goals were being achieved was by setting up two 1x2m squares on str. 13 In S-007. One 1x2m square was set up on the north side of str. 13 and the other 1x2m square was on the south side of this structure. I chose to work on Subop 14 Located on the north side of the structure, because I wanted to find the north basal wall of Str. 13. Throughout the course of the excavation large amounts of elite Copan Style pottery dating to the Late Classic Period had been found along with obsidian, chert, Carbon, and groundstones. However no wall had been found. Subop 14 Went from being a 1x2m square to a 1x4m square. Finally in EV-D which is south of EV-A,B, : C The north basal way was found

My conclusion for Str. 13 from what has been found is that it was used by the elite people that lived at this site. However, since the size of the Structure is rather narrow and small it is thought that this structure was not used as living quarters, but as a leitchen or cooking area due to carbon and large amounts of puttery found here.

Final Photos

- \$027 (101-1049) = \$254 photo north wall
- #028 (101-1050) #265 photo of south wall
- + \$029 (101-1052) = \$266 Photo of WALL \$1
- + +030 (101-1053) +267 + +031 (101-1055) +268 Photo of east wall
- + #032 (101-1056) #269 Photo of FILL
- +033 (101-1057) #270 { #034 (101-1058) #271 photo of West-Wall
- + #035 (101-1060) #272

  Photo taken from north wall showing view of the entire pit.